



Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the new academic year, we are looking forward to welcoming our pupils back to school on **Thursday 2nd September 2021** and hope that you have had an enjoyable and safe summer holiday.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new nursery pupils and their families into our school community. You will have been given an individual start date for your child in the letter that was sent out to you before the summer holidays.

I am looking forward to working with you all in the coming year and beyond and I am hopeful that we are able to put the challenges of the last two years behind us and move forward positively. As school begins to return to normal we have lots of fun and exciting developments to share and enjoy with you and will be updating you with more information on these throughout the year.

As a community school, the involvement of our families is very important to us and we are proud of the relationships that we have with our parents and carers. As a new headteacher, I hope that you will continue to support both myself and the staff as you have done so willingly in previous years.

Hopefully the information on the following pages will answer any queries you have about returning to school. If however, you do have any questions, please email admin@derwentvale.cumbria.sch.uk.

Many thanks,

Mr D Lucey

Headteacher

Information for Parents – September 2021



<p>Covid Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children will no longer be in class bubbles and will be able to mix with other children and staff in school. Children will no longer need to self-isolate if they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19. Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and asked to take a PCR test. They do not need to isolate while they await the test results. Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or communal areas. We will continue to ensure good hygiene for everyone, maintain appropriate cleaning regimes, keep the building well-ventilated and follow Public Health & Local Authority advice on testing, self-isolation and managing positive cases of Covid-19. 																					
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<p>Uniform</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school's uniform policy is that children should wear a navy sweatshirt, sky blue or navy blue polo shirt (or gingham dress), dark trousers/leggings (plain) or skirt and plain black shoes or trainers. Jewellery must not be worn and this includes earrings. If ears have been newly pierced, earrings can be worn but must be covered before coming to school. 																					
<p>P.E</p>	<p>On P.E days, children should come to school in their P.E kit plus school sweatshirt/cardigan. P.E days are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery - Monday Reception – Tuesday Year 1/2 – Wednesday Year 3/4 – Tuesday Year 5/6 - Thursday 																					

<p>Bags</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children can bring a bag to school if they would like to. This should contain their reading book and reading journal (and their packed lunch if they have one). There is no need to bring any other items to school. • We will continue to provide children with a drink of water throughout the day so they do not need to bring a drinks bottle to school.
<p>Lunch</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All year groups will now be eating their lunch in the school hall. • For those children who are not entitled to benefits-related Free School Meals or Universal Infant Free School Meals (Reception, Year 1/2), lunches cost £1.50 per day for nursery children and £2.40 per day for Years 3 – 6. This should be paid in advance on Lunch Shop. • If your child would like to bring a packed lunch, please follow the guidance below: <p><u>Packed lunches should include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meat, fish or non-dairy source of protein • Red meat should be provided twice a week in primary schools • Fish should be provided at least once a week in primary schools • Of that fish, oily fish should be provided at least once every three weeks. • Lunches for primary children can include dairy sources of protein as an alternative to meat • A starchy food • At least one portion of fruit. Fruit based deserts should be provided at least twice a week for pupils in primary school. • At least one portion of a vegetable or salad • A milk or dairy food • All pupils should have easy access to free, fresh drinking water • Savoury crackers or bread sticks served with fruit, vegetables or dairy products. <p><u>Packed lunches must NOT include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confectionery • Snacks with added salt, sugar or fat • Deep fried products more than twice a week • Meat products except as described below • Drinks other than described below <p>A meat product from each of the 4 groups below may be provided no more than once per fortnight if they are high in meat content.</p> <p>Group 1 Burgers, hamburgers, chopped meat, corned beef</p> <p>Group 2 Sausage, sausage meat, link, chipolata, luncheon meat</p> <p>Group 3 Individual meat pie, meat pudding, Melton Mowbray pie, game pie, Scotch pie, pasty, sausage roll</p> <p>Group 4 Any other shaped or coated meat product</p> <p>Drinks</p> <p>The only drinks which can be provided: <u>Plain or combinations of these drinks:</u> Plain water (still or carbonated, unsweetened, unflavoured) Skimmed or semi skimmed milk Fruit juice (unsweetened, not fortified) or vegetable juice Plain soya, rice or oat drinks enriched with calcium</p>

	Plain yoghurt drinks
Breakfast and After School Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Breakfast club is available daily from 7.45am at a cost of £4.00 per session. ● After School Club is available daily from 3.00 – 5.30pm at a cost of £5.50 per session. ● Sessions should be booked as far in advance as possible via Lunch Shop. ● The deadline for booking sessions is 4pm on the previous day.
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Children will be bringing a reading book home. Please listen to your child read for at least 20 minutes every day and write in their reading journals on a daily basis. ● Once they have finished reading their book, it can be returned to school. This no longer has to be on a specific day of the week.
Spellings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Children in Years 1 – 6 will bring home spellings which should be practised at home.
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School will communicate general messages with parents/carers via Tapestry/Showbie or text message in the first instance or by phone for individual issues. Please ensure the school has your current up to date contact details. ● The weekly school newsletter will be available on Tapestry/Showbie and via the school website and will include key dates and information. ● Class teachers will also be sending out a letter informing parents/carers of class routines and expectations. ● If you need to discuss anything with a member of staff please contact the school office to make an appointment. Please do not contact staff directly via personal numbers or on social media.
Medication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Asthma inhalers should be clearly named, brought into school on the first day and will remain in school. ● If there is anything that you need to let us know in terms of medication updates for your child, please contact the school office.
Cars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● When dropping off and collecting children, we would really appreciate it if you would refrain from driving down to school following some near misses that we had last term. Your support with not parking on the double yellow lines on the top road near school or in the staff car park is also appreciated in order to keep our school community safe.