

# Dunnington

## News



6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### Welcome back!

I hope you all enjoyed a restful holiday and are suitably refreshed for the half-term ahead. Whilst nationally we enter a further lockdown, in school there is very little change to our proceedings.

We continue to monitor daily the potential for bubble isolation, should a positive case arise in school, and also to provide remote learning for any children who need to remain at home as contacts of a potential or positive case.

Our remote learning offer is continually under review as we learn from instances where staff and children are required to isolate and work from home. If you have any feedback on your experience of the home learning protocols, we would be keen to hear it. Please feel free to drop me an email on [head.dunningtonprimary@york.gov.uk](mailto:head.dunningtonprimary@york.gov.uk).

### Face Coverings

In primary schools and education settings teaching year 6 and below, there is no change to the existing position. It is not mandatory for staff and visitors to wear face coverings.

In situations where social distancing between adults in settings is not possible (for example when moving around in corridors and communal areas), settings have the discretion to recommend the use of face coverings for adults on site, for both staff and visitors.

In our school, all staff wear face coverings as they move around communal areas and in our socially-distanced briefings. We are working hard to ensure that we avoid being a direct or close contact with other staff members.

For your information track Public Health England use the following criteria when seeking to identify contacts:

**A *Direct contact*** is defined as someone who has not worn Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and had the following contact with the confirmed case:

- *being coughed on, or*
- *having a face-to-face conversation within 1 metre, or*
- *having unprotected skin-to-skin physical contact, or*
- *travel in a small vehicle with the case, or*
- *any contact within 1 metre for 1 minute or longer without face-to-face contact*

**A *Close contact*** is defined as someone who has not worn Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and had the following contact with the confirmed case:

- *Extended close contact (between 1 and 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with a case*



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Some schools and settings have requested that parents wear face coverings when they are on the premises. To date I have not felt this necessary as, thankfully, our parents continue to adhere to social distancing guidelines when dropping off and collecting their children. I really do appreciate everyone's support and cooperation on this matter.

### **Staffing**

As some of you may be aware, we have an additional temporary member of staff in school, Lorna Sugden. Lorna is a qualified teacher, providing cover in classes where the teacher is absent and supporting other members of staff when she is not teaching. This is helping to maintain continuity for the children as Lorna has become a familiar face around school.

### **Pupil Progress Meetings**

We will be organising individual pupil progress meetings for the week commencing 23rd November 2020. These will be conducted virtually by School Cloud or, if preferred, a telephone appointment. Further information will be sent next week.

### **Christmas IS NOT cancelled!**

Christmas is a very special time in primary schools and whilst we will be unable to provide the usual entertaining performances and nativities for families to attend, staff are in the process of planning end of term activities for the children in school and something to share with parents at home too. Watch this space!

### **SchoolShop**

SchoolShop will be staying open but as will be required our shop will close on 4th November. We will be open for online orders for delivery or Click & Collect from Elvington throughout lockdown.

As you may be aware, during the summer we operated our shop on an appointment basis to ensure we could maintain social distancing. Unexpectedly this worked really well for all concerned, parents enjoyed the time that an appointment afforded them and they appreciated that the shop wasn't so crowded during the busy summer period.

The appointment system was so successful that we intend to keep it as a permanent feature of our business model. Once we return to normal trading conditions parents will be able to book to come to the shop, it's very easy to book an appointment from the homepage of our website or they can call our office and book over the phone, 01904 607331.

### **Well Done William!**

William's half term challenge - he set himself this challenge to raise money for playground games for school. Some of the ones in our class needed replacing and we spoke to the whole bubble about looking after things. He decided he wanted to get some more and performed 5 laps running, 5 lengths swimming and 5 km cycling.

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/williams-triple5-triathlon?utm\\_term=BrYQw86AgY2](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/williams-triple5-triathlon?utm_term=BrYQw86AgY2)

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