



Denmead Junior School

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Dear new Year 3 Parents and Carers,

Here we are then, at the end of a memorable school year. I'm sure you will have a mixture of emotions today and some tired children! While the summer holiday break will be much needed for all of us, I hope there will also be an element of excitement as you get closer to September as we look forward to welcoming you into our DJS community.

We'd like to begin this information letter by signposting you to our 'Welcome to Year 3' video on our school website which should complement the information in this letter. Just visit the assemblies section on our school website here: <https://www.denmead-jun.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Assemblies&pid=35>. You can also get a flavour for school and how we encourage our children to act with P.R.I.D.E. by viewing any of the assemblies loaded in this section.

Our current risk assessment will remain in force in September, the full details of which can be found on the school website. The main aspects of this risk assessment are that:

- Adults will be required to wear masks when transiting inside the school building
- Regular hand washing and sanitising
- Social distancing when mixing with others beyond your class bubble
- Enhanced cleaning regime
- High vigilance around identifying early key symptoms as identified by PHE
- Limiting visitors within the school building

THE SCHOOL DAY

- Start & end times; Gates open at 8.30am. The whistles will be blown at 8.40am. School will finish at 3.15pm. The children will stay with the class teacher until we can safely reunite them with yourselves.
- We will continue to operate a one-way system, entering the playground through the single gate accessible via the pathway next to the car park. If you and your child look out for their class teacher, we will help you find their class line, so that the class teacher can lead them into class. You will then exit through the staff car park double gates. Mr Clarke and Mrs Howard will be outside to greet your children each day and also at the end of the day to make sure your children leave safely.
- Lunchtime - Lunches will continue as they have for all children this year, with school lunches for those who have ordered them, being delivered by class LSAs to the classroom. Hopefully, as we return to a sense of normality, we will eventually return to the hall for lunchtimes together. Please remember lunches need to be paid for at the Junior School and cost £2.50 each. We have the same menu programme as the Infant school and details can be found on our website.
- Snacks – If your child would like a snack for break time, please pack this in your child's lunchbox, or in a small plastic bag so that they can access during the morning. Once again, we hope that as things move back to a sense of normality we can re-introduce the school Tuck Shop, where children can purchase healthy snacks.
- What to bring? We would encourage children to bring as small a bag as will accommodate their belongings. Many children will just need to bring in their lunchbox, if needed and a plastic reading bag, where their home reading book, the reading record and any paper homework can easily be stored and brought easily to and from school. We would also encourage your child to bring in a filled WATER bottle, which can be re-filled during the school day.



UNIFORM

We want your child to take pride in their appearance and to wear our school uniform to be a member of our school community. From September, DJS school uniform expectations are as follows:

Tops	School sweatshirt/cardigan with the DJS school logo. White shirt/blouse/polo top (optional with school logo).
Trousers/shorts & dresses/skirts	Grey or black. No leggings/black jeans or tight fashion trousers. In the summer, gingham dresses in blue/white may be worn.
Socks	Plain white, grey or black
Shoes	Any sensible black shoes (not sandals, boots or trainers), with closed toe and flat heel.

(logo items available from the school office or online via SCOPAY once your account is set up)

P.E. kit - On days where the children have timetabled P.E. they should come into school already in their P.E./Games kits. **We will let you know, via a communication on the first two INSET days back in September, which days your child's class will have P.E. and Games.** We participate in a variety of activities indoors and outdoors in most weathers. Please provide your child with the following items:

- **Shorts:** Black or navy
- **Polo top:** Royal blue with DJS school logo
- **Trainers:** Sensible plain pair
- **A pair of socks:** White, grey or black
- **Tracksuit:** Black or navy bottoms and top

Other:

- **Hair** - Long hair must be tied up with a plain blue, grey, black or white hair tie (not large bows e.g. Jo-jo bows). No extreme haircuts e.g. shavings. No coloured hair dye.
- **Jewellery** - For safety measures, we ask that children do not wear jewellery to school. Ear studs and watches are permitted but should be removed for P.E. and Games or covered with their own surgical tape.
- **Make up** - Make up and nail varnish are not permitted and children will be asked to go to the office to have it removed.

CLASS STRUCTURE & STAFFING FOR 2021

2021-2022 CLASSES	AFRICA	ASIA	AMERICAS
Year 3	Mrs Marks - South Africa Lower School Phase Lead	Miss Ayres - Bhutan	Miss Brady - Brazil
Year 4	Mr Goodens - Kenya	Miss Luxton & Mrs Baker - Sri Lanka	Miss Gill - Costa Rica
Year 5	Mr Stapleton - Galapagos Upper School Phase Lead	Mr Restall - Japan	Miss Shute – Tanzania
Year 6	Mrs Painting - Nigeria	Mr Proctor - India	Mr Earl - Guatemala



Our **Inclusion Leader & SENDCo - Mrs Howard** - is responsible for all children who may require any additional support for SEND; English as an additional language; emotional, social or behavioural needs; new pupil transition needs; safeguarding and all Pupil Premium provision (including Service Families and Looked After Children). She is always happy to support children and their families as they navigate their way through the school and any outside agencies as required. Email: k.howard@denmead-jun.hants.sch.uk



ELSA: Mrs Jones & Mrs Bizley

Office Team: Welfare Manager: Miss Brown, Communications and Marketing: Mrs Burton, Administration Assistant & Librarian: Mrs Davis

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

We hope to be able to provide a full and comprehensive package of extra-curricular activities, which we will communicate to you the offer at the beginning of each term.

We also hope to be able to provide fully risk assessed day and residential visits, which we will inform you of in good time so that your child can take advantage of these wonderful and developmental experiences.

Please phone or email the school with any issues you may have and at the earliest opportunity, so that we can work together to quickly and fully resolve any issues that you or child may have.

The school contact information:

Telephone 02392 252735 – option 1 to report an absence or 2 to speak to the office team. The answerphone is available 24/7.

Email: admin.office@denmead-jun.hants.sch.uk

We will send out a further information communication in September, before child returns to school, to reassure you of key information.

In the meantime, we all wish you a wonderful summer.

Kind regards,



Mr Andy Clarke
Head Teacher

