



# The Federation of The Downs & Northbourne Church of England Primary Schools



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*"if you have faith as small as a mustard seed...nothing will be impossible."*  
(Matthew: 17 v20)

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18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear parents/carers

As term two and a calendar year draws to a close, I just wanted to write once again to thank you for your support during such unusual times, as well as give reminders about the next week and our return in January.

After two terms, we have all settled in to our new routines: staggered start, finish and break times, wearing face coverings on school site, handwashing at every opportunity, additional cleaning and keeping our distance. The children have been very resilient and during the school day life is as "normal" as it can be for them. Thank you for following our guidance and assisting us in providing this relative normality for the children. I am incredibly grateful for all the support you have given to the school during a very challenging term.

As we look forward to 2021 and the start of term three, I do not see anything changing and so arrangements for our return on the 4<sup>th</sup> January will remain as they currently are unless the DFE make any grand announcements at the end of December:

### Start of day arrangements

- 8.45am Year 6 to enter via the Goodwin playground gate  
Year 5 to enter via the lower school gate (off Blossom car park)
- 8.50am Year 4 to enter via the Goodwin playground gate  
Year 3 to enter via the lower school gate (off Blossom car park)
- 8.55am Year 2 to enter via the Goodwin playground gate  
Year 1 to enter via the lower school gate (off Blossom car park)
- 9.00am Reception enter via the lower school gate (off Blossom car park)

### End of day arrangements

- 2.55pm Reception enter via the lower school gate (off Blossom car park)
- 3.00pm Year 6 to exit via the Goodwin playground gate  
Year 5 to exit via the lower school gate (off Blossom car park)
- 3.10pm Year 4 to exit via the Goodwin playground gate  
Year 3 to exit via the lower school gate (off Blossom car park)
- 3.20pm Year 2 to exit via the Goodwin playground gate  
Year 1 to exit via the lower school gate (off Blossom car park)



Schools are remaining contactable during the first week of the holidays to support track and trace so please remind yourself of the information below:

- If a pupil or a member of staff develop symptoms within 48 hours from the end of term (between 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December), and subsequently test positive, you must let the school know by contact us immediately on 07756807060. This number will be available between 10.00am and 4.00pm from Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December until Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December. If you need to leave a message, include your name, your child's name and a contact number to call you back on. This phone number is strictly to report positive Covid cases.
- The school, along with PHE, will then contact all close contacts (e.g. a class bubble) and advise to self-isolate immediately. This would unfortunately result in self-isolating over Christmas Day.
- If a pupil or a member of staff develop symptoms after the 22<sup>nd</sup> December, and subsequently tests positive, you do not need to contact the school.
- Absences for the 4<sup>th</sup> January, can be reported in the usual way by leaving a message on the school answer machine from the 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

On another note:

Charitable cause - Our Year 6 charity ambassadors organised a charity event which involved the children being helpful elves for a week

- We received 29 Pledge forms back and all children who participated received a certificate.
- The total we raised as a school for Digby's Smile and Sandcastle Trust was £550.70
- Top fund raiser in the school was Oliver G in 4T (£80) and the second top fund raiser was Archie C in RST (£60).

A fabulous effort from everyone who took part.

All the staff and children wish you a very merry Christmas and a prosperous and Happy New Year.  
See you all on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely

Miss T Leighton  
Headteacher

