



# Autumn Term Newsletter 1 Welcome Back

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hello to our families and welcome to all our new children/parents and carers. Each half term, I write a newsletter to summarise all the great learning at Dunkirk and information about the next half term. This is my first newsletter for this academic year. The children have all had a great first day back in school and look very smart in their uniforms.

## Uniform

Please remember that we have adjusted our uniform so children can wear jogging bottoms or leggings as there will still be no need to change for PE. Please make sure all uniform follows the school colours:

- Polo shirt in red or white (NOT black even for PE days)
  - Sweatshirt/jumper/cardigan in red (NOT black even for PE days)
  - Skirt/shorts/trousers/tracksuit bottoms/leggings in black or grey
  - Socks/tights in black/red/grey
  - Dresses are red gingham
  - Shoes/sensible sandals should be black or dark brown. Trainers can be black or white (NOT blue or red etc)
1. Please note that pink, green, blue etc are not school colours. Jeans/denim items are only allowed on specific non-uniform days.
  2. No fancy, unsafe or slippy footwear should be worn to school.

I will do a uniform check next week in all classes. If you have any problems with uniform, just email [admin@dunkirk.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@dunkirk.nottingham.sch.uk) and let me know.

Some classes are coming to school in their PE kit on set PE days. PE kit must be in school colours please-black or grey bottoms and plain red or white tops or you child can come in their uniform but wear the jogging bottoms/leggings so they can partake in the lesson.

**Make sure all your child's uniform has their NAME in, as there will be NO lost property available!**

## Lunchtime Meals

We tried, parents tried and children tried to manage the online lunch ordering system. The system just wouldn't connect with our school database effectively so we have returned to our class based ordering system. I am still looking out for an online system that will work effectively and will keep you updated. Menus have been updated and children can inform their teacher each day of their choice. We will be monitoring their choices and will update parents if any concerns are noted.

Kim Wright is the catering manager and we are creating 'Kim's Kitchen' on each campus to really promote our lovely lunch provision. I will do a feature on Kim's Kitchen later in the term so you can all see what we offer.

## Curriculum

We have been reviewing our curriculum ready for September 2021 to provide our children and families with more information about the specific skills and knowledge that will be taught in our theme units. Mrs Jurkiw will be recording a video to go on the website that will contain more information. Our new curriculum will be called 'ACT' and reflects learning, creating and taking action. More details to follow at our ACT curriculum launch. It is very exciting!!!

Mrs Beeley will also be recording a video to explain more about how we are adapting our teaching and learning so the children have more opportunities to re-visit their learning and recall the information they have learnt. This links to the staff training day in May, where we focused on 'Cognition' (understanding how the brain works in learning).

## Our School Development Plan for 21-22

What we want to improve at Dunkirk this year	
<b>Priority 1</b>	We have created Dunkirk models of teaching English (tailored to our school community) and we want to make sure these are being consistently and effectively taught across both campuses.
<b>Priority 2</b>	Launch and implement our Dunkirk ACT Curriculum by developing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• knowledge organisers</li><li>• skills ladders</li><li>• subject vocabulary</li></ul> so that all staff, children and parents/carers know what we are teaching each term.
<b>Priority 3</b>	Develop our staff subject leaderships roles so that they can evaluate the effectiveness of our curriculum.
<b>Priority 4</b>	Further enable our school leadership teams (including governors) to check that our outcomes are effective and that our teaching and learning is the best that it can be.
<b>Priority 5</b>	Review our school systems (following all the lockdowns) so that our school systems support our families and that we can communicate effectively with our parents and carers.

## Data and Medicines (Health and Safety)

On Monday we will be sending home a new data collection sheet so we can keep our school information system up to date. Please complete and return as soon as possible. It is really important that we know of any changes e.g. telephone numbers/dietary/allergies.

You must bring any prescribed medication/epi-pens and inhalers to the main gate so they can be registered by our admin staff. The medicine can be handed over to staff at the gate. We are not allowed to keep medicines in children's trays or bags (unless prescribed and named asthma inhalers). We also need you to complete the following online form to allow us administer medicine to your child.

[https://dunkirkprimary.formstack.com/forms/parent\\_carer\\_request\\_for\\_dispensing\\_of\\_medicine\\_to\\_child](https://dunkirkprimary.formstack.com/forms/parent_carer_request_for_dispensing_of_medicine_to_child)

### **Covid update**

The school risk assessment remains in place as the Local Authority has sent updates to schools. This means we will continue, amongst other measures:

1. Handwashing
2. Gates
3. Staggered times

**DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE DISPLAYING ANY COVID SYMPTOMS. IT IS VITAL THAT YOU BOOK A PCR TEST IMMEDIATELY. CALL SCHOOL TO TALK THROUGH ANYTIME YOU ARE UNSURE.**

We will be sending out a map of all the covid testing centres in the area. It is much quicker to go to a test centre than to wait for a test by post now.

### **Diary Dates:**

**6/9/21 Minibus offer for campus siblings commences**

**14/9/21 Meet the Teaching team sessions** to learn more about class/staff/learning and opportunity to ask any class questions to staff.  
Highfields campus @ 3:15pm and Abbey campus @ 3:30pm. All sessions will be via zoom and will be recorded and put on website so parents can access at any time.

**Week beg 20/9/21 Launch of new Dunkirk ACT curriculum.** More details to follow.

**7/10/21 School funding census day**-it is vital that EVERY child is in school!!!

**12/10/21 and 13/10/21 Parent Consultation afternoons and evenings.** All sessions via zoom or phone. Booking site open 20/9/21 (letter with more details to follow)

**14/10/21 Last day of term**

**15/10/21 Inset day school closed**

**1/11/21 School re-opens**

*I'm looking forward to a really positive half term, with excellent behaviour (as always!) and the children recognising how to be really independent learners.*

*Mr Parry, Mrs Beeley and myself are always walking around at the start and end of a school day so do catch us if you have any queries or email/call our admin team, who are always happy to help.*

*Heidi Hollis*

*Head Teacher*