



# DENVER V.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all managed to have a good break over half term.

We realise that, following the government's announcement, these are unsettling times for everyone and our main priorities in school are to keep the whole community safe, and to give the children as much normality as possible.

As we are now back in national lockdown restrictions, please ensure you follow the government guidance to help us to keep our children and staff safe. Please maintain the recommended 2m distance from others when dropping off and picking up your child/ren from school. After school clubs will continue as usual.

On a lighter note, we hope that you have had a chance to look at the new school website which went live on Monday. We hope that you like the new format and that you find it easier to navigate around.

By the end of the week, each class teacher should have sent out invitations for parents to join Class Dojo. Initially, we are only using this as a way of sharing the positive rewards your child has received, not a form of communication, as class teachers are under a considerable amount of pressure due to COVID-19 and already working very hard to ensure the smooth running of the school. However, we will look to review this in the future. Please continue to follow the normal channels of communication by emailing the school office if you have any queries for class teachers.

I apologise, once again, for the problems some of you continue to experience with Maths Flex. I have spent a great deal of time this week communicating with Pearson to try and get the issues resolved. Please do continue to alert us of any ongoing problems and I will pass these on and hopefully find a solution. Thank you for your patience.

Thank you to all the parents who have taken the time to complete the Return to School Parent Questionnaires sent out before half term. Your feedback is extremely valuable and will help us with our planning for this half term. We ask that these questionnaires are returned by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November, thank you.

We are aware that the entrance to school at the field gate is deteriorating because of the weather and increased footfall, and we have arranged for a surface to be put down to make this safer. In the meantime, please take care when entering the school, particularly on wet or icy days. We are also in discussions with various parties about improving the car park surface and we will keep you updated with any progress made.



Parents Consultation Evenings are rapidly approaching and the online booking system is nearly ready to use. Parents in Class 4 have been asked to contact the office to make an appointment, although we are hopeful that parents in all other classes will be able to use the new booking system.

We have two vacancies on our governing body for parent governors due to one parent governor's term of office ending and another moving to different role within the governing body. We are therefore seeking nominations of parents interested in taking up this role. Being a governor can be very enjoyable and worthwhile and we hope that we will be successful in filling both posts. A letter will be sent out shortly containing more information.

We, as always, thank you so much for your continued support. The staff were thrilled with the gifts they received before half term and were really humbled by them. We will continue to do our very best for the whole school community in these difficult times. Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

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