

# The Devonshire Hill Nursery and Primary School

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Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

We warmly welcome our children back to school and trust you have all had a relaxing summer.

## **Uniform**

Please ensure your child comes to school in full uniform every day has the correct school PE Kit in school (in a school PE bag) at all times, along with a waterproof school coat and school shoes. He/she will also need a school bag for their reading book. School branded uniform can be purchased from the school's supplier, Mapac (Mapac.com - click on 'education'/'are you a parent'/'find my school'). Please avoid using non-school bags/carriers. If your child needs a backpack, please use a Devonshire Hill School one.

## **Punctuality and attendance**

School opens at 8:45am every day so you can bring your children into school nice and early. Remember we start teaching immediately at 8.55am so if your child is late they are missing out on essential learning!

*(Nursery morning children at 8:30/afternoon children at 12:15)*

I'm pleased to advise that our annual attendance figure for 2018/19 (96.24%) reflects that we have once again exceeded the national average of 95%. This figure is a notable improvement on 2017/18 and a big thank you is due to all parents and carers who made this happen by sending their child/ren to school every day. Lets aim even higher during 2019/20 to reach our target figure of 97%!

## **Assemblies**

Assemblies to celebrate your child's success will be held at 9:05am on the following days; Friday (Yrs 1&2), Tuesday (Yrs 3&4) and Monday (Yrs 5&6). Parents/carers will receive a text if your child is due to receive a certificate at their assembly – parents, family and friends are all welcome to attend.

## **School meals are free if your child is in Reception / Year 1 / Year 2**

Government funding for free school meals continues this year for children in Reception, Opal & Pearl Classes, Year 1 Emerald & Amethyst Classes and Year 2 Diamond & Sapphire. This means you do not have to pay for your child to have a school lunch. The school provides a delicious healthy daily meal with a choice of hot food, salad and hot desserts/ fresh fruits. Please see our website for details of the menu.

## **Packed Lunch (KS2) and Nursery 'all day' pupils**

If you provide your child/ren with a packed lunch please ensure it's healthy and varied, without crisps, chocolates or sweets.

For packed lunch ideas please see the suggestions on page 3 'What goes in my lunchbox' or visit: <http://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/school-packed-lunch-inspiration>.

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## Outdoor Learning

During the holidays Mr Joyce (STEAM Consultant) and our site team have been busy creating an outdoor learning area on the field, transforming part of the site which will ultimately become our very own Forest School. This is an exciting chapter in the school's vision to further support and develop our children's physical and mental wellbeing.

## After School Clubs

Clubs will start from Monday, 23rd September – parents/carers will receive a letter next week listing the clubs on offer. Please return your form/s as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Prices remain at £10 per term.

## Curriculum Statements and Home Learning Passports

Curriculum Statements and Home Learning Passports will be sent home next week - we ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Completes all home learning assignments given by teachers
- 2) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- 3) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- 4) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
- 5) Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school and further their education.

## Term Dates

At the end of each ½ term there will be a Celebration Assembly where children will present their final home learning projects.

A reminder of the term dates for this academic year is attached for your reference.

## School Website

Our website is regularly updated with events and information – please visit the site to stay apprised of the great things happening at our school! This is also the location of all our school policies.

As always, thank you for your continued support as we embark on another very exciting year where we have the highest expectations for your children to excel in all they do here at Devonshire Hill.

## Parentmail

Parentmail continues to be our preferred method of communicating with parents and carers. If you have not yet registered please do so at your earliest convenience.

## Volunteers for school trips

We need parents/carers to support our children and teachers on school trips. Please let the school office/class teacher know if you can help.

If you have any queries please ask at the school office or speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

Julie D'Abreu  
Headteacher



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## WHAT GOES IN MY LUNCHBOX

<p><b>FRUIT (2 PIECES)</b></p>	
<p><b>SANDWICH, WRAP OR ALTERNATIVE</b></p>	
<p><b>DAIRY</b></p>	
<p><b>VEGETABLES (2 PIECES)</b></p>	
<p><b>FIBRE/GRAINS (Wholegrains)</b></p>	
<p><b>WATER</b></p>	

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## TERM DATES 2019/20

AUTUMN	Starts	Ends	Term Days
Autumn 1	Monday 09 September 2019	Friday 18 October 2019	35
Holiday	Monday 21 October 2019	Friday 25 October 2019	
Autumn 2	Monday 28 October 2019	Thursday 19 December 2019	39
Holiday	Friday 20 December 2019	Friday 3 January 2020	

### SPRING TERM 2020

	Starts	Ends	Term Days
Spring 1	Monday 6 January 2020	Friday 14 February 2020	30
Holiday	Monday 17 February 2020	Friday 21 February 2020	
Spring 2	Monday 24 February 2020	Friday 3 April 2020	30
Holiday	Monday 6 April 2020	Monday 17 April 2020	

### SUMMER TERM 2020

	Starts	Ends	Term Days
Summer 1	Monday 20 April 2020	Friday 22 May 2020	24
Holiday	Monday 25 May 2020	Friday 29 May 2020	
Summer 2	Monday 1 June 2020	Tuesday 21 July 2020	37
Holiday	Wednesday 22 July 2020	Tuesday 1 September 2020	
		Total	95 days

#### Bank Holidays:

Wednesday 25 December 2019

Thursday 26 December 2019

Wednesday 1 January 2020

Friday 10 April 2020

Monday 13 April 2020

Friday 8 May 2020

Monday 25 May 2020

Thursday 27 August 2020

#### Inset Days:

Monday 2 September 2019

Tuesday 3 September 2019

Wednesday 4 September 2019

Thursday 5 September 2019

Friday 6 September 2019

