



Dobcroft Junior School

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Lockdown 2- Whole School Update

Dear Parents & Carers,

First of all, a huge thank you for your understanding regarding the school closure today. The task we have been given is immense and the timescale in which to produce a safe, coherent plan based upon information which we needed to gather was just impossible. That said, we are where we are and in true DJS spirit, staff have embraced the challenge and can share our preliminary plans with **you based upon the most up to date DFE guidance at the time of writing.**

We have over 50% of the school requiring a place for their child throughout the week and these numbers are not static, thus our numbers of pupils in school and working remotely will fluctuate each day- this makes providing a consistent, high quality education deal really challenging. Another challenge is that staff capacity is stretched. For example, with two thirds of the staff teaching face to face in school, there is less capacity to do remote/live lessons at home. We have thus prioritised the following principles in our decision-making (based on current Government guidance at the time of writing):

1. Bubbles in school to be of the same year group and not exceed 32 in size.
2. Pupils at **home and school** to complete the same curriculum and access the same resources/materials.
3. A clear expectation that children complete the work set and attend any remote meetings with teachers or staff.
4. Work to be differentiated or separately prepared for lower ability pupils and those on the SEND register (as appropriate).
5. The education provided to mirror the content and quantity typically taught in a school day.
6. Provide a system whereby pupils can receive feedback for their learning at home.
7. School to maintain safeguarding procedures through face to face teaching and remote meetings.
8. To maintain our current COVID 19 risk assessment for all pupils & staff in school.

Vulnerable Pupils & Key Worker Pupils who are Attending School

- If you have requested a place for your child they should arrive at the following time and location on the day(s) they are attending. A member of staff will meet them.

Year group	Arrive	Finish	Location
Year 3	845 am	320pm	Back Playground
Year 4	845 am	320pm	Front playground
Year 5	855am	330pm	Back Playground
Year 6	855am	330pm	Front playground

- Children should **wear their school uniform if attending school.**
- Please note, parents and carers must not access the school grounds unless this has been pre-arranged. The usual drop off and pick up procedures will apply.
- The school kitchen will operate, but they may not be able to provide hot meals. Your child can

order a lunch in the morning on arrival.

- Pupils will have two new exercise books. One that remains in school and one to bring home if they are not attending school every day.

Pupils Learning Remotely at Home

Attached is our updated Remote Education Policy. This will give the full details of our offer and what you can expect your child to receive. All children may collect a new exercise book from the school office for their remote education during this period. They can complete all tasks/stick in sheets etc into this book if they wish. They will be in a box in the reception area ready for collection Wednesday 6th January.

You may find you have many questions or concerns during this period of lockdown. Below is a snapshot of concerns and who is best placed to answer them.

Concerns/questions	Staff member	Contact
Lack of technology/support to access remote education	Mrs Doyle	enquiries@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk
Quality/consistency of remote education	Mrs Waggott	teachers@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk
Require paper copies/hard copy of resources	Mrs Waggott	enquiries@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk
Concerns relating to COVID 19 risk assessment	Mrs Sexton	headteacher@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk
Google meet concerns	Miss Higgins & Miss Drabble	enquiries@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk
Attendance in school or changes to your planned attendance	Miss Higgins & Miss Drabble	enquiries@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk
Safeguarding/wellbeing concerns	Miss Ennis	kennis@@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk
SEND concerns	Ms Little & your child's class teacher	teachers@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk

Thank you all for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Nicola Sexton – Head Teacher