



The Best That We Can Be
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Dear Parents and Carers,

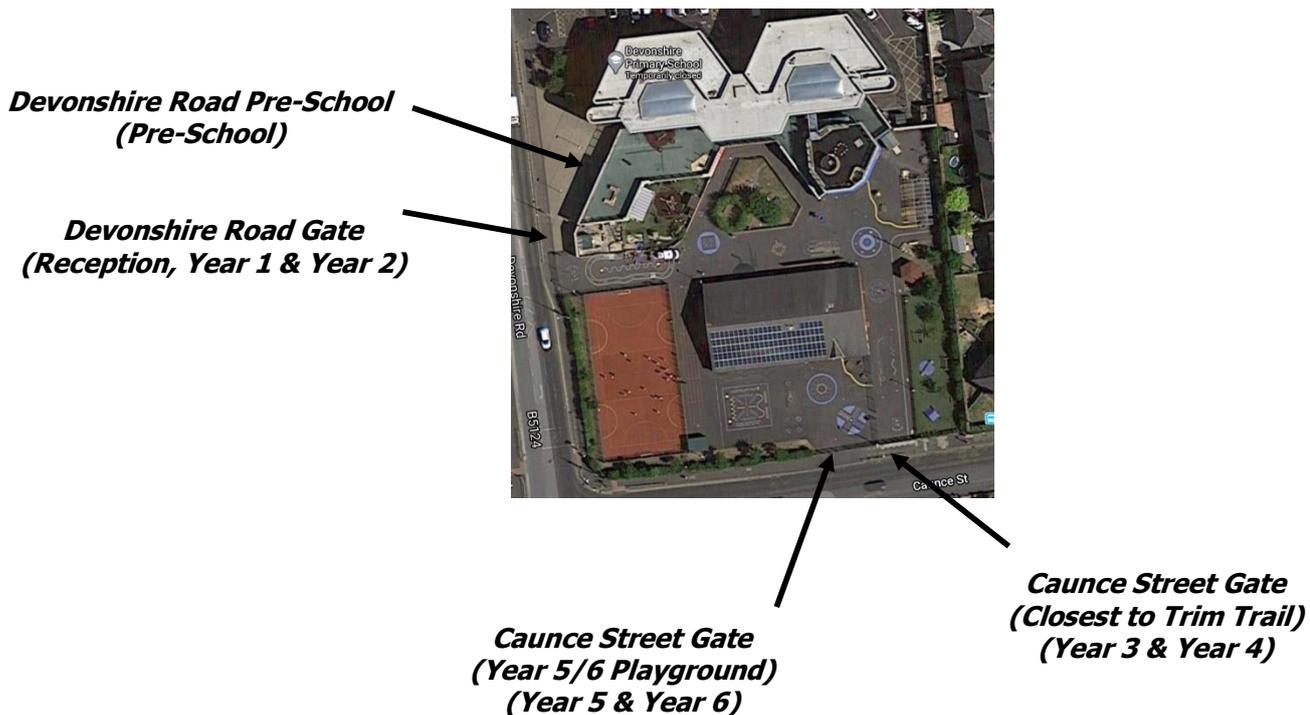
I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

As this extraordinary year draws to a close, I would like to thank you for your support and understanding throughout the coronavirus pandemic. Things have felt very different here at Devonshire since lockdown began in March and we are very much looking forward to returning to some normality in September.

The good news is that the Government is encouraging schools to welcome back all of their children in September. As a school, we have a lot of work to do to ensure that this can be done safely for children, parents and staff. Upon their return, your children are likely to remain in year group 'bubbles', and every effort will be made to keep these bubbles separate from one another.

We will continue with various drop-off and collection times at the beginning and end of the school day (*see the table & diagram below for further details*). We realise that families with several children in school will have different drop-off and collection times; we thank you in advance for your cooperation with this and hope you understand that all these measures have been put in place to protect you, your children and our staff.

| Bubbles | Gate/Entrance | Start Time | Finish Time |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Pre-School | Pre-School Entrance on Devonshire Road | 8.40 – 8.50am | Various |
| Reception RG & RM | Devonshire Road Gate | 9.15 – 9.25am | 3.30pm |
| Year 1 1S & 1T | Devonshire Road Gate | 9.00 - 9.10am | 3.15pm |
| Year 2 2B & 2W | Devonshire Road Gate | 8.45 – 8.55am | 3.00pm |
| Year 3 3D & 3F | Counce Street Gate (Closest to Trim Trail) | 8.30 - 8.40am | 2.45pm |
| Year 4 4C & 4W | Counce Street Gate (Closest to Trim Trail) | 8.45 – 8.55am | 3.00pm |
| Year 5 5D & 5M/T | Counce Street Gate (Y5/6 Playground) | 9.00 – 9.10am | 3.15pm |
| Year 6 6B & 6O | Counce Street Gate (Y5/6 Playground) | 9.15 – 9.25am | 3.30pm |



Whilst waiting for your child to be let into school in a morning, please can we ask that you keep a 2-metre distance between yourselves and any other parents who are also waiting. This will help to remind the children of the government guidelines and maintain consistency between the practices at home and school. Parents will be asked to leave their children at the school gate and not enter the playground. We know this will be difficult for both new and returning children and would be grateful if you could please prepare your child for this change before the new term begins. Staff will be at the gates, on the playground and available to support your child and guide them to their new class.

At the end of the school day, you must queue at your specific gate and staff will bring your child to the gate to be released to you. Once you have collected your child, please can we ask that you leave immediately to minimise the number of people gathering around school. For those parents with children in multiple year groups, who have to wait between drop off and pick up times, we respectfully request that this is done at some distance from the school.

School activities throughout the first few weeks in September will focus on settling all children back into school life! We expect all children to return to school in full Devonshire uniform, including the correct footwear. Uniforms can be purchased online at: <https://myclothing.com/devonshire-primary-academy/24246.school> or in our local uniform shop: Ragamuffins, 1a Westcliffe Drive, FY3 7DZ. Please ensure all items belonging to your child are clearly named.

Like all schools, we will be working hard throughout the summer holidays to ensure everything is ready for the children returning in September. **Government guidance is likely to change over the summer holidays; therefore, we urge you to keep a close eye on Parentapp, our school website, Class Dojo and our social media pages throughout the holiday period, as this is how we will keep you informed of any changes.**

If you would like to read the latest guidance for parents from the Government about schools opening in September, you can do so online at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents->

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Over the last 15 weeks, you have all done a fantastic job of home learning, so well done! Huge thanks to all Devonshire staff, who have prepared exciting weekly learning activities, provided home learning packs and responded to messages and queries daily. These online learning activities will stop on Friday 17th July, to enable parents, children and staff a well-earned rest.

I hope that this letter has given you the information you need to understand what arrangements we have made to enable the children to return to us. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back in September and I hope that you are assured that we will continue with the necessary steps to ensure safety for all at Devonshire.

Yours sincerely,

D.P. Simm

Mr D.P. Simm
Headteacher

