



The Best That We Can Be
Devonshire Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

I would like to thank you for your support and understanding throughout the current coronavirus pandemic. Things have, once again, felt very different here at Devonshire since lockdown in January and we are very much looking forward to returning to some normality on March 8th.

As you will be aware, the Government is encouraging schools to welcome back all of their children on March 8th. As a school, we have a lot of work to do to ensure that this can be done safely for children, parents and staff. Your children are to remain in year group 'bubbles'; every effort will be made to keep these bubbles separate from each other.

We will continue having various drop-off and collection times (see the table & diagram below). We realise that families with several children in school will have different drop-offs and collections, and 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.

<u>Bubbles</u>	<u>Gate/Entrance</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Finish Time</u>
Pre-School	Pre-School Entrance on Devonshire Road	8.40am – 8.50am	3.15pm
Reception RM & RG	Devonshire Road	8.45am – 8.55am	2.50pm
Year 1T & 1S	Devonshire Road	8.30am – 8.40am	3.00pm
Year 2 2W & 2B	Devonshire Road	8.40am – 8.50am	3.10pm
Year 3 3F & 3D	Cauce Street	8.30am - 8.40am	3.00pm
Year 4 4C & 4W	Cauce Street	8.40am – 8.50am	3.10pm
Year 5 5D & 5MT	Cauce Street (Yr 5/6 playground)	8.30am – 8.40am	3.00pm
Year 6 6O & 6B	Cauce Street (Yr 5/6 playground)	8.40am – 8.50am	3.10pm



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**Devonshire Road Entrance
(Pre School)**

**Devonshire Road Entrance
(Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)**



**Caunce Street – Year 5/6
Playground
(Year 5 & Year 6)**

**Caunce Street
(Year 3 & Year 4)**

While waiting for your child to be let into school each 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 as you usually do; we know this will be difficult for some children following the recent lockdown, but please prepare your child for this before their return. Staff will be on hand to support your child and guide them to their class if it is needed.

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. Parents from Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 will continue to be able to wait on the playground. Please remember to socially distance. Once you have collected your child, please can we ask that you leave immediately to minimise the number of people gathering around the school. Where parents have to wait between drop off and pick up times, we respectfully ask that this is done at some distance from the school.

We expect all children to return to school in full Devonshire uniform, including the correct footwear. If you are having any difficulties with uniform, please can you contact the school office. Uniforms can be purchased at Ragamuffin's or through our school website.

Like all schools, we are working hard to ensure everything is ready for the children returning on Monday. The following link will provide you with the latest guidance for parents from the Government about schools reopening on Monday.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19>

Over the last 8 weeks, you have done a fantastic job of home learning- a huge well done and thank you to everyone who has supported us in trying to continue to provide consistency and a broad and balanced curriculum for your child. We are incredibly proud of our blended learning offer; our fantastic staff, who have provided packs, live lessons and regular support to anyone who required it and of our children, who have worked extremely hard to complete the activities set. It has been a monumental effort by all and we are now very much looking forward to the return of all children. I hope that you are assured that we continue with the necessary steps to ensure safety for all at Devonshire.

Yours sincerely,

D.P. Simm

Mr D.P. Simm
Headteacher

