



The Best That We Can Be
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had an enjoyable summer break; we are looking forward to seeing everyone back in school on Friday.

The school looks as it did in July; however, we have been very busy behind the scenes; we have had a new boiler in the Year 5 and 6 building and the boiler fixed in the main building – hopefully, we will all be kept warm over the upcoming winter. Pre-School has also had a new outdoor area over the summer, which looks fantastic! There are still places available at our Pre-School so if you have a child born between 01.09.17 and 31.08.18, give the office a call on 01253 478271 or email admin@devonshire.blackpool.sch.uk to enquire about a place.

The good news is that the current easing of restrictions means that we can enjoy more freedom in school. We will not be operating in bubbles, the staggered start and finish times will end and children will be able to share break times and lunches again; however, we do want to move forward cautiously; therefore, some control measures will remain in place. These are:

- We will not return to whole school assemblies during this half-term.
- We ask that parents do not come onto the school playground at morning drop-off.
- We will have designated collection zones for the end of the day, with parents allowed on to some school playground areas (see below).
- We ask parents not to enter the school office unless absolutely necessary.

Covid-19 is still with us and we ask that you do not send your child/children into school if they display any Covid-19 symptoms. These symptoms are;

- New, continuous cough
- High temperature
- Loss or change to sense of taste or smell

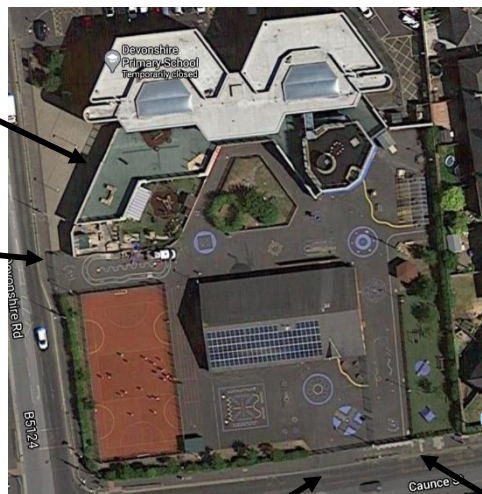
We will err on the side of caution to ensure the safety of the school community and send your child home if they present any of these symptoms while in school. We will ask that you take your child for a PCR test; if this is negative, your child may return to school. A positive Covid-19 test will not result in year group closure. If your child is identified as a close contact by NHS Track and Trace, they will be advised to get a PCR test. If the PCR test is negative, they can return to school.

This new system will hopefully cause less disruption to our children's education; meaning we can hit the ground running and catch up with any learning that has been lost throughout the pandemic.

<u>Year Groups</u>	<u>Gate/Entrance Morning</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Finish Time</u>	<u>Gate/Exit Afternoon</u>
Pre-School	Pre-School Entrance on Devonshire Road	8.40 – 8.50 am	Various	Pre-School Entrance on Devonshire Road
Reception	Devonshire Road	8.40 – 8.50 am	3.00 pm	Devonshire Road
Year 1	Any gate	8.40 – 8.50 am	3.10 pm	Devonshire Road
Year 2	Any gate	8.40 – 8.50 am	3.10 pm	Devonshire Road
Year 3	Any gate	8.40 – 8.50 am	3.10 pm	Cauce Street
Year 4	Any gate	8.40 – 8.50 am	3.10 pm	Cauce Street
Year 5	Any gate	8.40 – 8.50 am	3.10 pm	Cauce Street
Year 6	Any gate	8.40 – 8.50 am	3.10 pm	Cauce Street

***Devonshire Road Entrance
(Pre School)***

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



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

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

The school gates will open at 8.40am and close at 8.50 am. Your child will be marked as late if they arrive after this time. Children can enter at any gate but we ask that parents refrain from coming into the playground. We know this will be difficult for both new and returning children but please prepare your child for this before Friday. Staff will be on hand to support your child and guide them to their new class. Activities throughout the first few weeks will focus on settling all children back into school life!

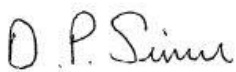
Pre-School and Reception children are not due to start on Friday; you should have received a time and date for an admissions appointment. Please get in touch with the school if you have not received an appointment or have forgotten when it is!

At the end of the school day, you must collect your child from the gates shown in the above table. If you have children that need collecting from different exits, please start by collecting your younger children and then walk round to collect the older ones. As was the case in July, parents will be able to enter the gates at the end of the day but within restricted areas. This will now include parents of Years 1 and 2 children.

We expect all children to return to school in full Devonshire uniform, including the correct footwear. Uniforms can be purchased at Ragamuffin's or through our school website. Children must come in **correct** PE kits on their allocated PE days; see ClassDojo for information about your child's PE day. If your child does not have a PE hoodie, they must wear their school jumper or cardigan and black joggers or shorts.

We look forward to seeing you all on Friday.

Yours sincerely,



Mr D.P. Simm
Headteacher