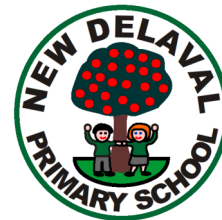


# New Delaval Primary School Newsletter - January 2022

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## Dear Parents/Carers

You will be aware of increased numbers of positive covid tests in our local community and within school. We continue to follow the latest government and local authority guidance. We thank everyone who has continued to support us in our efforts to minimise disruption to our children's education whilst keeping everyone as safe as possible.

## Keeping warm in school

Ventilation in school is important in the fight against COVID and as such windows are open in school to provide good air flow to help us keep everyone safe. In winter weather this can mean that it is cooler in the classrooms so it is fine for pupils to wear additional layers if they are feeling the cold in school. Staff are doing the same thing!

## Staff Changes

There are several staffing changes to let you know about this month:

Miss Machers left us earlier in January to take up a post in a local Nursery setting. Miss Smith is not in school at the moment and her class role is currently covered by Miss Brown who will teach the class in the short term until an appointment can be made.

Mrs Browne, our long standing caretaker will take retirement next month. Governors are currently recruiting a replacement caretaker. This month we have also welcomed to school Mrs Krommydas who will work in the school office.

We have two University Nursing students working with Marie until Easter. I'm sure you will already have met Demi at the school gates and very shortly Cameron will join the team. Please give them a big New Delaval warm welcome if you see them around and about.

## Punctuality

A reminder that class rooms open at 8:30am and doors are closed at 8:45am. Any pupil arriving after this time is recorded as late. Please make sure your child is at school for no later than 8:45am. If your child is persistently late our Education Welfare Officer may become involved.

## School Uniform

The children at New Delaval are always very smart in their uniforms. Thank you. Can I please remind parents and carers that children should wear black footwear and trousers should be black or grey, with a white shirt or polo top and a green jumper or cardigan. Year 6 should wear ties, Year 5 have the option to wear a tie. New Delaval operates a no jewellery policy, therefore earrings can not be worn in school, however children can wear a watch. If your child wears nail varnish at weekends this should be removed before coming into school.

## P.E. Kits

Please provide your child with a P.E. kit. Your child should bring their P.E kit to school on a Monday and leave it at school all week then take it home on a Friday. Items should be fully named and suitable footwear is required for **both** indoor and outdoor sessions. P.E kits should consist of black shorts with a white Tee shirt. An outdoor P.E kit should be a pair of a dark colour track suit bottoms and top. Outdoor shoes should be trainers not plimsolls. Plimsolls must be worn for indoor PE only.

## Bikes and Scooters

It is lovely to see children arriving and departing from school on new bikes and scooters, however can I please remind you that children and adults should dismount when entering the school site. Please do not mount bikes and scooters until you have left school premises. Thank you for your support.

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**Mrs D T Worrall**  
Headteacher

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## **Benefits of registering for Free School Meals**

There are 2 types of Free School Meals:

- Universal Free School Meals – every child from the beginning of Reception until the end of Year 2 is eligible to a hot meal through a government funded scheme regardless of individual financial circumstances. You do not need to apply for this your child's school will make the appropriate arrangements for this.
- Income Related Free School Meals – **It is still essential that if you are entitled to income related free school meals you apply, as greater benefits will be received for your child, your child's school and yourself.**

**The approval of a Income Related Free School Meals application would entitle your child to:**

**Free milk** - in First, Primary or Special school, milk at break-time will be free for the time the child is entitled to free school meals. The child's school will make the appropriate arrangements for the free milk.

**Help with curriculum related residential trips or school visits** - The child's school will make the appropriate arrangements for this service.

**Help with music tuition and instruments** - Parents can claim a refund of £3.00 per session from the costs when 7 of the 10 classes have been attended by the student. The child's school will make the appropriate arrangements for this service.

**The above are not included in the governments universal free meals to children up to Year 2. To access these benefits families must be in receipt of a qualifying benefit and must have an approved Free School Meal claim with Northumberland County Council.**

If family circumstances don't change the claim will already be set up for children entering Year 3. The school will receive extra funding, which will benefit all children

**If you are in receipt of the following benefits:**

- Universal Credit with household income less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Child Tax Credit with NO Working Tax Credit (Income below £16,190)
- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guaranteed Element of Pension Credit
- The Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 supported by a letter from the Asylum team

**PLEASE APPLY, TO BENEFIT YOU, YOUR CHILD, AND YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL**

For more Information contact the Free School Meals Team at Northumberland County Council

Apply Online on the Northumberland County Council Website [www.northumberland.gov.uk](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk)

Telephone: 0345 6006400

Email: [FSM@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:FSM@northumberland.gov.uk)

### **Cash Payments**

Please note we can only accept cash in a sealed envelope. The envelope should be taken into class with your child. Written on the sealed envelope we require the following information

- Name of child,
- amount in envelope
- reason for the payment

**Respecting Our Local Community**  
Please respect our local residents and park considerately when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Holiday or occasion	Date on which school will close	Date on which school will reassemble
Spring Mid-Term Holiday	Friday 18th February 2022 (3:15pm)	Monday 28th February 2022 (8:30-8:45am)

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