

New Delaval Primary School Newsletter - January 2021

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Dear Parents/Carers

Primary school staff Covid testing

As per DfE guidelines staff have begun testing twice each week using the Covid lateral flow tests. This is a programme which is being rolled out for all primary schools. Testing all staff without symptoms will support schools to continue to operate and also help to break chains of transmission.

DfE Laptops/Internet connection

We have taken delivery of a number of laptops which are being allocated to some children who had been struggling to access remote learning via their devices at home. Furthermore, I have a small number of extra loan devices and a stock of additional key boards for families using games consoles to access digital learning. If you feel this is something that might be of benefit to you then please let the office know and we will see what we can do to help.

I have also signed up for free internet access packages for parents from BT. If we are successful in our bid I will let you know how you can access this. I hope that I will be able to share more information shortly.

Pupils who still need to attend school

At present, we are only able to open to a reduced number of pupils. That said we currently have at least 3 x the number of children in school compared to the first lockdown, and have consistently had 60+ children in school on most days.

As soon as we are able to be open fully, we will do so. In the meantime, we are trying to protect staff and those pupils who have to be here as much as we can and to do this we need to keep the numbers as low as possible. I am so grateful to the parents who are supporting with this. Just to make it clear the government advice is that if you can keep your child at home then you should do so. This means that, even if you are a key/critical worker, sending pupils into school should only be done if you have no alternative on the days you are at work.

Home Learning Challenges

A big thank you to everyone who is working so hard to support home learning, I am thrilled at the tremendous effort children and parents are making with this. It is not easy and I appreciate greatly the time everyone is putting in to this. It is a joy to see all the wonderful activities taking place and I know the vast majority of children are engaging well. Thank you for that. However, I also see that a number of children have not accessed the learning. I am fully aware of the difficulties this pandemic has caused and will no doubt continue to cause. We all have a part to play in this and for children at home that part is to do the best they can to access learning online. This is challenging for everyone including the teaching staff who are setting work and responding to queries in addition to planning and delivering in school lessons. I would like to remind you that there is a requirement for all children at home to take part. It is not optional. The direction from the Department for Education is that home learning at this time takes the place of in school learning. If you need support with this please contact school and we will be able to offer solutions and help

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Mrs D T Worrall
Headteacher

Important Notice

Please note school **will not** be open to Key worker or vulnerable children over the half term holiday
(Monday 15th February-Friday 19th February)
School will reopen on Monday 22nd February

BBC
Bitesize

Primary Bitesize daily
is now on
TV from 9:00am each
day.

active
Northumberland

Active Northumberland have live
daily Primary fitness workouts

Monday - Friday 10:00am-10:30am

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Free School Meal Vouchers
Important - To ensure safe
receipt of FSM voucher

Please inform the school office of any
change to your telephone number



Monday January 18, 2021

Covid-19 School Snapshot



Thank you

A huge thank you to our parents and carers in
supporting our school right now with remote
learning - you are doing a great job!

Vulnerable children and those children of critical key workers
can still attend school where it is safe to do so.




w/c Monday 11 January saw a total of
7,900 children of key workers and vulnerable
children in schools in Northumberland.

If you can keep your children at home please do, thank you!

Free school meals and school transport

 Students eligible for
free school meals will
continue to receive
these whilst learning at
home.

 School transport for
will continue for those
children who need it.



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