



# Dashwood Banbury Academy

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## A note from the Principal

I have been absolutely delighted to see so many more faces this week! I can't thank the staff, parents and pupils enough for following our rules to keep everyone safe but also for being the positive and smiley people that you all are. The one way system and staggered start and end times have been highly successful at reducing the numbers on site at any one time. (Please remember to only send one adult to drop off/collect your child.)

Every day, staff work tirelessly to keep the environments clean and safe but also to check on pupils' wellbeing and this has enabled such a smooth transition for those who have already returned. I once again feel so proud to lead such a wonderful school! I hope that we soon get to see more pupils and families back at Dashwood having fun and enjoying their experiences daily.

*Mrs Amy Rogers*

## Open again!



We are now open to Plum class Nursery, Reception and Year 1 alongside the Key Worker and vulnerable pupils who already attended and we are loving it! Each day starts with a safety lesson which focuses on physical and mental wellbeing and gives the pupils opportunities to talk and share ideas/thoughts. Then throughout the day, every new class has mini lessons focused on phonics, literacy, maths, PE and wellbeing. Pupils in Nursery have been exploring the outside area regularly; pupils in Reception have been using Google Meet to show their peers in the separate class what they have been doing and pupils Year 1 have been playing a variety of games on the playground including 'What's the time Mr Wolf' and hide and seek. Watching the pupils come out of school skipping and telling their parents what an amazing day they have had, has been a true highlight of the week. There is definitely a new love for being at school and able to learn as well as socialise with their peers in a safe way.



## Attendance for those due in school

For those attending school, please follow our **normal attendance procedures of calling the office** if your child is not able to attend one day. The Government are strongly encouraging pupils in Plum class Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to attend but we are aware that some will not be able to attend due to shielding themselves or others. There are no fines for those who choose not to attend school however if you decide not to, we will call you once a week to check in and please know that the place will be held if you change your mind at any time. At this stage, we do not know if any other year groups will be able to attend this year but we will keep you posted on this.

## What to do if your child or a member of their household develops symptoms of Covid-19 (a high temperature or a persistent new cough or a loss of taste/smell)?

- It is **vital that they do not attend school at all**, even if you don't think it is Covid-19.
- Please apply for the person with symptoms in your household to have a **test** (this can be given to those under 5 now too).

- If the test comes back **negative** then your child can **attend school** again but we will ask to see proof that the test was negative.
- If it is **positive** for a **member** in their household, your **child** must **isolate** along with your whole family for **14 days** (please tell us if this is the case).
- If your **child** tests **positive**, it is also vital that you tell us and we may need to ask all pupils and staff within their 'bubble' to isolate after seeking guidance. Your child's name will of course be kept confidential and the isolation period for 'bubbles' is set as a precaution. Your child will need to **isolate** for at least **7 days** (longer if they still have symptoms).

This diagram, sited on the BBC website, helps to explain isolation days:



### Working at home

For those of you who are not able to attend Dashwood still, we are continuing to provide home learning activities online. The next two weeks of learning will be released on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Staff will continue to check Seesaw/Tapestry regularly and although you may see a slight reduction in comments (due to staff now teaching all day in school). Comments will be made at least twice a week but these may also be made by staff that work in other classes who have more time to look at learning. We are asking that all pupils who are not in school, regardless of what year group your child is in, continues to comment at least once a week on Seesaw/Tapestry to let us know they are ok at the very least. Staff will call you if we haven't heard anything in a week for safeguarding purposes.

### Health and Safeguarding

Please remember that looking after your physical and mental wellbeing is so important. Here are some up to date ideas you may find useful:

For your physical wellbeing:

- Remember to socially distance, avoid touching your face and always wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds.
- You can see up to 6 others in an outdoor space but remember you cannot yet go into others houses and should not be allowing your child to play out with friends without adults who can support

appropriate social distancing. If pupils mix with others outside school separate to those in school then they are breaking their 'bubbles' and so putting themselves, your family and many more people and families at risk should they anyone develop symptoms.

- Continue to exercise for at least 30 minutes a day either in your house or outside at a safe distance away from others.
- Avoid using public transport where you can and if you have to, strictly observe social distancing rules.
- You can keep up to date with the latest guidance on:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers> and <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

For yours and your child(ren)'s mental welling please see the latest newsletter on our website from the Mental Health team at:

- [http://www.dashwood-aspirations.org/uploads/asset\\_file/MHST\\_Primary\\_Newsletter\\_5.pdf](http://www.dashwood-aspirations.org/uploads/asset_file/MHST_Primary_Newsletter_5.pdf)

### **Free School Meals**

If you are set up to receive Free School Meals and your child has not been offered a place in school (due to the year group they are in), then you should have received your next voucher this week and the next one will be out on or around Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020. For those who are eligible for free school meals or Universal Free School meals who are in school, a school dinner is provided for your everyday. If your child is in a year group that should be attending but you have chosen not to send your child in, a packed lunch will be made available from the office daily at 10.55-11.10am. We will call on Monday if this applies to you to see if you would like to pick one up.

### **Communication**

Please remember that you can always get hold of someone at school by using the following methods:

- The **preferred contact** method is via **Tapestry or Seesaw** or **emailing** your key stage leads directly on:

Nursery or Reception pupils	<a href="mailto:skane@dashwood-aspirations.org">skane@dashwood-aspirations.org</a>	Year 1 or 2 pupils	<a href="mailto:sgordon-weeks@dashwood-aspirations.org">sgordon-weeks@dashwood-aspirations.org</a>
Years 3 and 4	<a href="mailto:aroche@dashwood-aspirations.org">aroche@dashwood-aspirations.org</a>	Years 5 and 6	<a href="mailto:agooch@dashwood-aspirations.org">agooch@dashwood-aspirations.org</a>
For welfare concerns or extra help you needed	<a href="mailto:knesbitt@dashwood-aspirations.org">knesbitt@dashwood-aspirations.org</a>	Special Educational Needs	<a href="mailto:echew@dashwood-aspirations.org">echew@dashwood-aspirations.org</a>

- Email the office on [office@dashwood-aspirations.org](mailto:office@dashwood-aspirations.org)
- Call the school as the office is now open 8.30am-3.15pm

### **Additional information**

On our website we have a few nice activities you can do at home should you need some new ideas. These can be found at: [http://www.dashwood-aspirations.org/uploads/asset\\_file/Play\\_Day\\_Activity\\_Pack.pdf](http://www.dashwood-aspirations.org/uploads/asset_file/Play_Day_Activity_Pack.pdf)

## **Term Dates for 2020/2021 as they are meant to be!**

### **Term 6**

Monday 1 June – Friday 17 July 2020

**INSET DAY: Friday 26 June** (no children in school)

**INSET DAY: Monday 20 July** (no children in school)

**NB:** there will be no After School Club on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July and school will finish at 1.45pm this day.

## **Dates for 2020/2021**

### **Term 1**

Wednesday 2 September – Friday 23 October 2020

**INSET DAY: Tuesday 1 September** (no children in school)

*NB EYFS pupils will start later due to home visits - date to be confirmed*

### **Term 2**

Monday 2 November – Friday 18 December 2020

**INSET DAY: November** - Date to be confirmed (no children in school)

**NB:** *there will be no After School Club on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December*

### **Term 3**

Monday 4 January – Friday 12 February 2021

*NB Nursery pupils will start later and be given their dates directly*

### **Term 4**

Tuesday 23 February – Thursday 1 April 2021

**INSET DAY: Monday 22 February** (no children in school)

**NB:** *there will be no After School Club on Thursday 1 April*

### **Term 5**

Monday 19 April – Friday 28 May 2021

*NB Nursery pupils will start later and be given their dates directly*

*Monday 3 May 2021: May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)*

### **Term 6**

Tuesday 8 June – Wednesday 21 July 2021

**INSET DAY: Monday 7 June** (no children in school)

**INSET DAY: Late June – date** to be confirmed (no children in school)

**NB:** *there will be no After School Club on Wednesday 21 July and school will finish at 1.45pm this day.*

*Transition days will take place on Monday 19-Wednesday 21 July so please ensure your child attends school each day that week to help them settle into their new year groups.*