



Dashwood Banbury Academy

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The Year of The Curriculum

A note from the Principal

We have had a very different end to last term and start to this one leading into a new national lockdown. I would like to thank you all for your support in trying to help protect the staff and our community by following all our guidelines. I know that guidance can change so regularly that it is hard to keep up with but we will do our best to keep you informed. I have included a detailed section in today's newsletter explaining the new lockdown rules and other information you need to know about how this relates to school life and beyond. Thank you in advance for taking the time to read and digest this information. Please do feel free to talk to me on the gate or ask for a phone call appointment should you have any questions or queries. Together we are a strong and positive community at Dashwood and by supporting each other, we will be able to get through the next few tough months. We Are Dashwood!

Mrs Amy Rogers

You say, we do

Thank you to all those who completed our parent voice and device surveys. We found an overall very positive picture around the number of devices most pupils had access to at home. For those that stated that they do not have access to more than a phone, we are working hard to develop loan devices for your family should the need arise with any local lockdowns. In terms of the parent voice, you all felt your child(ren) was happy and safe in school which was amazing! There were a few really good suggestions and next steps which we are working on developing. Some of these include parent workshops and trying to find a way around providing some free after school clubs for pupils in bubbles linked to sports/arts etc. We will inform you when we have found a safe solution to these. If you raised anything that was very specific to your family's needs, please make sure you have spoken to a member of staff directly in order for us to work with you directly. Thank you once again for the positive feedback, we feel Dashwood is a special place to work and teach at and it is clear that you feel that way too.

HOW TO WEAR A NON-MEDICAL FABRIC MASK SAFELY
who.int/epi-win

Do's →

- Clean your hands before touching the mask
- Inspect the mask for damage or if dirty
- Adjust the mask to your face without leaving gaps on the sides
- Cover your mouth, nose, and chin
- Avoid touching the mask
- Clean your hands before removing the mask
- Remove the mask by the straps behind the ears or head
- Pull the mask away from your face
- Store the mask in a clean plastic, resealable bag if it is not dirty or wet and you plan to re-use it
- Remove the mask by the straps when taking it out of the bag
- Wash the mask in soap or detergent, preferably with hot water, at least once a day
- Clean your hands after removing the mask

Don'ts →

- Do not use a mask that looks damaged
- Do not wear a loose mask
- Do not wear the mask under the nose
- Do not remove the mask where there are people within 1 metre
- Do not use a mask that is difficult to breathe through
- Do not wear a dirty or wet mask
- Do not share your mask with others

A fabric mask can protect others around you. To protect yourself and prevent the spread of COVID-19, remember to keep at least 1 metre distance from others, clean your hands frequently and thoroughly, and avoid touching your face and mask.

World Health Organization

Covid and lockdown Updates

- We are now in a **national lockdown** for the next 4 weeks. This means that you and your child **cannot mix** with anyone out of your household (or support bubble if you are a single parent).
- Children **cannot mix** on the way to/from school or in the park. Parents of those in Year 6, please ensure your child is able to do this if they come/go home on their own. Please note that we will be extremely disappointed if we hear people are not sticking to these rules as it puts everyone else in the school, including our amazing staff and pupils in danger. We know that if we support each other and follow all guidelines, we are more likely to be out of lockdown on time.
- Our **school procedures** and plans remain the same including all those over 11 wearing face coverings at drop off/collection times, keeping separate bubbles in school, extra cleaning in school and lots of hand washing!
- After school **club** and breakfast club can still continue as they provide wraparound care but all other clubs are not allowed to. This means unfortunately, **Hot Shots cannot take place**. Please contact them directly if you have any questions around money and places.

- All families must stick to the **guidelines** (found at: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november?utm_source=3%20November%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19) This will protect the staff and our community as cases have increased around our local area by a significant amount.
- All pupils are expected to **attend** school unless they have been given a new clinically extremely vulnerable letter. If your child was in this category before and you do not have a letter, please talk to their doctor immediately. Children who live with someone else who is extremely vulnerable can and should still attend school.
- Please continue to keep your child off school if they show **symptoms**, are ill or if they live with someone who is showing symptoms and waiting on a test/result. This means they **should not attend school until a result** has come through which is either negative, or they have completed the appropriate isolation period if it is positive. No one should be in school if someone in the house has had a test until you know the result.

Applying for a place in Reception for September 2021

If your child is in Plum class or you know of anyone who turns 4 before 1st September 2021, they must apply for a place in our Reception by 15th January. You can apply online at: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/admission-infant-and-primary-school/make-application> As we cannot offer open evenings as usual, we are creating an online version and offering 1-1 phone appointments or virtual meetings so please contact the office if you would like to know more.

Brexit update

If you're an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen living in the UK before 31 December 2020, you and your family can apply to the [EU Settlement Scheme](#) to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021. Find out if Brexit will affect you or your family after December with more information at: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-immigration-system-what-you-need-to-know?utm_source=14%20October%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Street Tag

Well done to Team Dashwood who are currently in a close race at the top of the Street Tag leaderboard made up of 24 local schools! We need all the players we can get to join in and help keep us at the top. To join our team please download the 'Street Tag' app and scan the Dashwood QR code. Don't forget to set your daily 'Power Hour' to earn triple points!



Year 6 Eco-Warriors

Our astute Year 6 pupils spotted an opportunity; with the healthy break time snacks and lunch boxes we have had so many more fruit peelings. Thinking about the environment, they decided to start a composting waste bin in Year 6. This led to asking our office team if we could source a compost recycling waste bin for every classroom in the school. Cherwell District Council responded immediately and now each classroom has its own brown caddy! Our Year 6 Eco Warrior team will now work in small groups to ensure that recycling in school is a success.



Health and Safeguarding

We know there has been so many changes recently and there is lots to remember so here is a synopsis of the main things so far this term!

- Please ensure that your children use a booster seat in **cars** and are always strapped in fully. Also, please do not leave any child in a car unsupervised as this is a huge safeguarding risk.

- In two weeks it is road safety week. This years theme is on reducing speed. Please ensure you are especially slow and careful when driving near the school site and that you continue to avoid parking on double yellow lines and blocking our entrances/gates.
- **At home**, please help your child to **self-regulate** their emotions using our zones of regulation terminology.
- **Online activities:** we strongly advise pupils using YouTube to use the Kids version as this has many filters on which means they cannot access things which are inappropriate for their age. Remember, no child in our school should be accessing social media or any games like fortnight as these are for pupils aged at least 13 and over.



Lily news!

Lily has been visiting weekly and has now met a few pupils too! The children enjoy seeing her around and we are very proud to say she has achieved her very first award! Well done Lily!

Upcoming events

Next week we will be taking part in a two minute silence and completing activities for Remembrance Day.

On Friday 13th November, we will taking part in Children in Need. Children and staff can come to school wearing their own non-uniform clothes (school and weather

appropriate please so no crop tops, high heels, revealing clothes etc). Mrs Rogers will have a bucket at the gates every day for the next two weeks if you would like to donate money for Children in Need. The generosity of you all for the food bank donations was amazing so I know you will support us with this excellent charity work. (Unfortunately we will not be holding any cake sales this year as normal as this is not appropriate due to Covid restrictions.)



Staff news

We are excited to announce that Mrs Emily Houlihan is back from maternity leave this term and will be working with Reception pupils and Mrs Tessa Rogers is pregnant and expecting a baby girl! Congratulations to them both.

Pupils in Maple class may have noticed a friendly face who they haven't seen in a while in their class this week. Miss Emma Ward is back covering for Miss Whale who is currently not well. We wish Miss Whale a speedy recovery and hope to see her back within the next two weeks but in the meantime it is great that Miss Ward is back with us and will be teaching Maple class for the time Miss Whale is off.

Important Dates and reminders

11th November: 2 minute silence at 11am

13th November: Children in Need – pupils wear own clothes and donate money for the charity

18th December: Break up for the term

Class newsletters will be out

Individual school photos will take place

Uniform: Please ensure that your child has their tie and blazer on daily and that they wear black school shoes too.

Snacks and water bottles: don't forget to provide your child with a healthy snack (not crisps or chocolate biscuits) and water in a bottle daily (not juice please)

Dates for 2020/2021

Term 2

Monday 2 November – Friday 18 December 2020

INSET DAY: 20th November- (no children in school)

NB: there will be no After School Club on Friday 18th 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)

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.

Dates for 2021/2022

Term 1

Monday 6 September – Friday 22 October 2021

INSET DAY: Thursday 2 September

INSET DAY: Friday 3 September (no children in school)

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

Term 2

Monday 1 November – Friday 17 December 2021

INSET DAY: A day in November- (no children in school) **To be confirmed**

NB: *there will be no After School Club on Friday 17th December*

Term 3

Tuesday 4 January – Friday 18 February 2022

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

Term 4

Tuesday 1 March – Friday 8 April 2022

INSET DAY: Monday 28 February (no children in school)

NB: *there will be no After School Club on Friday 8 April*

Term 5

Monday 25 April – Friday 27 May 2022

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

Monday 2 May 2022: May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)

Term 6

Monday 6 June – Friday 22 July 2022

INSET DAY: A day in June (no children in school) **To be confirmed**

NB: *there will be no After School Club on Friday 22 July and school will finish at 1.45pm this day.*

Transition days will take place on Wednesday 20- Friday 22 July so please ensure your child attends school each day that week to help them settle into their new year groups.