



# Dashwood Banbury Academy

an Aspirations Academy

Growing together; succeeding together

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## The Year of 'The Curriculum'

### A note from the Principal

It has been a lovely two weeks since we welcomed all pupils back to school. Seeing you all in the morning smiling (behind our masks of course) has been a real joy. Our mission statement of 'Growing together; succeeding together' has never been more true. We have learnt the value of friendships, socialising, learning and being a team. Thank you for being a wonderful community to work with and I look forward to another couple of weeks of fun and laughter!

*Mrs Amy Rogers*

### Returning to school

We have had a super start back to 'normal' school life. The pupils have really made us proud



with their resilience and excitement to learn. From science experiments to forest school, the pupils have been engaged and shown brilliant self-worth. Well



done everyone for being super stars and getting stuck straight back in to school life!



### Red Nose Day

Well done and thank you to everyone for helping us raise over **£420** for Comic Relief! We have had a great day sharing smiles and completing our jumping jack challenge. We are so proud to say we jumped **12,401 times** which is **17.2 miles!**

Well done everyone, you deserve a lovely rest this weekend for sure 😊



### Holidays

We would like to remind you that it is **illegal** to take your child out of school to go away on holidays. Any absence from school must be approved beforehand. It is vital for the children that they attend school to socialise as well as keep up with their learning. Trips abroad will not be authorised and should not take place right now anyway as we are still in a National Lockdown. We break up in 9 school days (Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April) so any essential travel should be taken during the holidays. Thank you for supporting us with this.

## **Covid-19 and Lockdown Updates**

- **Shielding** will be paused on 1<sup>st</sup> April so any clinically extremely vulnerable pupils who are given the go ahead by their consultants can return to school.
- Please remember we are still in a **National Lockdown** therefore pupils and families should not mix outside of their household/support bubbles. This also means that travel should be local only.
- The latest **guidance** for parents/carers can be found at:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19>

## **Health and Safeguarding**

- Please remember to **park safely**. This means not parking on double yellow lines, pavements or blocking resident's drives/car parks. There are actually lots of places to park only a few streets away which are safe and free in the morning. Please use these streets and avoid driving down Merton or Edward Street. Thank you.
- **Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college** - You are entitled to undertake regular, rapid coronavirus tests to help reduce the transmission and we thoroughly support this.
- Tests are fast, easy and completely free. Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.
- There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:
  - through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
  - by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
  - by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm. (Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.)

## **Important Dates and reminders**

- **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) if they are in school
- **Uniform**: Please do your best to make sure your child is wearing **full uniform** when they return. We are aware however that there are so many shops closed and it may be hard to get some items so if there is something you cannot get, please try to substitute it temporarily with items that are at least in the school colours (e.g. if you cannot get black school shoes, they could wear black trainers). **We know that you are doing your best so please do not worry!** We hope that all shops will be open again by Term 5 so all pupils can wear all items required.
- **Homework**: We are only setting phonics/reading homework for this term to give everyone a break from home learning. If your child is in Year 1 or above, please encourage them to complete 60 minutes a week on their Lexia accounts as this is a fun way to keep their reading going.

## **Dates for 2020/2021**

### **Term 4**

Monday 22 February – Thursday 1 April 2021

***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 hopefully 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: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November** - (no children in school)

**NB:** there will be no After School Club on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June** (no children in school)

**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.