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Newsletter - Friday 5th February 2021

Children's Mental Health Week - 'Dress to Express'

To celebrate the end of Children's Mental Health Week, we asked the children (and staff!) to dress a little differently for our Friday morning get together this morning. The idea around this was to let them dress any way they wanted to express how they were feeling. Well done to everyone who took part, it was great fun to see you all in your outfits and to hear the reason why you chose that outfit and how it made you feel. It certainly put a smile on our faces on a very grey, misty, Friday morning. Thank you!

Weather warning - For Key workers using the childcare provision.

As you may have already seen, the weather forecast for next week is not looking good, with snow forecast for the majority of the week beginning on Sunday. As always, we will try to keep school open but please be aware that this may not be possible every day and on days that we are open we may need to close early to ensure that we can get all pupils and staff home safely. It may be a wise idea to have another option for childcare as a backup. We do ask that when the weather is bad, please do not set off to school until we can confirm that we have a teacher on site. Please keep an eye on Facebook and on your email for updates. Facebook link below:

- Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/DanbyCESchool>

Holiday Dates

We will be breaking up for half term on **Friday 12th February at 3.30pm**. We are not required to be open during half term to provide childcare provision for children of Key workers. We will return to school on **Monday 22nd February at 9.00am** continuing with our remote learning for the majority of pupils and childcare provision for those of you who are Key workers. The government has said that schools will be given 2 weeks notice of any plans to reopen to more children and we will of course let you know when we receive any updates on this.

Parent zoom

Don't worry if you weren't able to make our Parent Meet this week, there is a further opportunity on Tuesday 9th February at 2pm. Fancy a catch up? We are really conscious that we have a daily opportunity for the children to see each other, but that parents might also like the chance to catch up with each other too! Please contact the school for the link.

Have a good weekend,

Best wishes,

Liz

Liz Orland
Headteacher

The information below has not changed but is still relevant.

[Remote Learning Information](#)

Please click on the link above to read information about Remote Learning at Danby School. On this page you will find the policy, parent guidance and 'how to submit work' guidance to support you during this time. This also includes Pupil and Parent guidance for participating in live sessions.

Please note that in line with the latest risk assessment we are now advised to record our live sessions. By allowing your child to take part it is assumed that you have given permission for this. Recordings are stored in line with Google Policy and are not used for any other purpose other than being available should a safeguarding issue arise.

As always, if you have any queries or require additional support with any aspect of remote learning, please email your child's class teacher.

Safeguarding during the Covid-19 Pandemic

As always we remain aware of our children's safety. Below you can find some information and links should you be concerned or feel that you need to access some support.

Children: [Click here to be taken to the Childline site if you have any worries](#)

Adults: You can:

- 1) **contact the school:** Safeguarding Lead Liz Orland (01287 660345; headteacher@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk or 01947 895369; headteacher@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk)
- 2) **contact the [North Yorkshire safeguarding team](#) on 01609 780780.** If it is outside office hours, ask to speak to the Emergency Duty Team.
- 3) **contact the [NSPCC](#)** to discuss your worries and report concerns-always report a concern, even if you are not certain.
- 4) If you have a concern about safety online, [click here to be taken to the CEOP website.](#)
- 5) If you have a concern about mental health, call the North Yorkshire mental health helpline: 0800 561 0076.

Police Safety Guidance

We would like to draw your attention to the following online safety guidance.

<https://northyorkshire.police.uk/news/top-tips-to-keep-children-safe-online-during-the-current-covid-19-lockdown/>

REMINDER - Daily Worship and Teacher Meets

We have had a fantastic response to our daily get togethers with up to 20 children joining us regularly. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible for our daily worship and teacher briefings which we are glad to hear are really useful.

Please contact the school if you need the link again.

Devices and Internet

Please do let us know if you require a loan device for your child to access Google Classroom at home or if you need support with internet provision.

Parent Guidance

The DfE have updated their guidance for parents. You can find the link [HERE](#). We have also updated our guidance and this is attached to the email.

Key/Critical Worker Provision

The guidance now states that if you are able to keep your child at home then you should.

Please do understand that this is emergency provision for the times that you are not able to care for your child at home because of your critical work. It continues to be important that we have as few children and members of staff on site as possible to minimise the person to person contact.

- Please book ahead (preferably 24 hours notice) via email
- Let us know if you will need to use breakfast club
- Let us know if you require a school dinner, thank you
- If you will require your normal school transport

Please understand that if your child is in school they may not necessarily be with their own class teacher. We will be operating in one mixed bubble. Children will be accessing the same remote education as children working from home as duty staff will still need to be managing the remote education for the rest of the school.

Staff Contact

Please contact your class teacher via email in the first instance if you are experiencing difficulties with any aspect of the remote learning or google access. Thank you.

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Please note that staff will only be responding to children's comments/questions and emails within school hours. They do need time to prepare and mark.

Covid testing

If your children are attending or have attended school so far this term please do remember to let us know if they begin to show any symptoms of Covid or you have taken them for a Covid test. We are still required to report all cases of Covid linked to our school. Thank you.