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### **Newsletter - Friday 12th February 2021**

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 8.00am** continuing with our remote learning for the majority of pupils and childcare provision for those of you who are Key workers. **If you are a Key Worker and need to book your child into school week commencing Monday 22nd February, please could you email [admin@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk) as soon as possible to let us know which days you require provision. Thank you.**

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.

As always, should we experience any snow or adverse weather conditions after half term, we will do all we can to keep school open. However, this is not always possible if it puts our staff, parents or pupils at risk to their safety. 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>

### **Test and Trace in Half Term**

We continue to be responsible for Test and Trace during the first part of half term. It is crucial that if your child has been in school during the week prior to half term and subsequently tests positive for Covid, that you contact us immediately on [admin@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk). The admin emails will continue to be monitored for covid reporting purposes only over the half term holiday. Thank you.

### **St Hilda's Moorland Federation Consultation**

Danby School has been working in a very positive partnership with Egton School since May 2017. Subsequently, in April 2018, I became the substantive headteacher for Danby School which has been an absolute pleasure. The Governing Body are now seeking to cement the relationship between the two schools even further by uniting the schools from informal Collaboration to formal Federation. As part of this process, Danby School is also taking the opportunity to consult on changing the school's status from Voluntary Controlled to Voluntary

Aided. For further information please have a look on our website [HERE](#). We have also attached all the relevant documents to this email.

I am very happy to chat to anyone about this process and the reasons behind it and would like to reassure you that both schools will continue to work as they do now and retain their separate identities and names.

### **North Shire Art Competition**

Northshire are running a children's art competition via the North Shire Facebook page. There are 3 prizes of £10 to be won. Children are being invited to draw Hagrid's Hut or the Hobbit House with a magical spring garden. Please note that this competition is independent of Danby School and all enquiries and submissions should be sent directly to Northshire and not school. Thank you.

### **Esk Valley Railway Competition**

Please [click here](#) to be taken to information about a poster project being run by Esk Valley Railways. There is an email address in the letter should you require any further information.

Have a lovely half term break and stay safe.

Best wishes,

Liz

Liz Orland  
Headteacher

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**The information below has not changed but is still relevant.**

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### **[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.

[arose@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:arose@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk)

[f.motteu@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:f.motteu@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk)

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.