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Message from the Principal

December is on its way and so the countdown to Christmas begins! Unfortunately, this year there are lots of our traditional Christmas activities that we are unable to run. Whilst we know this is really disappointing, we have to prioritise safety this year. Rest assured that the staff have lots of plans in place to make this an enjoyable and happy time for the children in school.

As the weather turns colder, please make sure that children have warm coats, hats and gloves so that they can enjoy their outdoor play. We also recommend that children wear additional layers underneath their school uniform to keep them warm indoors whilst we have doors and windows open for good ventilation.

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @DanesholmeJun to see what is going on in our classrooms.

Take care and look after yourselves.

Mrs Rolf

Christmas Cards



Our Christmas post boxes will be open from 1st December if children wish to send Christmas cards to other children in their class/year group. This year, we can only distribute Christmas cards

within year group bubbles and not around the whole school. Please send Christmas cards in plenty of time, so that we can allow time to quarantine the cards before re-distributing. Thank you.

Congratulations – Writing board winners.



Year 3 - Rafael Olalekan, Anastasia Baltag, Ava-Rae Thomas

Year 4 - Oliver Bamford, Bethanie Burgess, Alyssa Hubbort

Year 5 - Khianna-Winn Coulson

Year 6 - Pelton Botchway, Belle Williams, Macey Cook

Personal Social Health Education



As from September 2020 all primary schools are required to teach Relationships Education and Health Education and to consult with parents and carers on their

Relationships Education Policy.

At DJA we have been teaching and will continue to teach this content through our PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education) lessons.

We will be informing you in the coming weeks of what is specifically covered in each year group over the course of the academic year.

Furthermore, we will be seeking your views on these subjects and considering your views when we draw up and review our Relationship and Health Education Policy and Sex Education Policy.

Please leave all mobile phones at home. Thank you.

No gatherings of groups of Parents/Guardians/Adults collecting children from school



Please ensure you are keeping a **2m distance** between yourself and other adults & children.



Please also ensure you are **not gathered in groups** on our school playground when you are waiting to collect your child.

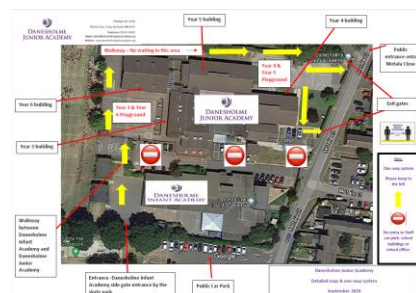
Do not block walkways or entrance/exit gates – 2m social distancing



Please ensure you are not blocking the **entrance/exit gates** when dropping off/collecting your child.

Please also ensure you are not blocking the **“no waiting”** areas around our school playground.

Please follow the 1-way system we have in place and drop off/collect on your child's designated playground.



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Car Parking – Double Yellow lines



Please **DO NOT park** on any double yellow lines around the school area.

You **MUST NOT** wait, park, stop to set down or pick up passengers at any time.



To report any parking offences, please report these to: parking@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Application for a Year 3 school place for September 2021

Is your child currently in Year 2?

Apply for a Year 3 school place for September 2021 now!

Is your child due to move on to Junior School in September 2021 having completed the Infant phase of their education?

You now need to apply for a Junior School place for your child.

If you would like them to join Danesholme Junior Academy for Year 3 in September 2021, please make your application to our school no later than **15th January 2021**.

Year 3 school places are **not automatically allocated** even if you currently attend Danesholme Infant Academy.

Please apply online at [Northants County Council/Admissions](http://Northants.County.Council/Admissions).

Don't delay – apply today!

Keeping warm



As the Autumn weather arrives, the temperature is dropping outside.

We have our doors and windows open throughout the school building - to keep the school well ventilated - and this means that school is colder than usual.

Please make sure your child has a jumper/cardigan with them every day and we would also suggest that children wear vests and thermal under layers as the temperature drops further.

Please no nuts/nut products – Pupil Packed lunch



Please could we remind Parents/Guardians to ensure that their child's Packed lunches contain **no nuts/nut products**. We have Pupils/members of staff with severe nut allergies. Thank you.

Free School Meals



If you think you are eligible for Free School Meals, you will have to apply for them online at:

<https://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/Pages/free-school-meals.aspx>

Please note: You will have to add each sibling to your application. If you have applied for one sibling and not the other, you will have to make another application for **each sibling**.

PE kits & Jewellery



Please ensure that your child has their **PE kit** in school with them **EVERYDAY**.

As the weather is getting colder and we are still participating in PE outdoors, please ensure your child has a **tracksuit and trainers too**.

ALL jewellery must be **REMOVED** on PE days

Lock bikes – bikes left at owners' risk



Please ensure you are using a bike/scooter lock when leaving your bike/scooter in the school bike shed.

Items are left here at the owners' risk.

No bikes or scooters to be ridden on school grounds

Please ensure Adults & children are **NOT** riding bikes or scooters in the school playground before or after school.



Arriving late to school



If you arrive late to school, you **will not** be able to attend school for that day.

If you miss school because you are late, then you will need to complete your school work at home.

Covid-19 test results



If your child has received a Covid-19 test, please provide us with a copy of their test result **before your child returns to school**.

Please email this test result to:

admin@danesholmejunioracademy.org

Please include your child's full name and class on all correspondence sent. Thank you.

Playground shelters/benches and outside Year 5



Please could we remind you that the shelters on the playgrounds, all benches on the playgrounds and the walkway outside Year 5 are all **out of bounds**.

Please **DO NOT** stand, sit or wait in these areas. These are all labelled and taped off for your safety. Thank you.



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Leave of absence



Please complete a **Leave of Absence** form on our school website if your child is absent from school. *Absences from school will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. The law gives no entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time and fines for term time holiday absence are issued by Northamptonshire County Council.*

This form can be found on our website under: [Parents/Attendance/Leave of Absence](#)

Staggered timings

Class & Year group	Start time & Finish time	Lunch break
Hermoth (Yr4) Sol (Yr 4) Elli (Yr 4) Delling (Yr 3)	8:45am - 3:00pm	11:45am - 12:45pm
Oller (Yr 5) Loki (Yr 5) Mani (Yr 5) Asbru (Yr 3)	8:55am - 3:10pm	12:15pm - 1:15pm
Asgard (Yr 6) Jotnar (Yr 6) Embla (Yr 6) Nicoj (Yr 3)	9:05am - 3:20pm	12:45pm - 1:45pm

It is important that children are dropped off and collected at their correct allocated time.

Medical appointments within the school day



If your child requires to attend a medical appointment within the school day, your child will have to miss the whole session where this medical appointment falls.

Morning appointments – come into school at the end of lunchtime

Afternoon appointments – leave school at the start of their lunchtime

Please provide evidence of all medical appointments by emailing a copy of the hospital letter/appointment card to the Admin email (above).

Absence from school



Please inform school by telephone, voicemail or email everyday if your child is not attending school.

Please include your child's full name, class and the reason for their absence.

Term Dates & Important dates for your diary

Full term dates can be found on our school website under [Parents/Term Dates.](#)

Important dates for your diary

Autumn Term 1

11th December – Christmas Jumper Day

17th December – Christmas Dinner (order from Kingswood Catering)

18th December – Class Christmas Parties & mufti day

18th December – Last day of term

Spring Term 1

4th January – Teachers Training day

5th January – School opens

15th January – Deadline for Year 2 to Year 3 applications with Northants County Council

21st January – School photographer (individual portraits only)

12th February – Last day of term