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Message from the Principal

It has been announced this week by the DfE that schools have the option of moving one of their training days to the last Friday of this term.

There will be **no change** at Danesholme Junior. Our training days and term dates will remain as planned and we will be open as normal for pupils on Friday 18th December (finishing at normal staggered times).

As we head towards the end of term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the amazing DJA staff who have worked tirelessly this term to make the best of some very difficult circumstances.

They always have the children's best interests at the heart of everything they do. When times have been tough, the staff rise to the challenge - we all know that children need to be at school.

The children are happy and settled; which I consider a great success after the changes that this year has brought for us all.

I am very proud of the DJA team and it is a real privilege to work with all of them.



Look out!

Look out for our class Christmas displays around the school grounds – we hope they bring you some Christmas cheer. Can you spot them all? We'd love to see photos of your children with their class display -

Tweet us your pictures @DanesholmeJun

Mrs Rolf

Free School Meals – Christmas Holidays

Northants County Council are organising supermarket electronic gift card voucher codes to be issued to those entitled to Free School Meals to cover the 2- week Christmas half term holiday.

These will be sent out via email as well as a [Help Guide for Huggg](#) –which is the application link to which you will redeem and receive your voucher.



This is the website which you will use to redeem your voucher code: <https://launch.huggg.me/login>

Email address for help and support using their site is: Hello@huggg.me

Once you have redeemed your voucher, we recommend you take a screenshot of this voucher on your mobile phone to use in the supermarket of your choice.

Information and help guides will also be available on our school website under [Parent, Free School Meals](#)

Exchanging gifts and Christmas Cards



Due to Covid-19, any gifts or cards you would like to exchange must be quarantined before passing on to the recipient. If you would like to exchange gifts or cards this Christmas, please ensure these are **clearly labelled** for the recipient so we can place these in quarantine before passing them on. **Gifts and cards must be in school by Monday 14th December** so they can be quarantined for 3 days before they can be sent home on the last day of term. Any gifts or cards handed in after this date will not be able to be sent home until our return in January. Also, gifts and cards can only be exchanged with those inside your class/year group bubble. Thank you.



What's my Line Virtual Assembly

On Monday the whole school came together online to experience our annual What's my Line Assembly. Instead of meeting our mystery guests in person the children were able to listen to them online and ask questions to ascertain their jobs.

The children were very responsive and asked interesting questions.

We were fortunate to meet: a marine biologist, a theatre lighting engineer, a naval ship designer and a public liaison from the House of Lords.

Many thanks to Primary Futures who were able to source such interesting volunteers.

Mrs McKim (Careers and Employability Lead)

No dogs allowed – except guide dogs



Please could we remind you that **No dogs are allowed on the school grounds (except guide dogs)** at any time.

This includes dogs that are being carried by their owners. Thank you.

School Term Dates & Teacher Training Days



Danesholme Junior Academy will **NOT** be adding in any Teachers Training Days (as per recent press reports).

Please refer to our full term dates which can be found on our school website under [Parents/Term Dates](#).



Corby Foodbank and Food bags

Thank you to Corby Asda who donated to our charity food bags this week.

Corby food bank are kindly donating next week's food, and this will be distributed in the same way.

The food bank supports lots of families at this difficult time and throughout the year.

School can issue parents food bank vouchers.

If you would like this support, please contact Mrs Docherty (Pastoral Manager) on 01536 741657 or email admin@danesholmejunioracademy.org



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Welcome Mrs Yarrow



We offer a warm welcome to Mrs Yarrow who will be our new part-time teacher working across all year groups.

Kingswood Catering – ordering meals online



Please make sure you are ordering your child's meal online, in advance, by the **Wednesday of each week.**

This includes children who are entitled to **Free School Meals.**

<https://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk/>

Congratulations – Writing board winners.

Last week's fabulous writers were:



Year 3 – Leon Ives-Keeler Feleisha Blair Noel Adam

Year 4 - Ruby-Mae Mc Gregor Tia-Louise Teeboon Emily Barge

Year 5 - Amelia Ahmed Amy Chambers

Year 6 – Katie-Emily Walkden Ruby Gibson Denis Pavlenko

Thank you for your donations
Christmas Jumper day –
Friday 11th December 2020



On Friday 11th December 2020, staff and pupils were encouraged to swap their usual Academy jumper/cardigan and wear a festive jumper to support 'Save the Children'.

It is not too late to make a donation. Please use the below link (*copy and paste into your web browser if this does not open 1st time*) or QR code.

<https://link.justgiving.com/v1/fundraisingpage/donate/pageId/13300573?fundraiserName=our>



Donate now and BOOM!
Your money helps change
the future for children



We will announce in next week's newsletter how much we have raised in total. Thank you for your donations.

Job vacancy



We are currently recruiting a Midday Supervisory Assistant.

If you would like to apply for this position, please visit:

<https://app.kallidusrecruit.com/GreenwoodAcademiesTrust/VacancyInformation.aspx?Vid=84084>

Sorry - no sharing of food or sweets



Unfortunately, due to our revised operating procedures following Covid-19. Pupils are unable to share food or sweets with their class. Please refrain from bringing such items into school to share. 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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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**.

Once you have made your application, please forward a copy of this to admin@danesholmejunioracademy.org.

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.

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.

Please remember to include your child's full name and class on all correspondence sent to school.

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

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.

Staggered timings

Class & Year group	Start time & Finish time	Lunch break
Heremoth (Yr4) Sol (Yr 4) Ellis (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) Nicoð (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**.



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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

This is to ensure that Pupil and Staff are not crossing their class/year group bubbles and to keep everyone here at DJA safe.

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.

All forms of contact with our school are at the top of this newsletter.

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

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](#)

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