



## Dereham Church of England Junior Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the end of a very unique term approaches and things seem to be getting busier and busier, we thought it was time again to remind you of a few things and inform you of any changes or new information.

### **Transition (Say Hello)**

As mentioned in our 'New Classes' letter two weeks ago, next week is 'Transition Week'. Because we are unable to invite all children into school, this will be completed virtually via Google Classroom. Every day, your child's new teacher/s will post a video on their **new** Google Classroom which will give their new class a little bit of information about themselves – it should be fun! There will be no usual Home Learning next week or on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July.

It is very important that your child logs onto their new Google Classroom to access this transition information.

### **Moving on (Wave Goodbye)**

Although it is time to start saying hello to our new classes, all our staff will be sad to see the children moving to a new year group. It hasn't been the best way to end the school year, but never mind, you will see your old teachers next year in and around the school. Also, keep your eyes peeled, there may be a message from your current teacher and TA coming your way!

### **Chromebook and iPads**

We have loaned out £1000s worth of Chromebooks and iPads to families during lockdown so that children could access their home learning. You are unlikely to need these next week, because your child will only need to be able to view the transition videos (this can be done on a mobile phone) and not complete work. Therefore, we need you to start returning these devices from Monday. Please bring the Chromebook or iPad to the school reception, ring the bell and wait for a member of staff to collect it so we can check it against our list. Thank you.

### **Lost Property**

We have a mountain of lost property in school! We need to provide you all with the opportunity to collect anything you think is missing, so all lost property will be placed outside school all day from Monday until the end of term. Anything that is left when we close for summer will be donated to charity.

### **Class Name Changes**

We have already contacted you telling which class your son or daughter will be in next year and we have had so many lovely responses from you saying how pleased you are. Again, thank you.

The class names we have at Dereham Junior Academy are named after hugely influential people from the past and present. These names were carefully selected two years ago but, we never like to stand still and we feel it is time for a little change. Many class names will stay the same, but we have changed some to help support our excellent curriculum further and to reflect what is happening in wider society.



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Below is a table showing our class names for September. Any changes are indicated by an arrow:

Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
<b>Curie</b>	<b>Babbage</b>	<b>Wilberforce</b>	<b>Bevan</b>
<b>Keller</b>	<b>Parks</b>	Da Vinci → <b>Pankhurst</b>	<b>Shakespeare</b>
Owens → <b>Gandhi</b>	Nightingale → <b>Seacole</b>	Frank → <b>Naidu</b>	Gibson → <b>Malala</b>
Einstein → <b>Mandela</b>	Dickens → <b>Malorie</b>		Austen → <b>Tabei</b>

### September

As you are aware, all children will be returning to school in September and we can't wait to see them! The government have published guidance for parents regarding this and the link to this guidance is here:

<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-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

In this guidance, it says:

*'Your child's school or college will be able to give you more information about the specific measures they have put in place.'*

We will provide you with this information as soon as we possibly can. However, before we are able to do this, we need to complete a lengthy risk assessment using a form provided by the Local Authority. As yet, the Local Authority have not provided schools in Norfolk with this, but it should be with us early next week...and then the work begins!

This form will take some time to complete and then needs to be agreed by our academy trust, so we may not be able to share what we will be putting in place until the summer holidays. However, we can assure you, we will be safe and more than ready to welcome everyone back. We have been open to groups of pupils with very strict regulations in place since the beginning of lockdown and everything has worked excellently so far. One thing we are certain of is there will need to be staggered start and end times to the day. We are currently talking to the Infant Schools to try and make this as straight forward as possible.

Once again, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support and words of encouragement so many of you continue to send us - all the staff at school really appreciate them. We are very lucky to be part of such a great community and even more fortunate to work with your children. We have missed them and look forward to seeing them ALL in September.

Take care and see you all soon,

All the staff at Dereham Church of England Junior Academy