

Dereham Church of England Junior Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome so many of our Year Three children to our school for their 'summer school' transition. We would have loved nothing more than to have them with us prior to the end of term, but this simply wasn't possible. Hopefully they have come home positive about their days with us, but if this has raised queries or questions, please do let us know. Although we can't meet with you in person at present, staff will be happy to speak to you over the phone and you can pass messages on via MyEd or the office too.

There has been a great energy around the classrooms and it has been lovely to pop to the door and see what they are doing in class. Outside they have been having a fantastic time and they have clearly loved seeing their friends again, enjoying their time together.

Please remember that on Monday 7th September ALL year three return, but no other year groups. **Gates will be open between 8.30am and 8.55am to enable parents to drop children off at a convenient time**. You will leave your child(ren) at the gate from Monday and they will head straight into their classes. **For the first week, your child will need collecting at 2.45pm** (unless they are waiting for a sibling in which case they will stay in their class, as long as you have informed the office of this).

From Monday 14th September we continue to have gates open from 8.30-8.55am but Year 3 will need collecting from the **front gate** (only) at 3.15pm. This will apply to all pupils, even those with siblings. We have extended our staff's working day, so that we are not sending children home earlier than our usual end of school day.

Please can we remind you not to drive in to the school grounds, if this can be avoided, especially at the end of the day.

Thank you for your support, we look forward to getting to know your children even better over the coming days and weeks.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Scott Headteacher