

# Dereham Church of England Junior



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## Detail for September and optional Summer School

Dear parents and carers,

I know many of you have been wondering about September and I'm sorry that these details are coming out much later than usual- the end of the year and easing of COVID rules for us and our feeder schools meant that we have only just been able to confirm details.

## Times for the school day

Children will be able to be dropped off between 8:40am and 8:55am

Year 3 will finish at 3:15pm

Year 4 will finish at 3:18pm

Year 5 will finish at 3:19pm

# Year 6 will finish at 3:20pm

At the end of the day, the Year 3 teachers will lead out their classes to the main gates and look for adults that the children know. Please let us know if someone different will be picking them up. Year 3 children can go to the back gates where there will be school staff however there will not be any Year 3 staff there so please be mindful of that. If there is anyone who should not pick up your child please let us know as quickly as possible.

## <u>Uniform</u>

Our school uniform is simple and smart! We want all of the children to take pride in all they do and this includes their uniform. Below are our expectations, with some new additions, which are very clear and easy to adhere to.

## The school uniform code is

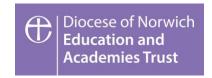
- Purple jumper/cardigan (branded or unbranded)
- White polo shirt
- Black/grey trousers
- Skirt (knee length)
- Black/grey socks
- Black school shoes

## For P.E. the children will need:

- black shorts,
- white t-shirt,
- black or blue track suit bottoms,
- black or navy jumper or hoodie (no large logos),
- trainers (outdoor PE).



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As the school is large, things can easily get lost so we beg you (for your sanity and ours!) please, please make sure that everything that comes into school has your child's name and class on it.

#### P.E. Days

On your child's P.E. day we would ask that they come in wearing their P.E. kit. Below is a table that tells you which days of the week the children will need to be in their P.E. kit

Class	Indoor P.E.	Outdoor P.E.
Curie	Tuesday	Wednesday
Gandhi	Tuesday	Friday
Keller	Friday	Wednesday
Mandela	Tuesday	Thursday

#### **Bubbles**

There are currently no plans for the classes to be in bubbles in September so children will be able to mix with their friends from different classes at lunch and break times.

## **Break and Lunchtimes**

The children's school council have asked that only fruit or vegetables be eaten as a snack at break times. The school has chosen to support that decision therefore only fruit or veg can be eaten at break times.

Parents/carers can order children's school meals through the MyED app. If you are struggling with this the office will be pleased to help you.

# Stationery and water bottle.

Children can bring in stationery if they wish however all that they need is provided by the school. We would encourage parents to send their children in with water bottle displaying their name.

# Welly boots/ outdoor shoes

We like our children to be able to use the field as much as possible throughout the year so recommend that children have a different pair of shoes for outdoors especially in the winter months.

#### Bus to school

For those of you who have used the bus for your children, you will be aware that this was not a 'school bus' (one provided by Norfolk School Transport) but a route that the existing bus company decided to run to provide a service around Dereham to our school. During last academic year, the company changed hands and the new company decided to honour this route until the first COVID lockdown.



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We have been informed by Norfolk Travel and Transport that this is not a legitimate bus route as children within our catchment area live less than 3 miles from the school and transport is only provided where the distance is over 3 miles. As such, currently it seems unlikely there will be a service to and from school for our children.

## **Summer School**

Summer school is our optional 2 day event at the start of the school year (Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday September 3<sup>rd</sup>). Summer school ran for the first time last year and after positive parental feedback we have decided to run it again. During these days the Year 3 children will have the school to themselves and we believe this will help them feel more confident before all the children return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. You need to sign up for Summer school, please visit the website to register or visit the office and we will be happy to help.

#### Timings for the day

The start and end times of these days will be the same as a normal school day:

Children will be able to be dropped off between 8:40am and 8:55am

Summer School will finish at 3:15pm

Parents/carers will need to pick up and drop off from the main school gate as the back gate will not be open on these days.

### **Lunches and Uniform**

Because this is not an official school day, the kitchen will not be open so all children will need to come with their own packed lunch and water bottle. Children will not need to be in school uniform for these two days.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate in speaking to a member of staff on the gate, phoning the office or asking a question via the website.

Thank you for your support and enjoy your summer

Take care

Mr King Year 3 Leader