



The Drive Primary School

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Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Website Updates - what has been uploaded this week?

All Friday letters and updates (not linked to specific areas: Safeguarding, Online Safety etc.), will be published in either: **Parents - Friday Letters - Autumn 1 2023 OR Parents - Letters and Flyers**

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<https://www.thedriveprimary.co.uk/friday-letters/>

Welcome back!

What a fab week we have had. The children have come back to school ready to learn and grow and have worked so hard; this attitude and hard work must be commended. I can't wait to see what each and every one of the children at The Drive achieve this year - great things I just know! Lovely to see parents/carers on drop off and pick-ups too, lots of smiling faces (could be because your children are back at school), that was lovely to see. A very positive start to the year - welcome back everyone!

Safeguarding at The Drive

The Drive Primary School is committed to ensuring the welfare and safety of all the children in our school. We believe that pupils have the right to learn in a supportive, caring, and safe environment where everyone is respected and valued. Safeguarding is about ensuring that everyone is safe from harm - safe from all forms of bullying; safe from people who could abuse; safe from discrimination or harassment, and that we all feel safe in our environment.

Staff are alerted to the signs of abuse (physical, emotional, sexual and neglect) and maltreatment and will follow our procedures to ensure that children receive effective support, protection, and justice. Serious concerns will always be passed to Children's Services.

The new Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy will be published on the website in the next couple of weeks when it has been ratified by our Governors. Copies will be available in the vestibule and emailed to all families. A child friendly policy will also be sent out with all the children for you to read with them. Don't worry though, they will know about it as I am doing an assembly on Monday that will direct them to where it is in the classroom, the policies key points and who the DSL's are in school.

<https://www.thedriveprimary.co.uk/safeguarding-and-child-protection/>

If you are ever concerned about the safety or well-being of someone at our school, please talk to one of the school's Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Designated Safeguarding Lead- Mrs R Farren

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads - Mrs K Cuthbertson, Mrs E Graham, and Mrs E Jackson





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Safeguarding Governor - Mrs S Duff (Chair) Ms H Gofton (Link Governor for Safeguarding)

Attendance update

The league will start next week, and looking at some of the classes' attendance, there has been a good start.

Just so you all are aware, we are in the process of updating our systems linked to attendance and you will be receiving a letter explaining what will be changing and a copy of the updated Policy in the next few weeks. Please remember, holidays during term time will not be authorised. If you have any questions, please contact either Mrs Conroy (Home School Liaison Officer), Mrs Cuthbertson (Assistant Head Teacher) or myself.

Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Farren
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Dates for the Diary - dates will be added to and possibly changes made. Keep an eye on our website calendar also.

**Just a reminder, a 'C' will feature next to an event that requires parent/carer consent.
PLEASE NOTE, CONSENT IS NOW GIVEN ON PARENT PAY www.parentpay.com**

Autumn Term 2023 - 8 week half term	
Friday 15 th September	Year 5 Swimming Commences Letters issued before Summer
Monday 18 th September	Clubs Commence Letters will be issued next week.
Tuesday 3 rd October	School Photographs More details to follow
Wednesday 4 th October	Parent/Carer Coffee Morning 9:00 - 10:00 in the Hall
Thursday 5 th October	Year 4 Trip - Live Tales C More details to follow
Tuesday 10 th October	World Mental Health Day
Wednesday 11 th October	Year 2 and Year 4 Trip - Washington Wetland C More details to follow
Tuesday 24 th October	Intra- Sport School Competition More details to follow
Friday 27 th October	Break up for half term

