**Denamona Primary School**

Welcome to the new academic year 2023/24! We are excited to see everyone again and catch up on all the summer news. We hope everyone had a good summer in all aspects. However, if there is anything that may have impacted your family which could be relevant to your child’s well-being, then please do let us know so we can help and support where possible.

Return to school information 2023 and a few reminders:-

* If your child appears unwell or is displaying a high temperature, you will be contacted and asked to collect them immediately. The link below shows the expected exclusions for a wide range of common childhood illnesses.
* <https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/2022-11/A2%20Schools%20poster%201122%20FINAL.pdf>
* Collection times:
* P1 (September) 12:30pm (P1&2 side gate)
* P2 (+P1 from Mon 2nd October) 2pm (P1&2 side gate)
* P3 - P7, 3pm, front door
* **Bus children only** exit via the back door

\*Collection time is busy, so please **DO NOT STOP at the front door** and cause congestion. ***Park your car in a safe space, starting at the edge of the soft play area, facing down towards the exit gate.*** In the morning, if you need to stop to facilitate dropping off children, you should also park your car safely and away from the front door.

We would ask that you are mindful this is not a good time to talk to staff or other parents. If you need to talk to a teacher, you should contact the teacher directly and arrange a mutually convenient time.

Teachers will not be available to take calls between 8:45am and 3:15pm.

* Please remember to send a water bottle with your child. It should be clearly marked with their name.
* Remember to send a healthy snack for break. Snack should be one small item, prepped and ready for the child to eat independently. Please do not send multiple items as we only have a very short time to eat and we don’t want appetites to be spoiled for lunchtime.
* **STRICTLY NO NUT** products for either break or lunch due to allergies.
* Remember to send a box of tissues (1 per child).
* School dinners will cost £2.60 per day/£13 per week. Dinner **money MUST be paid on a Monday**, with the correct change enclosed. **The envelope should be labelled clearly with the child’s name, days they are availing of dinner** and the amount enclosed.
* If you are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) you must ensure you have reapplied. You need to reapply each new school year. If you have not already done so, you need to do this as a matter of urgency. If you think you could be entitled to FSM, you can find out more information at:

<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants>

* Children will continue to wear their PE kit to school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit – **white** polo t-shirt, **plain navy** shorts or tracksuits bottoms.
* **Please ensure ALL ITEMS of uniform are clearly named.**
* Bus Stop will be available, 2pm-3pm, Mon – Fri. This will be charged at £1.50 per day and will be billed monthly.
* Breakfast club will begin w/b Mon 11th Sept. Days should be booked the previous week with Emma Jayne (Pre School). Breakfast Club will be available from 8:30am, charged at £1 per day/£4 per week.
* Staff should not be contacted via their personal social media accounts; this is not an appropriate means of communication. You can however use the Messenger element of the school Facebook page.
* Please also note we do not distribute leaflets and advertising materials for any groups or organisations, except our local constituted boys’ and girls’ societies. However, we are happy to display a poster at the front door.
* If you have any uniform (good condition) you are now finished with and would like to donate, please drop it through the front door.

Finally, we are aware the cost-of-living crisis is very real for many families. If you are struggling in any way, please do contact myself directly and we will do our very best to help in any way we can. All contact will be treated sensitively and confidentially.

If you have any queries regarding the information above, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via the email: jburke373@c2kni.net

We look forward to welcoming everyone back later this week.

Warmest regards,

**J Burke**

Principal