



# DOGSTHORPE ACADEMY

Dear Parents,

We value your contribution to your child's education and we think it is important for you to have opportunities to discuss your child's progress with your child's class teacher. We will be inviting you in for meetings with your child's teacher for parents evenings on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th March 19. We are operating a paperless booking system through Groupcall for these appointments. Please look out and respond to an email and you will be able to book an appointment time. We hope that you find the new booking system to be more efficient and user-friendly.

Please ensure that we have the correct email address for you and update it if it has changed.

**Extreme weather**—There is currently an increased likelihood of snow, ice and extreme weather. Snowy weather causes much excitement for our children and we try to give children the opportunity to play in the snow. If snow is likely, please send in wellies or spare shoes, gloves and appropriate clothing so that they can experience this.

We will always endeavour to stay open as normal, by keeping paths and routes into school safe and clear of snow and ice. If you are concerned about the safety of your child's journeys home from school, let us know and we can arrange for an earlier collection.

At the end of the school day, please do not rush if the weather makes you late. We will look after all children until they are collected and would rather everyone stay safe.

**After school clubs** may be affected. We will let you know if there are any changes.

If snow is forecast or the temperatures are due to drop and the school site may become icy and unsafe. Road conditions may make it unsafe for staff to get into work and staffing levels need to stay at safe numbers. As always, we will endeavour to remain open, but will only do so if it is safe for staff, children and parents.

If a decision is taken to close the school, this will be communicated in the following manner:

- ◆ Groupcall message to all parents
- ◆ School website notice
- ◆ Heart FM and radio Cambridgeshire
- ◆ Peterborough Council website

Please make sure we have your up to date email address and mobile phone number.

**7th February 2019**

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It is important that we have up to date mobile numbers and email addresses for parents so if these change please make sure you inform the office.

**07860003898**



This newsletter is being distributed by email on Groupcall. Please keep us informed of any changes to your email address.

## **Scooters and bikes**

We encourage children to ride to school on scooters and bikes as it is a healthy way to get to school and reduces the number of cars. Please make sure that scooters and bikes are locked up while left on school premises. The school is not responsible for any lost or stolen bikes and scooters or other items.

There have been reports of some children riding scooters and bikes on the playground and footpaths around school. Please ensure that your child rides responsibly for the safety of all parents, visitors and children.





### Dogsthorpe Den

The Den remains a popular facility for before and after school care. There is currently a waiting list for before and after school care—please contact Suzanne Williams at The Den if you would like a place for your child. There are, however, places still available for our holiday care. The den is open during the February Half Term and Easter break. The den can be contacted on 07920160118

### Dogsthorpe Academy Attendance policy:

Our target for pupils attendance is 96%. Attendance which is 90% and below could lead to further action being taken and potentially a fine starting at £60 per parent per child. Our Term Dates are available at anytime on our website so please book holidays, special events and visits to see family overseas within school holiday periods. The government sets the rules for schools and absences during term time and can only be authorised in a few unavoidable and very exceptional circumstances. If your child takes a term time leave of absence, it is your responsibility to prove that it is unavoidable and exceptional and your responsibility to provide the evidence for this.



The Local Authority fines parents for two days of unauthorised absence and above. This includes absences at the start and end of the term. All leave of absence should be requested in advance in the appropriate form which is available from the school office. All unexplained absences are followed up as part of our safeguarding procedures. It is important that you let us know if your child is absent for any reason. Our attendance Lead Miss Franks always follows up unexplained absences.

Please use the Groupcall number 07860003898 to text us for any absence. Text the child's name, class and the reason for absence.

**Punctuality:** It is important that your child gets to school on time. The doors to school open at 8.40am. After 8.50am the playground doors are locked and children should arrive through Reception where their late mark will be recorded.

### School Term dates

#### 2019

Mon 18 Feb– Fri 22 Feb—Half Term

Thurs 4 Apr - End of Spring Term 2

Tues 23 Apr—Start of Summer Term 1

Mon 6 May– Bank holiday. School Closed

Mon 27 May—Fri 31 May Half Term Holiday

Weds 24 July End of Summer Term 2

#### 1919-20

Weds 4 Sept —Start of Autumn Term 1

Mon 21 Oct—Mon 28 Oct — October Half Term

Tues 29 Oct —Start of Autumn Term 2

Fri 20 Dec —End of Term

Mon 23 Dec —Mon 6 Jan 2020—Christmas Holidays

#### 2020

Tues 7 Jan —Return to school for Spring Term 1

Mon 17 Feb—Fri 21 Feb —February Half Term

Mon 6 April—Fri 17 Apr – Easter holidays

Mon 4 May —Bank holiday. School Closed.

Mon 25 May– Fri 29 May - Half Term

Mon 20 July — Start of summer holidays

### Dates for your diary

**Weds 13 Feb 2019** -Y6 height and weight check (NHS)

**Tues 26 Feb 2019** —Dance festival

**Mon 4 and Tues 5 Mar 2019** —Parents Evening

**Thursday 7 March 2019** —World Book day

**Mon 11 March 2019** -School Nurse Clinic

**Tuesday 12 March 2019** -Advisory Academy Council meeting 2-3pm

**Fri 15 March 2019** —Red Nose day

**Fri 22 March 2019** —Planetarium in school

**Mon 13 May to Fri 16 May 2019** - Y6 SATS tests

**Mon 15 July to Weds 17 July 2019** —Y6 residential visit to Ilam

