



# DOGSTHORPE ACADEMY

## COVID-19 virus update

We are in daily communication with the Trust and the Department for Education regarding the implications of the coronavirus .

We are following the advice from Public Health England for educational settings. This advice is updated daily.

We are encouraging children to wash their hands frequently and use hand sanitiser which is available in all classrooms at school.

Advice for Educational settings:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Current advice states that schools should not close as a result of the Corona Virus. Children should continue attending school as normal.

We will let you know if the advice changes.

In the event of a school closure we will keep you informed through Groupcall. (Please make sure we have your up to date details. ) School staff will continue to educate your child by shared working through IT. Children will need access to the Internet and have a device at home– tablet or laptop. Your child will need to know their user name , password and be able to access Airhead.

In this way, your child's class teacher will be in daily contact with your child.

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## Follow us on Twitter!

We are now an active user of Twitter and we regularly post updates about things that are happening at Dogsthorpe Academy. Please ensure you have given consent for your children to appear in photos if you would like them to be published online. Follow us and share our Tweets @DogsthorpeAacd



## Personal Hygiene advice

Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19, especially washing hands more; and the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy for those with coughs and sneezes.

Wash your hands more often for 20 seconds with soap and hot water

In addition to handwashing before eating, and after coughing and sneezing, children should also wash hands after using toilets and travelling on public transport.





### **School calendar**

#### **2019 -2020**

Mon 6 April—Fri 17 Apr –Easter holidays

**Fri 8 May**—Bank holiday. School Closed. (The bank holiday is a change from the previously advertised date)

Mon 25 May– Fri 29 May Half Term

Mon 20 July Start of summer holidays

#### **2020-2021**

Mon 7 Sept Start of Autumn term 2020-2021

Mon 26 to Fri 30 Oct Half Term

Fri 18th December End of Term

Mon 4 Jan 2021 Start of Term

Mon 15 to Fri 19 Feb Half Term

#### **School dates**

Sports Relief day: Thursday 12 March

20 March Y5 visit to Leicester Space Centre

W/b Mon 11 May KS2 SATS week Year 6

### **Sports Relief**

We are taking part in Sports relief on Thursday 12 March to help raise money for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. We are asking children to come to school dressed in their favourite sportsperson, in sportswear, in their favourite teams colours or their PE kit. We ask for a donation of £1 for those who are supporting the cause. We will also be selling Sports Relief wristbands for £1 during Thursday and Friday. Parents, carers and family members are invited to participate in the High Intensity Interval training activity at the following times:

9am Acer

9.25 Chestnut

9.50 Juniper

10.15 Lilac

11 Almond

11.25 Cherrytree

11.50 Elm

12.15 Pine

12.45 Maple

1.30 Sycamore

1.55 Ash

2.20 Larch

2.45 Oak

### **Term dates**

Please remember to check the Dogsthorpe Academy website for our correct term dates where they are always available and kept up to date. Our term dates are not always the same as Dogsthorpe Infant school or other local secondary schools.

### **School dinner menus**

w/c 9.3.20 we are currently on week 3 of the hot dinner menus. The menu operates on a 3 weekly cycle. Lunch menus are available on the school website.

### **Bicycles and scooters**

Please remember to use a bike lock or scooter lock to keep your possessions safe and secure. Bikes left on the premises overnight do attract trespassers. Please ensure they are removed at the end of the school day. Dogsthorpe Academy cannot accept responsibility for lost or damaged possessions.

### **Phone calls to office**

Please make sure that any calls to the office about collection arrangements for children are made before 3pm . It is very difficult for office staff to get messages to children about collection arrangements if the calls are made very close to the end of the day.

### **Clubs—non attendance**

Please make sure you let the office know if your child is not attending an after school club on a particular day.

