



**DODFORD FIRST SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER**  
*Every Day, a Learning Journey*

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## Message from Mrs Parkes

What wonderful weather we have had for the past week! Not a typical bank holiday week and like many of you I have missed going away with my family to the seaside and have made the most of the lovely weather under a sun umbrella in the garden...not quite the same!

On a more serious note, myself and the school staff have been working hard to prepare the school for a phased re-opening, beginning to welcome more of the children back into school. We will be opening our doors on 1st June to our keyworker children and children in Reception whose parents have agreed to them returning at this time. In doing so, we have had to expand on our rules and procedures to ensure the site is as safe as it can be for both the children and the staff and this has taken many hours to organise and prepare.

As previously mentioned, I cannot return to the school site at this time and therefore Mrs Eggleton has taken on the leadership role of Acting Deputy and she will oversee the day to day running of the school and answer any questions or queries parents, children or staff have about the schooling on site. The teachers will continue to support their pupils who are still being home-schooled at this time by continuing to set work for them to complete via their class weekly newsletter, which will be a mix of online and paper based activities. The 'schooling' on site will reflect what is being set in the newsletters but also focus heavily on activities which support the children in their return to more formal schooling and daily routines and more importantly their mental health and wellbeing.

An email has been sent to all parents outlining what we have called our, 'COVID Code of Conduct', this is a document which outlines the changes which have had to be implemented on the school site and the way the children will be taught and covers elements of the lengthy risk assessment required by all schools to ensure that the children and staff are as safe as they can be whilst on the school site. **It is essential that you read this document carefully if your child is going to becoming to school from 1st June onwards.** Within this document, is a letter which can be read out to the children who are returning, including the keyworker children, as procedures and expectations have changed with increased numbers on site and then discussed with your child to help them prepare for Monday. Any queries about this document should be addressed to myself in the first instance. The document will also be on the school website.

## Contact details

We appear to still be having some issues with email addresses, newsletters are not being received by some families. Can you first of all check that we haven't been dropped into your junk mail but if we are not there can you send a test email into school with your child's name as the message and we can check that the address is the one we currently have on our school system. Thank you. All previous newsletters and class newsletters can be found on the school website.

## Upcoming dates for your diary

Half term break—Monday 25th May—  
Friday 29th May

School reopens to key worker children  
and reception age children only —  
Monday 1st June

## CLUBS THIS HALF TERM

Monday—

Tuesday—

Wednesday—

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Friday—

## ATTENDANCE

**Wrens %**

**Robins (1) %**

**Robins (2) %**

**Owls (3) %**



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### **Home Learning**

It is important to try and keep a routine going at home for children and where possible to give some structure to the 'school days' as this will help support your child when they need to return back to a normal school day. If you are having difficulty in creating this structure in your homes or want any advice on how to support your child, then please do contact the school and we will try and help you as best as we can.

### **Competition Entries**

Winners will be announced early next week, just in case some of you are putting your finishing touches to your poems or artwork.

### **Ten Challenges**

Remember, that we would love to see any pictures of you completing some of these challenges, either on Twitter or via the school office email.