



DALLAM C P SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

4th September 2025

School Vision: **Success at the Heart of the Community**
We: **Nurture.....Inspire.....Achieve**

School value: **respect**

It was so lovely to see the children coming into school on Thursday morning looking incredibly smart in their uniforms and eager to get to class and catch up with their friends. Once again, school is looking great! Over the summer, there has been yet more remodelling and improvement work done, supported by the office and maintenance team. It's really important to us that the school environment is clean, bright and inviting so that the children can focus on their learning feeling safe, comfortable and valued and that staff have the space and opportunity to focus on supporting our children in the very best way possible.

The children have returned full of energy and keen to learn. As I've visited every classroom this week, I have been blown away by how settled the children are. They arrive in the morning ready start their learning as soon as they enter the classroom and settle down straight away. We had an assembly on Thursday morning where we discussed our school rules and why we have them. The children were amazing: remembering our rules, but most importantly, showing an understanding of why we have them. There are only four school rules that all children are asked to follow:

- I do as I'm asked first time
- I listen well
- I work well with others
- I always do the best that I can

I hope you have a restful weekend.
Mrs Downey

Staff

We have welcomed a new member of staff to our office. Miss Wilbourne has joined our very busy team: she is very much looking forward to meeting our community over the next few weeks. The changes that took place at the end of last year have been really successful, with class teams starting the new school year already established and able to offer targeted teaching and support from the very first day.

Attendance and Punctuality Procedures

As you know, the rules and regulations around attendance and punctuality changed last September. With the newsletter this afternoon, I'm sending out a letter from Warrington Local Authority outlining fixed penalty notice procedures and reminding parents that as a school, we are not allowed to authorise holidays in term time. The school holiday dates are published on our website – please check them before booking any holidays for the coming year.

Attendance and punctuality remains a major focus for us in school. It is astonishing how quickly a child's attendance can drop below 96%. This has a real impact on their ability to keep up with their classmates and as a result can cause children to worry about coming to school. Maintaining good attendance and punctuality is a habit which sets children up to thrive in the future, so we will continue with our drive for improvement this year.

Uniform

The children look so smart coming back to school. Please make sure that you put your child's name in their clothes – particularly their jumpers and cardigans. It has only been a couple of days and already we've had some mix-ups.

It is lovely to see the children wearing school shoes as they start the year. If you have had difficulty with this, please speak to us – we may be able to help.

PE is the lesson where children **should** wear trainers – not school pumps. Health and Safety regulations highlight that school pumps do not offer the correct support for children's feet while they are exercising. Almost every child now has our PE uniform for their lessons. If you have any problems providing your child with a PE top, please speak to us.

If you have any uniform that your child has grown out of and is still in good condition, please consider donating it to school so that it can be reused by another child. This not only supports our community, but is environmentally friendly as well.

Site Safety

This year the leaves are already starting to fall for autumn as we return to school. Mr Davidson works incredibly hard to keep the site safe and cleans up fallen leaves regularly: however, it is impossible to keep the paths totally clear at all times. When it rains, the leaves can become slippery so please take extra care.

Bikes and Scooters

It is great that so many children are developing healthy habits by walking, cycling or scooting to school. Please make sure that your child leaves their bike or scooter in the racks on the KS2 playground where they are secure during the day. We no longer have a bike rack outside the main reception so please don't leave them here. If your child goes to breakfast club, they can take their bike or scooter into school through the hall doors and will be given time before lessons start to drop them off on the KS2 playground. Finally, for the safety of the whole school community, please ensure that your child does not ride their scooter or bike across the carpark or playgrounds.

Prime Minister's Letter to Parents and Carers

Please visit [the Education Hub](#) website to find the Prime Minister's letter for the start of this school year. The Education Hub is a government site for parents, pupils, education professionals and the media that captures all you need to know about the education system.