



Monthly Parent/Carer Update Sheet June 2018/July 2018

Releasing Pupils in School Time/Emergency Situations

Please note that pupils will only be released from School if we are able to obtain consent from somebody who has 'Parental Responsibility' for the pupil in question. We do appreciate that occasionally, emergency situations can arise, and a parent/carers with Parental Responsibility sends another member of the family to collect a pupil on their behalf. In these situations Parental Consent will still need to be obtained from a parent/carers with Parental Responsibility prior to the child being released from school. It is therefore imperative that your contact details are up-to-date and you are contactable if you have made this arrangement.

Forgotten Lunch Arrangements

As you know, we no longer interrupt lessons to pass on forgotten equipment and break-time snacks due to the disruption to learning this inevitably causes. If for any reason your child has forgotten to bring in their lunch it is **their responsibility** to go to Main Reception at the start of lunch to check if any lunch has been brought in for them. Please make sure you talk to your child about this procedure. Form Tutors have been asked to speak to pupils about this arrangement as well. If their lunch has not been brought in for them they will be issued with a lunchtime pass which parents will then have to reimburse the school for.

School Attendance

We would like to congratulate the many parents/carers who make sure their children attend school regularly. **It is parents'/carers' responsibility to ensure their children receive appropriate education. Failing to send your child to school regularly without good reason is a criminal offence.** Absence disrupts the education of the individual pupil and the whole class. Are you aware that children who do not attend regularly:

- × do not achieve well in exams;
- × find it difficult to maintain friendships;
- × are more likely to become involved in crime;
- × miss out on opportunities in further education and the world of work.

Please remember that going shopping, visiting family, truancy, not wanting to go to school, alleged bullying (speak to school immediately to resolve the issue) are not acceptable reasons to be

absent. All of these will be recorded as unauthorised absence which can lead to a referral being made to Dudley Council.

The Morning Mile

The Morning Mile began this week. If you want to join in please come along to the school field around 8.00am. A great start to your day; fresh air, exercise and a chance to make new friends.

Careers Updates

Year 10

Our independent Careers Advisor (YETI) will be in school during June & July providing 1:1 advice for Year 10 students on Post 16 options/pathways.

We will be holding a Careers Day on 26 June 2018. All Year 10 students will be involved in workshops including CV/Personal Statement writing, employability/interview skills and team building activities.

Work Experience 16 - 20 July 2018

Year 10 students will be undertaking their work experience placements during this week. Any pre-workplace visits/telephone calls should be complete prior to the visit. Students will be issued with log books for completion during the week. These books should then be brought back in to school when we return in September so that they can be used during PSHE sessions. During the summer holidays students should write a 'thank you' letter to their work experience placement.

Year 8

Energy Quest Workshop – Monday 25 June 2018

A group of Year 8 students will be involved in a STEM workshop (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics). The workshop will provide hands-on activities, careers information and insight from 'real' engineers.

Mrs Bradnick and Mrs Dawes are available in the Careers Office (D2) to offer any careers related assistance/guidance/advice.

Year 7 & 8 STEM Club....is back!

Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths are key skills that all pupils should develop. If your child enjoys explosions, dissecting organs and exploring the unknown why not chat to them about joining STEM Club, this will take place every Wednesday, Week 1, 3.00pm - 4.00pm. Activities taking place this half term include; eye dissections, exploding bubbles, screaming jelly babies and much more. Everyone is welcome. Please ask your child to speak to Mr Cox if they are interested.

Safeguarding

Dormston School takes the safeguarding and welfare of all pupils very seriously. If you have any concerns regarding the safety of pupils at this school please report them to either Mr Dixon, Mrs Elliott or Ms L Smith. Further information and guidance for parents/carers on safeguarding issues can also be found on the school website.

Medical Appointments *REMINDER

The school will not authorise medical or dental appointments unless they are supported by a doctor's/dentist's letter (a copy is acceptable) or an appointment slip or card clearly stating the appointment date and time. When a pupil needs to leave school for a medical or dental appointment, the parent/carer or child must show a letter/appointment slip/card to the Office when they sign out, or when they sign in after attending the appointment, or the absence will not be authorised. **Pupils should only leave school for appointments if they are collected by a parent/carer. Pupils can only leave school alone for appointments if there are extenuating circumstances discussed and agreed with the school prior to the appointment.** GP/Dental surgeries can issue appointment slips. When a pupil arrives late to school after a medical or dental appointment, a parent/carer or child must show their letter/appointment slip/card to the Office when they sign in otherwise the absence will not be authorised.

Pupil Leadership Tie Award Evening - Thursday 21 June 2018

The new House Leadership Team for 2018/2019 will shortly be receiving their invitations to the Tie Award ceremony, which takes place on Thursday 21 June 2018 in the Theatre. Details of the time and further information will follow shortly. This is a very special evening where ties will be presented to pupils along with their badge and we look forward to meeting pupils and parents during the evening.

Oscar Awards Evening - Thursday 28 June 2018 at 7.00pm

We will be holding our annual Oscar Awards Evening on Thursday 28 June 2018 at 7.00pm. As usual, gold envelope invitations will be brought into lessons by members of the Senior Leadership Team as the excitement starts to build. The event is packed with entertainment, prizes and awards and promises to be a great evening. This awards evening is all about celebrating the success and hard work of some of our brightest and best pupils in Years 7 - 10 whilst also being broad enough to encompass pupils who have triumphed over adversity, shown improvement and commitment to the subject! Unfortunately, due to seating restrictions not all pupils can receive an invitation. Please reassure your child that if they do not get invited to this event it is not because we do not recognise their hard work and effort. There are only 7 awards per subject and Heads of Department spend a great deal of time deciding on the nominations within their subject.

INSET Day - Friday 29 June 2018 *SCHOOL CLOSED

Please note that school will be closed for INSET on Friday 29 June 2018. Pupils should return to school on Monday 2 July 2018. Pupils return to a Week 2 Timetable.

Year 6 Parents Induction - Tuesday 3 July to Thursday 5 July 2018

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all 228 Year 6 pupils on 3 July 2018 for a 3 day Induction experience here at Dormston, along with a Parents Induction Evening on Thursday 5 July 2018. We are sure that all our pupils will join us in welcoming Year 6 and help the transition process to be a smooth and enjoyable experience for all.

Sports Day - Friday 6 July 2018

Sports Day will be taking place on Friday 6 July 2018 at The Dell Stadium, Bryce Road, Pensnett, Brierley Hill, DY5 4NE. A letter regarding arrangements for the day has been sent out to Parents/Carers. Please see letter for full details. Only limited transport is available. Please ring the school office if your child requires assistance in getting to the venue by no later than Monday 2 July 2018. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Parents can only attend Sports Day if they have collected a Parent Ticket in advance from the School Office. Pupils must wear their normal school uniform unless they are advised to be in PE kit to take part in a sporting event. It would be advisable for parents to check the weather forecast and consider supplying pupils with an outdoor coat or sun-cream, a sun hat and a bottle of water. They could also bring a blanket to sit on.

Ingestre Hall - WC Monday 9 July 2018

Pupils need to meet in the Dance Studio at 8.40am to register on Monday 9 July 2018. The coach leaves at 9.00am. Pupils return at 11.00am on Friday and go straight home. Pupils will update parents/carers on expected return time. All forms to be returned as soon as possible. Please ensure payment deadlines are kept to. Any problems see Mr Richardson.

Activities Week - Monday 16 July 2018

Activities Week will be taking place Monday 16 July - Thursday 19 July 2018. All payments should now have been received and any outstanding payments need to be made by 15 June 2018 or students will lose their place on the trip. Full details of each package will be distributed by the end of June.