



Monthly Parent/Carer Update Sheet July 2017/September 2017

Year 11 PE Kits

If you do not plan on re-using your child's PE kit can you please hand any spare items in to the PE Office. It would be gratefully received and appreciated as it will be used as spare kit.

Medical Information Request ***IMPORTANT**

If you have not already returned your child's Medical Details Form please could you do so as a matter of urgency. Without this pupils will not be able to receive the appropriate medical input they may require. Please check your child's bag as very few forms have been returned since they were sent out.

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 Miss 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/carers 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. GP/Dental surgeries can issue appointment slips. When a pupil arrives late to school after a medical or dental appointment, a parent/carers or child must show their letter/appointment slip/card to the Office when they sign in otherwise the absence will not be authorised.

Pupil Illness

When you report your child's absence you may be asked to provide information and discuss the symptoms that are being displayed by your child. You may then be advised whether time off is recommended or not. We are relying upon **Public Health England Guidelines**.

School Summer Reading Challenge

Set your own challenge to read during the summer holidays. What better time is there than the long summer holidays to chill, relax, pick up a great book and spend lots of time reading?

Following the success of last year's first school Summer Reading Challenge we will be encouraging as many pupils as possible to take part this year. Rather than reading a set number of books, the focus is for pupils to set their own target to achieve their PERSONAL BEST READING CHALLENGE. Pupils have access to a wonderful selection of books to borrow from the PLC but whatever they read whether it's from school, the local borough Library, their own book, or an e book, they all count towards the challenge. The most important thing is for them to be reading. Pupils can get all the details, sign up and collect their Summer Reading Challenge log book anytime up to the end of term. ***Pupils should return their completed reading log to the PLC by Thursday 7 September 2017.*** There will be prizes for all pupils who complete the challenge with an extra prize draw for the 5 best book reviews. ***Prize giving will take place in the PLC at lunchtime on Monday 11 September 2017.*** Apart from reading for pleasure, it is really important that pupils continue to read during the holidays to ensure the reading skills they have been building on don't dip during the long break. Your support in encouraging your child to take part is very much appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact, Mrs Ellsmore, PLC Manager, if we can in any way help further with your child's reading for pleasure.

Languages Trip 2018

We will shortly be launching our trip for 2018. All language students currently in Year 9, please express interest to your German and French teachers. We will again be visiting the Black Forest and Strasbourg allowing us to take both German and French pupils. Letters will be with language teachers very soon.

Sports Day - Thursday 13 July 2017

We will be holding our annual Sports Day on Thursday 13 July 2017. Pupils will need to be at the Dell Stadium, Bryce Road, Brierley Hill DY5 4NB for 8.30am. We have 2 coaches booked from school to the Stadium and returning. Places have now all been filled.

Activities Week - WC Monday 17 July 2017

Activities week will soon be here and there are lots of varied and exciting activities taking place. Should you have any queries please contact Mrs Gamble at pgamble@dormston.dudley.sch.uk.

Last Day of Term - Friday 21 July 2017 at 12.00pm *EARLY FINISH

As per the Head Teacher's recent letter the last day of the Summer Term will now be **Friday 21 July 2017 finishing at 12.00pm.**

Monday 4 September 2017 - INSET Day *IMPORTANT - SCHOOL CLOSED

School will be closed on Monday 4 September 2017. Pupils should return to school after the summer holidays on Tuesday 5 September 2017. Pupils will be returning to a Week 1 timetable.

Friday 8 September 2017 - *IMPORTANT - EARLY CLOSE of 12.30pm

Please note that School will close at **12.30pm** on Friday 8 September 2017 to enable some important Safeguarding Training to take place.

Year 11 Post 16 Evening - Tuesday 12 September 2017

As part of our programme for careers advice and guidance we are holding a Post 16 Evening on Tuesday 12 September 2017. Local Sixth Form providers, colleges and universities will be in attendance as well as training providers and employers. The evening is compulsory for all Year 11 pupils and is an invaluable opportunity for you as parents to discuss with various providers the options available to your child Post 16. Full details of the evening will be sent home at the beginning of term in September.

Year 7 Parents' Welcome to Dormston Evening - Monday 18 September 2017

As part of the Year 7 Strategy we look forward to welcoming all our Year 7 parents to the Welcome to Dormston Evening on Monday 18 September 2017. Forming this link between Parents and School is a crucial part of the transition process, this Welcome Evening will provide a chance to become familiarised with life at Dormston for our pupils. We are looking forward to meeting you all.