



Monthly Parent/Carer Update Sheet September 2017/October 2017

Pupil Update Forms

We will be sending out the pupil update forms and new consent forms shortly. These need to be completed and returned as quickly as possible. If anyone has changed their doctor over the summer can they please ensure that they let us know who they are now registered with.

ParentPay & Trips

If you need log in details for ParentPay please contact the school. If you have any money outstanding for trips for last year can you please make your payments as soon as possible.

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**.

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.

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.

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.

Year 7 Photographs - Wednesday 20 September 2017

Please note that Year 7 pupils will be having their professional photographs taken on Wednesday 20 September 2017. Please ensure all pupils are wearing full and correct uniform.

Year 8 Girls HPV Injection (Dose 1) - Friday 6 October 2017

Just a reminder that Year 8 Girls will be having their HPV Injection (Dose 1) on Friday 6 October 2017. Parental Permission Forms will be sent out shortly. Please ensure you return these **ASAP**. If you do not return the form your child will not be able to have this very important injection.

Open Evening - Thursday 12 October 2017 *EARLY CLOSE

We will be holding our annual Open Evening on Thursday 12 October 2017. In order to allow for staff to prepare for this important event and due to the fact that many pupils will be coming back in on the evening to assist we will be closing at **12.30pm** on this day. Any pupils entitled to a Free School Meal will be able to collect a sandwich lunch before they leave.

Derwent House Charity Day - Friday 13 October 2017

Derwent House will be holding their annual charity day for The Teenage Cancer Trust on Friday 13 October 2017. There will be top prizes up for grabs along with a whole host of exciting activities taking place during the week and on the day itself. This will include a charity bag pack at ASDA, a teacher auction, sponsored events, stalls and talent shows. Pupils will be able to wear Mufti and we look forward to raising money for this very worthy charity. If your child wishes to take part please ensure they bring in cash to use at the stalls.

Year 6 Parents' School Tour Week - WC Monday 16 October 2017

If you have a child hoping to join us in Year 7 next academic year, we will be holding School Tours every day W/C Monday 16 October 2017 at 9.15am and 11.15am. Tours are by appointment only. Please contact the School Office if you would like to reserve a place on a tour. Prospective pupils are welcome to come along providing they have sought permission from their primary school.

Year 11 Preparing for the Year Ahead Evening - Tuesday 17 October 2017 at 6.30pm

We will be holding a Year 11 Preparing for the Year Ahead Evening on Tuesday 17 October 2017 at 6.30pm in the Theatre. This event is primarily aimed at parents but pupils are also very welcome to attend. The focus will be on how parents can encourage good study habits and will be run by Elevate who are an outside provider. The evening will cover the Study Environment, Technology, Best Practices and a Question & Answer Session. Further information will follow shortly. We strongly advise all parents to attend this important event.

Year 7 Parent & Tutor Meeting - Thursday 19 October 2017

We will be holding a Year 7 Parents' and Tutor Meeting on Thursday 19 October 2017 for some of our Year 7 pupils in order to discuss how they are settling in to life at Dormston. We will contact you shortly if you are invited to attend this event. Please note that not all Year 7 parents will be invited to this event.

INSET - Friday 20 October 2017 *SCHOOL CLOSED

School will be closed for INSET on Friday 20 October 2017. Pupils should return to school after the Half Term Holidays on Monday 30 October 2017.

October Half Term - Monday 23 October 2017 to Friday 27 October 2017 *SCHOOL CLOSED

School will be closed for October Half Term from Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October 2017. Pupils will be returning to a Week 2 Timetable.