



### **Traffic and Cars outside Duncombe**

We are still awaiting support from Islington Council with our suggestions for traffic calming around the school. The children have asked us to make the road outside Duncombe one-way from Hatchard Road to Sussex Way. We have also requested to close the road outside school during school time, other than residents leaving, for an hour in the morning and an hour in the afternoon. Parents are concerned about exhaust fumes, busy traffic, several near misses and even some children being hit by cars whilst trying to cross the road and enter school. Parents may be aware of the conflict that has been arisen

between pedestrians and drivers.

### **Air Quality Project**

The children are currently measuring the amount of air pollution around Duncombe and will present their findings when we return after half term.

### **Governors' Actions**

Our Governors have asked me to report to our parents on the action points from each area that that they are responsible for in the school, e.g. finance. These can be viewed on the attachment.

### **School Money System for Payments Online**

A reminder that, Duncombe is now a completely cashless school. Parents will have

to make all payments online for school activities such as school trips, school uniform and after school clubs. With the exception of Tuck Shop, parents will no longer have to find the correct change or have to write cheques. To ensure we experience the maximum benefit from this service, we are requesting that all parents notify the school office of any changes to their mobile numbers or email addresses.

### **School Uniform Reminder!**

We will be focusing heavily on children wearing the correct uniform to school. Your child may be sent home from school if they are not wearing the appropriate uniform.

**Trainers or boots are**

**not allowed; plain black shoes must be worn.** We have attached a copy of our uniform list for you to refer to. Please also remember that only sensible haircuts are permitted at Duncombe. **NO** cut-out designs, Mohawks or coloured hair are allowed. Jewellery must not be worn to school, with the exception of small stud earrings.

**Tesco Uniform Service**  
Please find attached a flyer with details on how you can order your child's uniform directly from Tesco. Please note, uniform purchased from them cannot be exchanged or returned at Duncombe.

**Valentine's Disco**  
Many thanks go to all of our parents and staff that helped make our Valentine's disco such a success. I am very grateful to staff and parents for giving up their time to benefit Duncombe Children.

**Tummy Bugs hit Islington Schools**  
We are aware of several Islington Schools who have been affected with a tummy bug and diarrhoea. We always ensure that our school is cleaned intensely each day and are doing our best to ensure all at Duncombe wash their hands regularly.

#### **Designated Safeguarding Lead & Deputy Lead**

If you have any concerns concerning a child, you may discuss this with Mr O'Shea, our Designated Safeguarding Lead or alternatively Teresa Maskell, our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

#### **SWES**

Please find attached a copy of the activities that will be held at SWES next half term. Please remember all payments are to be made through our School Money system. Please speak to Tina, Nicky or Kerry in the office if you have a problem logging on. A saving of between £1.00

and £2.50 per day will be made by paying in advance. Alternatively there is a daily drop in charge of £11.00 per day per child regardless of finishing time (5:00pm – 5:55pm )

#### **Birthday Treats**

We have decided that it is no longer safe for children to walk around school to share sweets and chocolate with staff and other year groups. They are still allowed to bring in sweets, cake and chocolates but we must now confine all edible treats to the classroom only and they should only be brought into school if the class teacher has given consent. Unfortunately, many children in the school have allergies, some of which are severe and life threatening. Seeking consent prior to bringing goodies into school should prevent any accidents occurring as the teacher is able to assess the health needs of all children in their class. Please ensure you always discuss this matter with your child's teacher

before considering giving any food items to your child to bring into school.

### **Late Fines at Duncombe**

Would parents and carers please note the charges for our late fines: If children are not collected by 3:45pm, a £5.00 per child fine continues from 3.45pm – 4.30pm. However, if a child is still not collected between 4.30pm – 5.30pm the charge per child increases to £7.50 and if still uncollected between 5.30pm – 6.00pm, £10.00 will be charged. In the unlikely event any child is still not collected by this time and their parents have not been contactable they will be taken to Islington Social Services.

### **World Book Day Celebrations**

We are celebrating World Book Day on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018. The theme for the day will be a character from your child's favourite author. If you or your child would like to dress up we would

love to see your efforts. The author Charlie Higson will be visiting Duncombe that day. He is the author of the young James Bond series.

### **End of School Day**

Please note that the school gates will **not be open to parents until 3.25pm**. This is to ensure the safety of our children who may be using the playground and to stop intruders trying to enter the school premises. Please do not ask to enter the playgrounds until this time, as you may be asked to leave. Help us to keep your children safe!

### **Parents' Evening**

A reminder that Parents' Evening will be held on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018**. You should have received a text or email asking you to book an appointment using the online system.