



Communication is a priority for us once again this year, we will communicate to parents and carers using **School Ping**. In addition, we use **Twitter and Instagram** to share what's going on within the Academy daily. Please make sure you are following us **@Darlinghurstsch** on Twitter and **@DarlinghurstAcademy** on Instagram

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

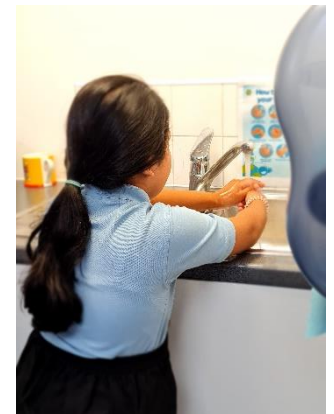
A very warm welcome to all our families as we begin the new academic year and the awaited return of all our children. Wednesday was a monumental day for us all and on behalf of all the staff here at Darlinghurst I would like to share that we are delighted to have all our children back with us. Watching our children walk back through the gates has been such a pleasure, all a little taller and with their stories to tell. Children within their bubbles have happily reunited with their friends and have enjoyed engaging in resettling activities together, discussing experiences, their favourite things and ambitions for the future. They have engaged in PHSE lessons, using scenarios and images to consider emotions and behaviour. The children have all settled so well into their new learning environments and have displayed amazing confidence in adapting to the changes they face in the classroom and across the school. The children have adapted really well to new routines and demonstrated their keenness to begin the academic year. We are very proud of them all.

An essential element of establishment week has been focused on the health, safety and routines around the academy. During class assemblies they discussed the importance of hand hygiene, measures and behaviour expectations – particularly the eight essential expectations. Please take some time to discuss these and the home school agreement with your child.

I am looking forward to this academic year, supporting our children to further develop their knowledge and skills to succeed in this continuously changing world.

As always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls, Principal















Message from the Vice Principal

It was wonderful to see all the children back at the academy this week. All through lockdown the academy seemed so quiet and our purpose as teachers at school seemed out of sorts. Being back with the children has renewed our purpose to come in each day and teach these wonderful children. Speaking to the children, I have noticed how tall they have grown, how smart they look and how happy they all seem to be – smiles greet me each day. So wonderful! The children have reminded each other of how to deal with any worries, to know what good learning looks like and they have been creative in adapting playground games so they are safe. We have shared ups and downs of Covid-19 and a way forward with our key word being patience. Thank you to all the parents and carers for your support and patience during this challenging time. We are so lucky at Darlinghurst to have such a supportive and positive community. I am so excited about the future and look forward to continue supporting the families here at Darlinghurst.

Mrs Hahn, Vice Principal

1.	I will come to school in my uniform and arrive on time	
2.	I will tell an adult if I am feeling unwell	
3.	I will wash my hands regularly when I am reminded to	
4.	I will keep to the social distancing rule of 2 metres	
5.	I will "catch it, bin it, kill it."	 <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"> <p>CATCH IT </p> <p>BIN IT </p> <p>KILL IT </p> </div>
6.	I will only use equipment that is mine and will have my own water bottle	 
7.	I will remain in my bubble/zone and follow the markings, signs and posters in and around the academy	 
8.	I will treat others with patience and respect	<p>RESPECT</p>  



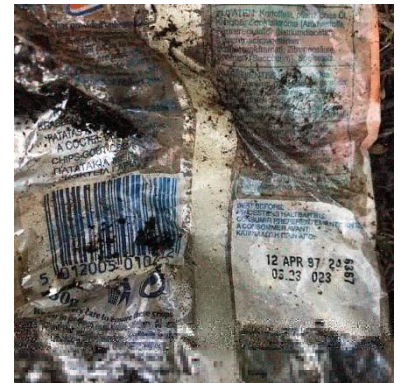
Answers to FAQ and Key information

- School shoes are to be worn every day. PE shoes are to remain in school.
- Children are to wear PE kits until further notice on their PE day.
- Labelled drink bottles are essential every day.
- Continue to follow morning and afternoon routines, using signage and designated spaces for drop off and collection. Until the children pass through the gates, they remain in your care.
- Whilst direct contact with a class teacher is limited any important messages can be passed on via generalenquiries@darlinghurst.co.uk alternatively please use the school telephone number to speak to a member of staff who will endeavour to help.
- Contact with the office team remains via telephone and email correspondence only.
- Any ICT/technical questions please continue to contact ict@darlinghurst.co.uk
- DB Primary remains an important online resource, please ensure that your child knows their user name and log in details.

Litter Picking

I spent a large part of my summer holidays litter picking. I run a litter picking group in Castle Point and my volunteers and I help clean up our local parks, woodland and streets. Over the bank holiday weekend, one of my volunteers stumbled across this crisp packet.

As you can see, the crisp packet has a best before date of 1997 which means it's 23 years old! Other than being a bit dirty and faded, it is still intact. This has really hit the message home to me about plastics – actually seeing something so old and so well intact presents the reality of plastic pollution but also the importance of slogans like “reduce, reuse and recycle”.



The Eco-team and I have worked hard to reduce crisp packet waste by joining the TerraCycle scheme where we can send off any crisp packets we collect in school to be recycled into plastic pellets. We also collect used pens which we send to William Reed School on Canvey who have joined up for the Terracycle Scheme for recycling pens. Please remember that used crisp packets, pens and batteries can be kept until we are ready for when we can start accepting them again. If you are interested in recycling other items which are covered under the Terracycle Scheme, you can check out where you can take these items here:

https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/about-terracycle/recycle_your_waste

Please don't hesitate to contact me regarding ways in which you can reduce waste and I am more than happy to support you and your family.

Mrs Powell

Celebrating Excellence

Rudi and Travis completed the Library Reading Challenge all online.



Academy Uniform



School Uniform Direct continue to supply uniform to the home at a reduced delivery rate. Returns will still need to be sent direct from your home too. As a reminder please follow uniform expectations including the PE kit. School Uniform Direct supply PE jumpers for the Autumn and Winter periods, children should not wear a hoody or a sports jacket. Hair accessories need to be in school colours (no large bows). Black school shoes are a uniform requirement and should not feature any other colour, insignia or designs.



We are looking to appoint a parent governor to join our governing body who is committed to academy development and sustaining positive relationships. The individual requires a number of skills: a strong commitment to their role, be naturally inquisitive with good inter-personal skills, have a willingness to learn and have the ability to question and analyse. People with experience in business, HR or health and safety, would be particularly useful to complete the skills of our existing governing body.

If you are interested in supporting us in shaping the future of our children, we would invite you to express an interest to the Trust Clerk, Julie Lapslie, at the following email address julie.lapslie@blueyonder.co.uk by Friday 11th November 2020. Following the submission of this expression of interest there will be an opportunity to find out more information about the role from the Governing Board.

Please note that if there is more than one applicant for this position a formal election process is required to be undertaken.

Vertas Catering at Darlinghurst

Vertas want to ensure all parents that they have the appropriate measures in place -

Social distancing - Working in small teams - Sanitising and cleaning every surface after use.

If any parents have dietary needs for their children that they would like to discuss with the catering manager, please email generalenquiries@darlinghurst.co.uk

Safeguarding

Please see below an extract from our September Safeguarding newsletter – Keeping our children safe on-line. To read the full document, please visit our website.

WWW Approach - do you know WHO your child is talking to online, WHAT they are doing online and WHERE they are going online ?

Parenting in the Digital Age doesn't need to be overwhelming. It isn't so different to parenting in the offline world. Use the **WWW approach** and make sure you know:

WHO your child is talking to online

WHAT they are doing online, and

WHERE they are going online

WHO

In the offline world, you want to know who your children are talking to and who they might be contacted by. It's even more important online where people may not always be who they seem, and advice received online can seem persuasive even when it's bad advice. There are plenty of things you can do to help your children manage **WHO** they interact with online.

WHAT

As parents we all know that children push the boundaries in the real world. Online is just the same. They can be led into doing things 'for a laugh' or because of peer pressure – so you'll want to keep yourself informed. Find out **WHAT** your child is doing online – are they sharing pictures of themselves, are they always kind to other people online, do they 'hack' their friends' accounts or post comments on YouTube?

Children shop online, just like adults, but they may find it harder to spot a scam. They might not know that it's illegal to download some things, like films and music from pirate sites.

WHERE

There are places you wouldn't like your children to go in the offline world. The betting shop, an 'adult' cinema or nightclub. There are similar risks online. As well as talking to your children about where they go online, you need to think about some rules and make some decisions.