



Dane Court Grammar School Parent /guardian Newsletter



Week beginning 28 September 2020

Week A

Notices

Duke of Edinburgh expedition training will be on Monday 28th September at 3.30-4.30pm.
Issue of equipment for the expedition on 3rd/4th October. Meet in D10 to be registered.
Last call for return of completed medical forms

Congratulations to Rebecca Elsley (9B), Daisy Marsh (9D) and Summer-Louise Wiffen (8S), who all had their second set of trials at the weekend for the U14s Kent School FA County football selection. All three girls were selected to play for the team and not only represent their school but also their County.

European Day of Languages

The Languages department are running two competitions to celebrate the European Day of Languages on the 26th of September for years 7 and 8.

There is a virtual escape room with some activities to complete on greetings from across the world, as well as our creative 'Languages Rock' competition, for which students design a pebble that represents a language that they are learning or a language that they speak at home.

The deadline for entries is the 7th October. There will be merits and prizes for the best entries.

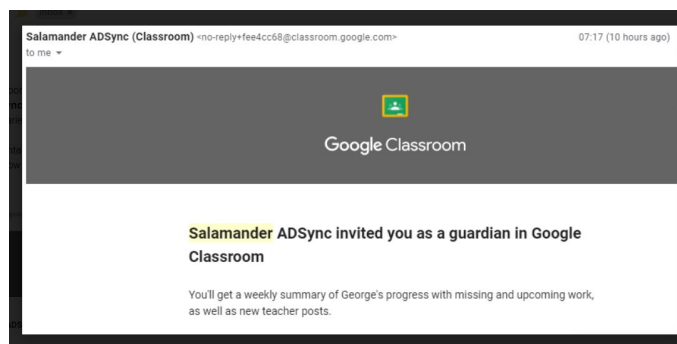
General

Google Classroom

We are using google classroom to set homework and also to provide work missed, owing to illness. Students log in to Google Classroom using their school email address and password.

Parents/Guardians only receive an email summary of work that has been assigned/due. Those summary emails are sent from the email account called **Salamander ADSync**.

An example of the original invitation email sent to Parents/Guardians is below. There's a blue button you need to click to complete the process and you are asked to choose whether you want to receive daily or weekly summaries.



Please note, only the primary contact email addresses we hold for students are used and this process is automated. If you have not received the invitation from **Salamander ADSync** or have accepted and are not receiving email summaries then please let us know and we can try sending a new invitation: itservices@danecourt.kent.sch.uk

ID cards/Lanyards

The ID card system is working well and the majority of our students are remembering to wear their lanyards at all times. It is a hygienic way to pay for food at the canteen, and supports the organisation of year group zones and bubbles, so thank you for your continued support of this system.

We have had a few lost lanyards this term and the school will replace the first lost card, but please note that students will be charged £3 for each further replacement card.

Appointments during the school day:

If your child has a medical appointment or a pre-arranged meeting will you please either call the school office or email admin@danecourt.kent.sch.uk to inform us.

We will expect your child to be picked up by a parent/guardian, from the school office. If your child is Year 10 above and you wish for them to attend the appointment unaccompanied, we will require advanced notice of this.

Forgotten items

A reminder that we cannot accept forgotten PE kits/books/mobile phones/ lunches etc. at the office at present. If your son/daughter forgets their packed lunch, they will be able to buy lunch from the canteen using Wisepay. To avoid queuing, we are asking parents to load money onto their child's Wisepay account remotely rather than send them in with cash to load onto their account in school.

School Uniform

Please can parents ensure that students are wearing appropriate layers. We are allowing students to wear coats in the classroom, but not hats, gloves, scarves or hoods up. The weather is likely to get colder soon but we are continuing to have classroom windows and doors open to ensure proper ventilation of classrooms, as this is a key safety measure to prevent COVID-19 transmission.



Department for Education Information.

Translation of guidance for parents and carers on early years providers, schools and colleges in the autumn term

The guidance is now available in the following languages:

Please click on the link for the translation.

- [Arabic](#)
- [Bengali](#)
- [Chinese – traditional](#)
- [Chinese – simplified](#)
- [French](#)
- [Gujarati](#)
- [Polish](#)
- [Portuguese](#)
- [Punjabi](#)
- [Romany](#)

- › [Somali](#)
- › [Turkish](#)
- › [Urdu](#)

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline is available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline by calling:

Phone: 0800 046 8687 Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm
Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm