

This email is for parents of students in Preschool to Year 13.

Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed a restful half term break and are all enjoying the cooler weather! It has been great to welcome our children/students back to school full time this half term, we are already seeing the benefits in the children/students on a daily basis in their social interaction and confidence.

We continue to comply with all MoE guidance and continually receive unannounced visits from MoE officials to check on our Covid procedures and protocols, of which the feedback has been excellent. Our ECA programme, as much as we would love to hold in school face to face unfortunately has to remain virtual until further notice. As soon as the MoE eases this particular restriction we will inform all parents and make the necessary adjustments. This is a vital element of our school and we are keen for all ECA's to return to normal as soon as possible.

Parent Survey Findings

Thank you to the many parents who participated in the parental survey, we received many responses and were delighted with the overwhelmingly positive feedback. Find below links to a summary report from the previous survey in 2020 and the most recent 2021 survey. This feedback is vital for the senior leaders of the school to identify areas for development and improvement.

Summary Report Parental Survey 2021

Drop off/Pick up

Those parents who drop/pick up children/students from outside the main school entrance will have noticed the improvements we have tried to implement to ease the traffic congestion and make it much smoother and safer. Thank you for the many parents who have spoken to myself personally and to other staff on how positive the changes have been; your feedback is greatly appreciated. In response to a number of parents requesting the possibility of DBS outsourcing a local school bus company, as a further means to reducing congestion, please click <u>here</u> to express your personal views on this matter. We will endeavour to explore this option for parents.

Social media

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We continue to have a high presence on social media, sharing with you and the wider school community all that is going on at DBS. The school website is also a source of information with updated policies, newsletters and information that parents may find useful.

DBS Facebook Page DBS Instagram Page

Dates for the diary

Primary:

TalkBoost Workshop	Tuesday 9 th November 2021
Pre-recorded Phonics Parent Workshop	Thursday 4th November 2021
Pre-recorded Reading Parent Workshop	Thursday 11th November 2021
Supporting Well-Being in Children and Young People	Monday 1st November 2021
Reports Published - Year 1 to Year 6	Sunday 5th December 2021
Parent Consultations - PS - Year 6	Tuesday 7th December 2021

Secondary:

Year 10 and Year 13 Reports	Sunday 7 th November 2021
Parent Talk with the Counsellors (The Teenage Brain)	Tuesday 9 th November 2021
Year 13 Parent's Evening	Wednesday 10 th November 2021
Year 9 Reports	Sunday 28 th November 2021
MUN Parents Conference	Wednesday 1 st December 2021
Year 12 Reports	Sunday 5 th December 2021
Year 12 Parents Evening	Wednesday 8 th December 2021
Year 7 and Year 8 Reports	Sunday 12 th December 2021

As always if you would like to get in touch with any member of the school senior leadership team then please use the normal lines of communication.

Best wishes,

Paul Sherlock Principal

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