



Dovelands

Primary School

Newsletter

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A message from the headteacher...

Hello all,

Although it seems like some time ago now, I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas break and I wish you a very happy new year.



It is great to be in school full time again and thank you so much for the warm welcome back to school. A big thank you must also go to Miss Williams and the team who did a fabulous job in my absence.

In this month's newsletter, I wanted to remind you of who are the Safeguarding leads in school. One of us will always be available should you wish to raise any concerns or seek any support regarding Safeguarding and welfare.

Miss Slinger—Headteacher—**Designated Safeguarding Lead**

Miss Newby (Inclusion Lead), Miss Bolton (Assistant Headteacher), Miss O'Connell (Assistant Headteacher), Miss Williams (Deputy Headteacher) and Miss Harris (Pastoral Support Lead)—**Deputy Designated Safeguarding leads**

As you'll be aware, we have an ongoing issue with parking around the school site. Thank you to those of you who are committed to ensuring the area around school is safe for our children by respecting parking and traffic rules. We continue to work with the police and the council with the aim to improve this and I am collating evidence of dangerous parking to share with them.

Finally, a quick reminder about PE kit and uniform. Children are to wear all black for PE. A full outline of our uniform policy can be found on the school website.

Have a brilliant weekend and thank you as always for your continued support.

Miss Slinger

We are kind
We are respectful
We are brave
We are aspirational
We belong



Parent Talk at Parents' Evening



Parent Talk

We're pleased to share that a representative from Parent Talk will be joining us at Parents' Evening on **Thursday 5th March**, to offer information and support to our families.

Parent Talk provides free, confidential online support for parents on a wide range of topics including family relationships, behaviour, school and education, child development, and mental health, with advice and coaching available via webchat or WhatsApp.

This is a great chance to learn more about the service and get helpful tips and support directly from the team.

Support for Families – Important Update

The Household Support Fund has now been fully used, so no new applications can be made. However, support is still available for families who may need help with money, food, energy bills, rent, or Council Tax.

You can access support through:

Council Tax Support: www.leicester.gov.uk/makeaclaim

Help with rent or Council Tax arrears: www.leicester.gov.uk/dhps

Community Support Grant (food or energy bills): www.leicester.gov.uk/csg

Citizens Advice LeicesterShire: 0808 278 7970

Looking ahead, a new Crisis and Resilience Fund will launch in April 2026, offering continued support for families. We will share more information as it becomes available.



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Parent webinars on county lines and criminal exploitation (Iverson Trust)

The Iverson Trust (formerly Pace) is a national charity working to keep children safe from exploitation by supporting parents, disrupting exploiters, and working in partnership with police and family services. Their work is grounded in a trauma-informed, family-centred approach. During March 2026, the Iverson Trust is delivering a series of live webinars for parents and carers focused on county lines and criminal exploitation. The sessions help parents understand how exploitation happens, how children can be groomed, what warning signs to look out for, and where to access advice and support. Each webinar includes local context, time for questions, and input from a parent with lived experience. More information and booking details are available at: <https://iversontrust.org.uk/webinars/>

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Children's Mental Health Week. 9th to 15th February 2026

The theme this year is **"This is My Place"** which is based around belonging and how we can feel a sense of belonging and help others feel like they belong.

We will be fundraising to support the work of Place2Be. On Friday 13th February we will be having a **"Come as yourself"** dress up event. By getting involved and raising money, you can make a massive difference and help ensure that no child has to face mental health problems alone. Please donate whatever you can afford to support their work.

