

**HIGHER WALTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**HOME / SCHOOL AGREEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER IN THE LIGHT OF COVID-19**

This '**Home-School Agreement**' has been created with our pupils, staff, families and wider community at its heart, to ensure the safe opening of our school in September for all children and staff.

Over the past few months we have seen the world change around us. Classroom layouts, staggered start, play, lunch and home times will all be new to the children. We will always do our best to ensure that we support your child to feel safe and cared for- this agreement goes some way towards this.

Being prepared needs to start at home. Please discuss the new formats to the school day and changes they can expect in school before they return. A social story is provided for you to support this. If, at any point, your child becomes distressed at the situation around them and their own well-being or mental health appear to be affected then please do talk to us as we will you.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. You will be asked to confirm on Parentmail that you have read it and discussed it with your child prior to their return.

### **SCHOOL**

#### **The school will do its best to:**

- Provide an environment which has been risk assessed in response to COVID-19 infection;
- Adhere to social distancing measures as set out by the government as much as we reasonably can;
- Follow an enhanced cleaning regime and ensure children regularly wash their hands
- Provide a curriculum that meets children's well-being, mental health and academic needs;
- Contact parents/carers if your child displays symptoms of COVID-19;
- Inform you if your child has been a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 as this will mean your child needs to be tested and to self-isolate for 14 days
- Communicate relevant information received from the local health board
- Continue our clear and consistent approach to rewards and sanctions for children as set out in the Behaviour Policy
- Continue to communicate between home and school through Parentmail and the school website.
- Always put the safety and welfare of our pupils, staff and community at the heart of its decision making

### **PARENT**

#### **To help my child at school, I know and understand that:**

- I will keep my child at home if they are feeling unwell
- My family must abide by the "test and trace" system and isolate if contacted
- If my child, or anyone in my household, shows symptoms of COVID-19, I will not send them to school, we will self-isolate for 14 days as a family, I will get them tested and I will let the school know as soon as possible via telephone, parentmail or email;
- If my child shows symptoms of COVID-19 at school, I will collect my child from school immediately;
- Only one parent is allowed on the school site with their child
- On our journey and when dropping my child off and picking them up, I will adhere to social distancing rules
- When dropping off and picking up, I will park considerately, stick strictly to the school timings for my child's class, and keep my child by my side.
- I will leave the school site swiftly at the start and end of the school day
- My child must not bring any items into school with them or take items home from school (other than a packed lunch, water bottle, coat/sunhat, and book bag on library book changing day)
- Any forgotten items cannot be brought later and taken down to the child
- I will remind my child about social distancing rules but accept they are difficult to follow and that my child may not always do this successfully;
- My child will need to use good respiratory and hand hygiene;
- I will not be allowed into the school without a pre- arranged appointment made via telephone or email;
- I need to support all staff in their efforts to create an 'as safe as possible' environment;
- I need to inform the school immediately of any changes to parents/carers and emergency contacts details;
- My child will dress appropriately for school in uniform (or PE kit on PE days)

## **CHILD**

### **I will do my best to:**

- Keep to safe distancing rules in school and on the playground;
- Tell an adult if I feel unwell;
- Only use the equipment provided to me by school and not touch other people's belongings
- Only enter and exit the school building from my classroom door;
- Follow good respiratory hygiene: coughing and sneezing into elbow or tissue(catch it-bin it-kill it)
- Follow good hand hygiene –use soap and water for 20 seconds/hand sanitiser regularly during the day;
- Behave well at all times to maintain the safety of others;
- Stay with my parent at the start of the day and at hometime until I leave the school site
- Remember that these changes are about keeping everyone safe, including me.  
This is why I must do my best to keep safe distancing and only play with and talk to those in my class.