

Higher Walton CE Primary School

Autumn term 1

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WEEKLY UPDATE

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REMINDERS AND UPDATES!

In order to keep everyone safe, please can we remind you to:-

- keep to the social distancing guidelines and follow the one-way system around school which is designed to keep parents from different classes separate.
- keep as closely as you can to our staggered start and end times. When you arrive at school, you are welcome to wait on the playground in sight of your class's door/gate rather than gathering on the carpark or at the top of the steps but please keep socially distanced from other parents. Please wait on the tarmac playground rather than the flagged areas by the school building to leave this free for people passing through.
- leave the site swiftly and do not stop to talk to other parents anywhere on the school site.
- keep children with you whilst waiting to come into school in the morning. Many children have been observed using the slide and forest school area before school this week and as this has the potential for 'bubbles' to mix we would ask for your support in this matter.

Home/School agreement and return to school booklet - These will be issued again to those parents who have not replied. Within the text of the email we have issued a read receipt code which must be used when completing the ParentMail form. This is so we can ensure you have received the email.

Library book changing day - Book changing day will be Friday. This is the only day children will need their book bags. They can use a school book bag or another bag of a similar size that will keep books flat.

Absences - Please report absences on ParentMail giving the full reason for the absence, especially where this is illness related.

Illness - The NHS advises that if a child has mild cold-like symptoms (sore throats and blocked or runny noses) they should continue to go to school as long as they are feeling well in themselves and do not have a fever. Please remind them about the use of tissues and to 'catch it, bin it, kill it'. With regards to coughs, a new continuous cough (this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours) is a potential symptom of Coronavirus and we advise that children stay off school until it is certain that no other symptoms have developed.

Collecting children early - whilst appointments should be made outside of school hours wherever possible, we appreciate this cannot always be arranged. Therefore, if you need to collect your child from school before their finish time please make us aware you are here by either telephoning or by knocking on the outside windows of the offices either side of the front door and then wait outside. We will then collect your child and see them out to you.

Dogs - Please remember that dogs are not allowed on the school site. As well as the potential for dog mess to be left, some people are genuinely frightened by the sight of or by being in close contact with dogs.

Playtime snacks - whilst we are currently unable to run our usual tuck shop, children in the juniors are allowed to bring a small fruit/vegetable snack. Children on packed lunches should keep these in their lunch bags, children on school meals should bring these in a small snack box to be kept on the packed lunch trolley. Infant children receive a piece of fruit each day as part of the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme.

Robinwood - invitations were sent out last week by ParentMail form to those children who hadn't previously requested a place. If you haven't already replied to this invitation, please do so by 9am on Monday 14th September even if your child does not wish to attend.

NEWSLETTERS

We will now be using our new website to share news with you rather than sending out lengthy newsletters. We now have a new 'Blog' feature where we will share what the children have been doing in school and diary dates will be in the calendar section of the website. Important/urgent information will continue to be sent to you by ParentMail and general weekly reminders and updates will be sent on a Friday. Please have a look and bookmark our site - www.walton.lancs.sch.uk. We will continue to update our Facebook page too with news from school.