



## WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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“Children are at the centre of all we do”

February 26<sup>th</sup> 2021

Dear Parent,

### **Full Reopening of School**

School will reopen to all pupils on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. We can't wait to see everyone! The following information will help you to prepare your child for this restart.

#### **Attendance at school**

Attendance at school is compulsory from 8<sup>th</sup> March for all pupils unless they are ill or shielding. If your child is shielding, please provide us with a copy of the letter sent to clinically extremely vulnerable children to ensure fixed penalty notices are not issued by the Local Authority. Attendance at school will result in children and families following local health protection team advice given. This includes track and trace; isolation, bubble closure and possibly whole school closure. Please check Dojo daily and **have an alternative emergency plan in place.**

#### **Illness**

Please do not send your child to school if they are not well. In addition to Covid, there are many other bugs around. We are working hard to keep regular staff with your child to prevent the spread of germs but this is not possible if staff are off poorly.

#### **Covid**

Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school for at least 10 days if:

- they have one or more coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms.
- a member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble if they have one) has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms.
- they need to quarantine having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area.
- they have had a positive test.

Should you have **any Covid test results**, please share these with us using

**[covid@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:covid@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk)** so that we can alert Health England and all families as soon as possible to any contact (within 48 hours) that has taken place. Emails are checked daily, including weekends, to identify cases of children at school and home.

#### **Covid testing in school for staff**

Asymptomatic staff members are voluntarily testing themselves twice weekly to minimise the spread of Covid in school. We have, thankfully, had negative results so far. These tests will keep your child safer but may result in bubbles having to close and pupils isolate from school. Negative tests do not remove the risk of transmission.

#### **Children working at home**

Thank you to Morrison's who helped provide pizzas to children working at home this week. We appreciate the hard work done by pupils and parents homeschooling and can't wait to welcome all children back to school.

### **What to bring from March 8th**

Regulations state that children should not bring bags or anything extra from home. All children will need a named water bottle (containing water only), a fruit snack if wished and pack up or lunch money if needed. They will need wellies and forest school clothing everyday. They should wear PE kit to school on days when they have PE sessions. We are still ventilating classrooms with fresh air so children should wear additional layers to keep warm.

### **School drop off**

School will open for children to arrive from 8.30 to 8.45 each day. This gradual start will allow for social distancing. Parents should see their children into school from the gate please. Please phone school if you have any messages.

### **School dinners**

School dinners are available for all children from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please see the menu on the school website for details. It will be Week 3 when school reopens. Please pay by ParentPay or send money in a named envelope with your child to their classroom.

### **PE lessons**

Physical education lessons will resume in school.

Pupils in Badger Wood will need to come to school in PE kit on Tuesdays.

Pupils in Keeper Wood will need to come to school in PE kit on Mondays.

Pupils in Farthing Wood will need to come to school in PE kit on Thursdays.

All pupils will have Forest School sessions on Fridays each week.

### **End of School**

Pupils using school transport will be taken to the waiting taxi.

Pupils in Keeper Wood and Farthing Wood with permission to leave independently will leave school at 3.25pm.

Pupils in Badger Wood and older pupils without permission to leave alone should be collected from the playground by 1 adult per family at 3.30pm. Adults should wait in cars until then, please do not gather at the school gate. Adults should wear facemasks and practise social distancing.

All cars should have left the village by 3.45 to prevent people congregating. HSE guidance states that if parents do not follow these rules, pupils will be asked to be dropped off and collected from the office each day to prevent mixing with others.

### **After School Club**

Please book ahead if possible for our after school club. The club runs Monday to Thursday each week. If families are using this, guidance says they should only access 1 other out of school childcare setting to prevent the spread of germs.

### **Homework**

Homework in Badger Wood will restart after Easter. Homework in Keeper Wood and Farthing Wood will restart from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March to encourage expected learning habits.

### **Contacting School**

To reduce face to face contact, please contact teachers on Dojo for learning questions.

The office can be contacted on 01944 728286 for the fastest response. School can be emailed on [admin@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk) and these emails are usually checked daily.

**Co-opted Governor Vacancy**

We have a vacancy for a volunteer governor. If you know of anybody locally who would like to guide and support the direction of the school, please ask them to contact school.

**World Book Day**

World Book Day will be held this year on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March. We will not be fully reopen to all pupils on this date so have planned to bring events to your homes. Please see the separate letter on the website for details of activities commencing from Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February.

**Red Nose Day**

School will host a non-uniform day for Comic Relief on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Children are invited to wear non uniform clothes suitable for forest schools that day and bring a cash donation on 19<sup>th</sup> March please. This will be quarantined for 48 hours for safety.

**Further updates**

We are looking forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please get in touch if you need any further support until we are able to welcome everyone back.

Take care and stay safe.

Rachel Wells,  
Headteacher

“The school’s work to promote pupil’s personal development and welfare is  
outstanding”

OfSTED inspection, February 2019