



WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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“Children are at the centre of all we do”

Dear Parent,

I hope this letter updates you with arrangements at Heslerton School based upon what we currently know.

Support for families

West Heslerton staff pride themselves on the support and care offered to all families. Please reach out to us to help should you need any support during these uncertain times.

Online learning

School is providing online learning for children at home. This will be published on Dojo in the class story section for each class. Resources for children to use will be regularly added in the individual portfolio section. Pupils will send their teachers their work in this section too. It is a national expectation that all children will complete the work set. Please contact us if your child is ill and unable to complete tasks. The same activities will be completed at school by those children whose parents are critical workers.

Critical workers

If your child needs to attend school because a parent is a critical worker, please contact school and we will work to ensure a space is available for your child. Critical workers are defined by the government here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

In school, we are doing everything possible to protect pupils and staff by maintaining our class bubbles and keeping these as small as possible. We would ask that you support our decision to remain open on our own premises by using our facility only when needed and not sending children if they or anyone in your household displays symptoms of Covid.

Catering

Cool Milk for Schools deliveries will cease at the end of this week.

Pupils should bring a water bottle to school for use throughout the day please.

There have been no fruit deliveries so children may wish to bring a piece of fruit for breaktime snack.

Due to shielding catering staff, a choice of packed lunches were provided to pupils requesting school meals today. These are available to all pupils, just book on the day. This

If you require this in a different format, please contact the office

arrangement is likely to continue and we will share more information with you all when we have it.

After School Clubs

Our forest school club will continue to run if there are bookings. Please contact school to book these sessions so that we can plan ahead. Sessions with no current bookings may need to be cancelled. Please book in advance so that we can support your family needs. Gymnastics club will not now run as previously advertised as this is not permitted under new lockdown rules.

Contacting School

Due to limited staffing in the office, we would ask that you contact class teachers via Dojo for learning questions.

The office can be contacted by phone 01944 728286 where an answerphone is available all of the time. This is checked regularly and will provide the fastest response. School can be emailed on admin@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk and these emails are usually checked daily.

If your child is due in school but is not attending due to general illness, please contact school by 9am. This will save us time and worry phoning you to ensure they are safe. If you had a new phone for Christmas or a change in family circumstances, please would you ensure that we have your up to date contact details?

Positive Covid cases

We have been fortunate that no child has tested positive for Covid at present and wish for this situation to continue. Should you have any test results, please share these with us using covid@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk so that we can alert all families as soon as possible to any contact that may have taken place.

Free School Meals

For those children who receive means tested free school meals, we will be in touch via Dojo once details of this scheme are announced.

Further updates

We generally find out changes in regulations at the same time as the rest of the population. We are awaiting clarification of many school practices and will share these details and updates with you all as soon as we can.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Wells, Headteacher



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

OfSTED inspection, February 2019