



WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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“Children are at the centre of all we do”

March 5th 2021

Dear Parent,

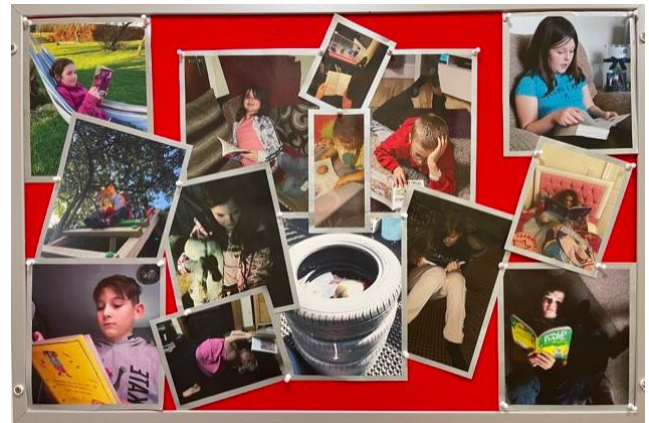
Full Reopening of School

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

World Book Day

Thank you to all those families, both in school and at home, who were able to send a reading photograph to school as requested. Our entrance hall at school looks amazing with so many children enjoying reading at home.

We will send World Book Day vouchers home with each child next Friday. If your child cannot wait, a downloadable voucher to print is with our World Book Day letter on the school website.



Covid

We have been working hard to ensure the health of all at school. We have not had any known cases on the premises. Please help us to continue this. Full and regular risk assessments are in place. Staff will wear masks in areas of school other than the classrooms from March 8th.

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 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

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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.

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 minimise Covid risk but this is not possible if staff are off poorly.

What pupils should 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

Hot school dinners are available for all children from Monday 8th March. Please see the menu on the school website for details. It will be Week 3 when school reopens. Due to food deliveries, Monday's menu will be swapped with Thursdays menu so we will commence with creamy chicken pasta on Monday.

Please pay for lunches by ParentPay or send money in a named envelope with your child to their classroom on Mondays.

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 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, we should ask parents to bring pupils to be dropped off and collected from the office each day to prevent mixing with others. We'd rather not have to do this but will do if necessary.

Homework

Homework in Badger Wood will restart after Easter.

Homework in Keeper Wood and Farthing Wood will restart from Monday 8th March to encourage expected learning habits.

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 minimise contact between settings. We have been asked to share this guidance link with you <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

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 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.

Red Nose Day

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

Welcome back

We can't wait to see everyone back here. We are unable to get too close to each other but a treat awaits every child on Monday. School fund (profit from school fundraisers, photographs, uniform etc) has been used to purchase a lockdown bear for each child. Your child will get to meet their very own cuddly friend on Monday who can give each child a hug for reassurance should this be needed. Bears will come home with your child on Monday for rehoming with each family please. I wonder what each one will be named?



Further updates

We are looking forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 8th March. Please get in touch if you need any further support at any time.

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

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