

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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"Children are at the centre of all we do."

HEADTEACHER UPDATE 5.6.20

SCHOOL PROVISION

Childcare for Key worker children

Heslerton School has remained open throughout the pandemic for children of key workers whilst parents are at work and there is no safe alternative. Childcare is provided for these pupils. If parents have been furloughed but are now returning as key workers, please get in touch on our dedicated booking email to book places: booking@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk

Educational places

On Monday, June 1st we opened to pupils in Pre-reception, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 for lessons to resume. It was lovely to welcome additional pupils back. Attendance is encouraged but not compulsory. To ensure group sizes remain small and within the permitted levels, we would ask for parents to book their child back in to school. This will allow us to plan ahead to ensure everyone's safety. Please be mindful of the need for children to self-isolate should a member of their class bubble test positive for the current virus (details below). To book places for your child, please email booking@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk

CORONAVIRUS

We have had no known cases of coronavirus at Heslerton School.

This is the official guidance should we have a suspected case:

When a child, young person or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus (COVID-19), they should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 7 days. Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days. Staff and pupils qualify for testing for the virus.

Where the child, young person or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class/group within their childcare or education setting should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class/group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

As part of the national test and trace programme, if other cases are detected within the child or young person's cohort or in the wider education or childcare setting, Public Health England's local Health Protection Teams will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise schools and other settings on the most appropriate action to take. In some cases, a larger number of other children and young people may be asked to self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure - perhaps the whole class, site or year group.

Coronavirus symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)

new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.

If your symptoms are mild please do not leave your home. This is called self-isolation.

Anyone with symptoms must self-isolate for 7 days from when their symptoms started.

Anyone who does not have symptoms must self-isolate for 14 days from when the first person in your home started having symptoms.

HOME LEARNING

Work set in school is also set by class teachers for children at home. This can be found on the school website with newsletters. The next class learning newsletters will be published on Friday, June 12th.

Miss Milner can be contacted with Badger Wood learning at bw@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk
Miss Shackley can be contacted with Keeper Wood learning at kw@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk
Mrs Woodward can be contacted with Farthing Wood learning at fw@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk
Mrs Wells can be contacted for support with any other aspect of school, please phone school and leave a message on the answer phone.
Alternatively, please email the office on admin@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk

Y6 TRANSITION DAYS

Due to Corona Virus restrictions, school visits to secondary schools have to be reconsidered. Secondary schools will get in touch with parents directly.

Norton College have published lots of information for children transferring there in September <https://www.nortoncollege.net/year6transition>
We have been asked to encourage the parents and carers of children transferring to Malton School to look on the Malton School website for information for prospective students and "Malton School Connects" going live in a couple of weeks.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Your family situation may have changed due to the current circumstances.

To qualify for free school meals you must fulfil one of the following criteria:

- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods (£616.67 per month);
- Income Support;
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit;
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC); or
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Please note that contributions-based benefits, including contribution-related Jobseekers' Allowance do not entitle you to claim free school meals.

Apply for free school meals

If you meet the criteria, apply here [application form \(docx / 147 KB\)](#).

Applications are usually processed within five working days. You will be notified in writing, either by post or email, if your child is entitled and we will also let the school know. You should continue to pay until confirmation comes through. Schools may be able to arrange reimbursement of payment made while your entitlement is being confirmed.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

Pupils attending school who qualify for school transport need to book their place please with NYCC passenger transport group. The letter on our school website explains how to book and the weekly deadlines in place. Transport needs to be booked for each week.

READING BOOKS AND LIBRARY BOOKS

We would wish to collect in all reading books and library books of pupils who are attending and not attending school. Boxes at the main school entrance and in the playground. Please drop them here as soon as you can so that we can store these to ensure they are germ free and ready for use in September.

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

BADGER WOOD

We are open for Pre-Reception, Reception and Year 1 pupils. We are working hard with Miss Milner and Miss Johnson, spreading out in our large classroom and in the outdoor spaces designed for us. Children attending Badger Wood get a free pack up provided each day.



KEEPER WOOD

Key worker children are enjoying their sessions with Miss Shackley and Mrs Triffitt. We've been designing book covers this week.



FARTHING WOOD

Year 6 pupils are being challenged with presenting lots of data. They are having lessons with Mrs Woodward and Mrs Wardell.



FAMILY LEARNING – A SPACE PROJECT

The UK Space Agency has published a collection of space related educational resources that schools, parents and carers can use when teaching their children at home.

The resources are available here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/space-related-educational-resources-for-home-schooling>

FURTHER PE ACTIVITIES

PE resources are available for staff, parents and pupils to view on the area page of the School Games website -

<https://www.yourschoolgames.com/sgo/lady-lumleys/>

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