

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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“Children are at the centre of all we do.”

RETURN TO SCHOOL SEPTEMBER UPDATE

This letter will be updated as guidance changes, and published on the school website. Please continue to check here so that you and your child are prepared. www.heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk

SCHOOL ARRIVAL

Children will be able to arrive at school between 8.30am and 8.45am. Children in years 1 to 6 should be dropped off in the village or at the school gate and wait on the playground in their class bubbles, a member of staff will be on duty. Badger Wood staff will meet reception parents and children in the playground to take the children to their classroom.

CLASS GROUPS

We have created class bubbles and reorganised classrooms to help keep everyone safe.

Children in years 5 and 6 will be taught in Farthing Wood by Mrs Bickerton and Mrs Wardell. Pupils and staff will be dedicated to this group and not mix with other groups in school.

Children in years 3 and 4 will be taught in Keeper Wood by Miss Shackley and Mrs Triffitt. Pupils and staff will be dedicated to this group and not mix with other groups in school.

Children in pre-reception, reception and year 1 will be taught in Badger Wood by Mrs Woodward, Miss Johnson and Mrs Taylor-Barber. Pupils and staff will be dedicated to this group and not mix with other groups in school.

Whole school assemblies will not take place. Worship will be in class, without singing.

BREAK TIMES

Break times will be spent in designated areas on the field or in classrooms if wet. All children will need wellies and coats to access their class area on the field to encourage social distancing.

Play equipment is not being used.

SNACKS AND DRINKS

No snacks will be available at break times. Please send all children with fruit and a named water bottle. Cool Milk will resume deliveries as soon as possible to children aged 4 and those who have paid for milk.

END OF DAY

Children using school transport will be seen to the taxi at 3.25pm by a member of staff.

Children in years 3 – 6 (Keeper Wood and Farthing Wood), will leave school at 3.25pm and walk to the place that parents have agreed to meet them in the village. They will be reminded to socially distance during this walk. A permission to leave school form has been issued to pupils new to year 3 and those who have not completed one previously. Please return this to school by the first day of term for this to take effect.

Badger Wood children will wait in the playground at 3.30pm for collection by parents. Only one parent per family should attend, following the directions given and social distancing must be maintained.

WHAT TO BRING

Children should bring their named Forest School kit to school, including wellies, as we will be making the most of the outside space. These will be kept in school as will be used most days.

All children should have a named water bottle that they will use during the day, including lunch times. Children should bring book bags if they have them. Reception children will be given a school book bag. Children in Keeper Wood and Farthing Wood will be issued with a homework bag. This is so that children may take home their reading books. All children should bring a coat which will be kept on the back of their chair.

A P.E. kit will not be needed in school initially.

Please leave everything else at home. This is to stop the spread of germs.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

This club will run from Tuesday, September 8th. Bubbles will be maintained during activities. Staff will sign out the children to minimise contact at the end of the session.

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

PACK UPS

Pupils who bring their own pack up will eat with their class. Fridge storage will not be available due to the risks of sharing, therefore pack ups will be stored in the classrooms to maintain the class bubbles.

CORONA SYMPTOMS

Pupils, staff and other adults should not come into school if they have COVID-19 symptoms, or have tested positive in the last 10 days. Pupils, students and staff who feel unwell should get tested if they develop one or more of the main symptoms:

a high temperature

a new, continuous cough

the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell, or they are recommended to get tested by a healthcare provider (e.g. GP or nurse).

If a pupil, student or staff member develops one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms described above, only they should be tested. There is no need for their households to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic. All children can be tested, including children under 5, using a home testing kit. Anyone developing these symptoms during the school day will be isolated and sent home.

Staff will wear PPE to support children in isolation.

The NHS Test & Trace will be used if anyone who has attended school were to test positive.

Parents and staff are pleased asked to inform the school immediately of the results of any tests.

FACE COVERINGS

Pupils and staff are not required to wear face coverings. Those who choose to use them are required to remove face coverings on arrival at school.

Pupils under the age of 11 are not required to wear a face mask on school transport but may do so should they wish.

Pupils that arrive wearing a face covering must remove it, must wash their hands immediately on arrival (as is the case for all pupils), dispose of temporary face coverings in a covered bin or place reusable face coverings in a plastic bag they can take home with them, and then wash their hands again before heading to their classroom.

SCHOOL MEALS

Cooked meals will be available for all children from Tuesday 8th September. Pupils in Badger Wood will eat in the school hall from 11.50am. Food will be plated up and served by school staff.

Pupils in Keeper Wood and Farthing Wood will eat at noon. Food will be served by school staff.

SCHOOL CLOSURE

If we find out we must close during term time, parents will be informed by telephone. Children will be sent home at the end of the day and work to cover the period of closure will be posted on the school website along with any reopening updates.

Staff may be contacted as follows:

Mrs Woodward with Badger Wood learning at bw@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk

Miss Shackley with Keeper Wood learning at kw@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk

Mrs Bickerton 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

TRANSPORT

Parents and pupils are encouraged to walk or cycle to their education setting where possible.

Children in Farthing Wood and Keeper Wood should be dropped off and collected in the village to walk to and from school. This will minimise contact with other families outside the school.

CONTACTING SCHOOL

We are happy for parents to contact school and we would encourage this via email or telephone.

HYGIENE

Children will be encouraged to wash their hands on arrival in school and frequently during the day. Individual stationery items will be issued to each child. Any shared resources will be cleaned or isolated after use.

Each class will use their own toilets.

At the end of each day the school is thoroughly cleaned.

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