

WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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“Children are at the centre of all we do”

Dear parents/carers,

Year 6 pupils have been enjoying the opportunity to spend time in school prior to their move to secondary school in September. We have been delighted to welcome them back to enjoy their time together and complete transition tasks set by secondary schools.

School Governors have been monitoring pupil numbers in school so that we are able to ensure we are socially distancing and keeping group sizes within permitted limits. Guidance (below) states that we should prioritise key worker pupils and then children in Reception and Year 1:

Schools should focus first on continuing to provide places for priority groups of all year groups (children of critical workers and vulnerable children). Then, to support children’s early learning, you should prioritise groups of children as follows:

primary schools - nursery (where applicable), reception and year 1

Schools should not plan on the basis of a rota system, either daily or weekly, as they do not provide the consistency of education and care required for the youngest children, who also require more support with remote education. DfE guidance, June 2020.

Due to the rise in key worker working hours, the childcare facility is becoming very full. Governors have therefore had to take the decision to **close the Year 6 education facility** to use this space and staffing for pupils of key workers. **The last day for Year 6 pupils will therefore be Friday 26th June.**

Should you be a key worker and need childcare beyond this date, please book a childcare place for your Year 6 child at booking@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk You will need to give details of your dates at work please. Childcare places will only be provided for your child on days when key workers are at work and where no adult is present at home to safely look after them. Confirmation of your child’s place will be issued.

Should your child be eligible for free transport to school, please book transport for the days you have childcare confirmed for at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/schools-and-childrens-services-during-coronavirus-covid-19#transport>

As we are unable to host the usual Y6 celebration event, Mrs Woodward has been collating a Y6 Year Book for each of the Year 6 pupils. Details have been on the home learning newsletter on 1st and 15th June:

Year 6 yearbook – we are planning on putting together a year book, which would mean everyone, whether at home or school could get involved. This would then be sent out to each of you as a keepsake and reminder of all your wonderful times at West Heslerton Primary School.

Each of you will have a whole page dedicated to talking about your favourite memories, your achievements, the things you are proud of and what you are looking forward to in the future. There are some brilliant examples [here](#) for you to have a read through to help you really narrow down what you would like to say. Then email your piece to me at fw@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk and from there I will edit your written work ready for publishing in the yearbook. **Please send all work to me by Friday 26th June.**

[Agingbooth app](#) photo or from a similar photo aging program – Please forward or screen shot and send your aged photo to fw@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk this will be used as part of your Year book page. Your page will also include lots of other photos that I have been gathering up from over the years!
Mrs Woodard.

Gifts have been purchased by school for the Year 6 leavers. **These will be available for collection** from the school entrance hall between **8:30 and 3:30 from Monday 13th July to Wednesday 15th July**. Please would you organise for someone to collect your child's gift during these times? We would love for you to return any library books or reading books your child still has at home at the same time. A box is located outside of the main door to collect these in.

Year 6 places for the final primary school week next week in school are very limited. Should you wish for your child to attend, please email booking@heslerton.n-yorks.sch.uk These places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Should you have any questions or queries, please contact school on 01944 728286 or via return email.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Wells
Headteacher



‘The school’s work to promote pupil’s personal development and welfare is outstanding’
OfSTED inspection, February 2019

