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Withernsea Primary School



'Welcoming, Positive, Successful'

November 2020 Newsletter



Welcome Back to the second half of the Autumn Term

It's going to look quite different from usual. We will not be making any visits/trips out of school or after school clubs – these remain under review. Sadly there will be no Christmas concerts or Christmas celebration events such as visits to church and activity mornings - we are not able to sing, have audiences or welcome you into school. However, we will still have lots of lovely learning activities and will do our best in our classes to enjoy this special half term in November and December.

New Build

As you can see the new build is progressing very well, very slightly ahead of schedule. We are starting to plan how we would like to say good bye to the old building and have asked parents in your questionnaire but if there are any further ideas – do let us know.

The plan is for a handover just before the summer holidays and to open ready for September 2021. The builders will remain with us for the Autumn 2021 as they demolish the south building and ensure the original Victorian classrooms are sound and we are also able to use them as they will remain.

Covid 19

We are now entering a national lock down, the infection rate is high especially in our local area.

As part of the Trust we are looking how to work as safely as possible and in the next week there will be a number of changes made to try to minimise direct contacts and to reduce the need for large numbers of pupils to self-isolate.

If a teacher is absent we will use support staff to cover the class, however if there are no staff available as a last resort we may need to send children home with work – we will not be using supply teachers.

Different arrangements are being planned for teacher preparation and planning time – more details to follow. This is to reduce different adult contact between classes and to cope with staffing pressures due to staff absence.

We are also looking at some further changes for lunchtimes which will impact on pupil playtime, but maintain greater distancing – you will get information on dojo as these plans are developed.

Behaviour Updates

When the children returned we were unsure how they would react getting back to school life and how various lockdown experiences would have affected them. For the vast majority they have been absolutely brilliant and settled really quickly. A few children have really struggled. We have taken the opportunity to use half term to rethink some of our provision for those children and to move round their 'bubble' to better meet their needs. Hopefully for those children a change in provision will meet their needs more effectively. The rest of the children can continue to settle and where they are concerning us we will ask parents to contribute to behaviour support plans and use our family liaison officers from HCAT for their support. We have reviewed our behaviour policy and will be talking to the children about our high expectations for the rest of this term and going forward. We will also make explicit sanctions and consequences so pupils will be clear if they make poor choices.

Illness

A polite reminder in regards to both vomiting and diarrhoea, the advice from Public Health England states that a child must be absent from school for **a clear 48 hours, not 24 hours**. If your child(ren) are ill again during the initial 48 hours, then the 48 hour period restarts and you should not send your child to school during this time – thank you.

Sickness – 48 hours

Diarrhoea – 48 hours

Vomiting & Diarrhoea – 48 hours

School Meals

A big thank you to the vast majority of parents who pay promptly when ordering their child's school meals: there are however a tiny minority whom we have to chase for meal arrears. Parents will only be allowed to accumulate **two weeks of meal arrears**, after which we will request that packed lunches are provided until the debts are cleared.

We don't wish to take a harsh line, however, we cannot use money allocated for your child's education to pay for school dinners. Parents who are having financial concerns please contact the school as we can offer support and advice on financial planning and look at entitlement to sources of support. We don't want people to struggle but we do need people to talk to us before problems accumulate. Our school is now taking online payments, which we hope you will find paying in this way much more convenient. Should you wish to pay online, please speak to the school office for more information and to sign up by calling 01964 612800 – thank you.

Cooler Days

Winter is now upon us so please can all children bring suitable warm coats to wear at play times; unless it is raining heavy, we do go outside for fresh air and to run around. Please put names in coats as we have had cases in the past of two identical coats and children going home in the wrong coat by mistake. Sometimes children getting dropped off in a car don't bring a coat and we do go outside at lunchtime and playtimes
Also, if your child comes to school in wellington boots, can you please make sure they have a change of footwear for indoors – thank you.



Head lice



'Once a week – take a peek'

Can we please ask for your help by checking your child's hair on a regular basis.

Thank you for your continued support.

Staffing Updates

We would like to wish good luck to Mrs M Wardman and Mrs C Brocklebank who left us at the half term to move on to pastures new - they have done many years of service between them, so we would like to say a huge thank you for their contributions over the years!

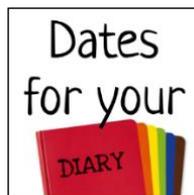
We would like to congratulate Mrs Fincham who has switched to Mrs Brocklebank's role in EYFS and also congratulate Mrs L Wright who has switched to Mrs Wardman's role after the half term, so Mrs L Wright has left phase 5/6 and moved in to phase 3.

We would like to welcome Miss M Robinson who joined us after the half term as an ASA.



Friday the 13th of November is Children in Need Day. Children can come to school in non-uniform on the day and bring £1 to donate; Pudsey onesies, t-shirts, etc. will be very welcome.

Individual classes will contact you via Dojo if they are doing anything special on the day such as the Annual Duck Race Sweepstake or Pudsey's Big BBC Quiz. Thank you for your support for this vital UK charity.



School year – 2020-2021

	Autumn 2020	Spring 2021	Summer 2021
Open	Mon 7th September	Tue 5th January	Mon 12th April
Close half term	Wed 21st October	Fri 12th February	Thu 27th May
Open	Mon 2nd November	Tue 23th February	Wed 9th June
End of term	Fri 18th December	Fri 26th March	Wed 21st July

Guidance on Self isolation - When to self-isolate

Self-isolate immediately if:

- you have any symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste)
- you've tested positive for coronavirus – this means you have coronavirus
- **you live with someone who has symptoms or tested positive**
- someone in your support bubble has symptoms or tested positive
- you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app
- you arrive in the UK from a country with a high coronavirus risk

How to self-isolate

You must not leave your home if you're self-isolating.

Don't

- do not go to work, school or public places – work from home if you can
- do not go on public transport or use taxis
- do not go out to get food and medicine – order it online or by phone, or ask someone to bring it to your home
- do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for people providing essential care
- do not go out to exercise – exercise at home or in your garden, if you have one

When to get a test

Get a test as soon as possible if you have any symptoms of coronavirus.

The symptoms are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

The test needs to be done in the first 8 days of having symptoms.

You do not need to get a test if you have no symptoms or if you have different symptoms

Tell people you've been in close contact with that you have symptoms

You may want to tell people you've been in close contact with in the past 48 hours that you might have coronavirus.

What does close contact mean?

They do not need to self-isolate unless they're contacted by the NHS Test and Trace service. But they should take extra care to follow social distancing advice, including washing their hands often.

If they get any coronavirus symptoms, they must self-isolate and get a coronavirus test as soon as possible.

How long to self-isolate

If you have symptoms or have tested positive for coronavirus, you'll usually need to self-isolate for at least 10 days.

You'll usually need to self-isolate for 14 days if:

- someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive
- someone in your support bubble has symptoms or tested positive
- you've been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace

