



# Withernsea Primary School



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## January 2021

## Newsletter

### **Happy New Year!**

Whilst 2021 has not got off to the best of starts – there is the optimism that at least the year stands a chance of getting better as covid vaccines are rolled out.

Our new Build gives me the chance to bring some good (and non covid) related news.

It is well ahead of schedule so the plan is we can move in earlier than anticipated at May half term and enjoy our new building several weeks earlier. This also means that the academic year 2021- 22 will be very settled and we will be in the new building and getting well established rather than just moving in.

This does change holiday dates for this year

The new dates will be

School closed to pupils from Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May. (last day Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May)

This gives us the chance to pack up the south building completely

We then need to unpack everything and also go through new routines, put up displays, rules for use of stairs, road test the kitchen, fire drills etc. There will be a few snags to sort out as well – no building project can ever be perfect. The half term break is also included in this time as well.

We will reopen to children in the new building on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June

Term will now finish for everyone on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021 (this is later than originally published)

Apologies that the dates have changes from those published at the start of the year but it may be an opportunity for a 'cheaper holiday' if things are back to normal in June- we can always hope. It also keeps all our disruption in the academic year 2020- 21, which is proving to be disrupted anyway and hopefully 2021- 22 can return to normality.

Year 2 will also get the chance to have some time in the new building before moving to be Year 3 in the North building.

## **Staffing changes**

During this month Miss Green who works in EYFS and Miss O’Leary our safeguarding officer will be leaving us for new challenges. We will miss them and wish them all the best in their new jobs. We thank them for everything they have contributed to our school. There are vacancy details on the school website.

## **Covid Updates**

Hopefully everyone is managing with home learning- we do expect the children to engage with dojo in KS 1 and Teams in Ks 2 and complete lesson activities– if you have problems please contact the teacher and we will do our best to help. Children do need to continue with their learning. If you need to borrow a laptop or ipad- let us know, it’s really difficult to work off phones and households with several children can’t share one device so we can loan out equipment to help with this. Please ask – we will loan out unless we run out! We can give out paper learning but Teams enables us to give feedback to children, explain learning and hopefully lighten your load at home as we appreciate its not easy. Children have used it and had lessons on it in school – it is early days so please do not get stressed and message the teachers with problems and we will do our best to help – we want to help everyone and there will be teething problems, but hopefully we can iron those out even if needs a phone call.

We are practically at capacity in terms of being able to work safely in school and distance adults and children. If you are able to home educate even if you are a key worker please do so as we are trying to keep everyone safe and if we have large numbers in school it puts us at risk when this pandemic is actually starting to look worse than it did last April.

## **We are in national lockdown**

National Lockdown – stay at home – full guidance is on the government website

Key message – Hands, Face and Space. (especially the space element with this new variant)

## **Stay at home is put into law**

Reasonable reasons for not being at home – work, volunteering, education and childcare, food shopping, exercise once a day, medical reasons, compassionate visits, animal welfare reasons, communal worship and life events.

We need to minimise time spent out of our home and not travel out of the local area.

Households with children under 14 can form a childcare bubble which allows friends or family from one other households to provide informal child care, but you must not meet socially with your child care bubble. *(this wasn’t allowed in the first lockdown but may make things easier for some families)*

You are also allowed a support bubble

- if you live by yourself – even if carers visit you to provide support
  - you are the only adult in your household who does not need continuous care as a result of a disability
  - your household includes a child who is under the age of one or was under that age on 2 December 2020
  - your household includes a child with a disability who requires continuous care and is under the age of 5, or was under that age on 2 December 2020
  - you are aged 16 or 17 living with others of the same age and without any adults
  - you are a single adult living with one or more children who are under the age of 18 or were under that age on 12 June 2020

You should not form a support bubble with a household that is part of another support bubble.

## School year – 2020-2021

	<b>Autumn 2020</b>	<b>Spring 2021</b>	<b>Summer 2021</b>
<b>Open</b>	<b>Mon 7th September</b>	<b>Tue 5th January</b>	<b>Mon 12th April</b>
<b>Close half term</b>	<b>Wed 21st October</b>	<b>Fri 12th February</b>	<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Open</b>	<b>Mon 2nd November</b>	<b>Tue 23th February</b>	<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>End of term</b>	<b>Fri 18th December</b>	<b>Fri 26th March</b>	<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>