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# Withernsea Primary School



(‘**W**elcoming, **P**ositive, **S**uccessful’)

## March 2021 Newsletter

### Return to school

Everyone is expected back on **Monday 08 March**. Please all wear school uniform.  
We will continue with the staggered starts and finishes.

Children will remain in class bubbles, have break times as classes and eat lunch in their classrooms. There will continue to be much washing of hands and classrooms will be well ventilated.

We will teach a broad curriculum but there will still be no school visits or performances etc.  
Please if anyone in the household has symptoms – self isolate the whole household and get tested.  
Please help keep everyone in our community safe.

It is good to return to school but it is still far from a normal situation. The government guidance is still very clear to take as many precautions as we can to keep everyone as safe as we can. Please can parents socially distance, keep to the one way system, wear masks on site and do not use the school run as a social opportunity. Do not congregate at the bottom of the school drive.

The return is only possible as the infection rate is much lower. If infection rates rise again freedoms from lockdown restrictions will need to be delayed and no one wants that. Please do follow lockdown rules which include no households mixing, indoor and at the moment outdoor socialising. (That will be our first freedom on 29 March if the government decides it will be okay).

The ‘Kent’ variant has reached this area- it is far more infectious especially through airborne droplets so **distancing** and **mask wearing** by all adults is essential.

### IT equipment

We have loaned out over 100 devices so we will need to have them back so we have equipment in school!  
Please return when you return to school.

Please return the device, charger etc. in its bag and return it to the class teacher - can we have all devices returned by Friday 12 March - many thanks.

## Staggered Starts and finishes

### North Building

Years 3 and 6

**8.40am start** with doors open from 8.30am - pupils have a 10 minute window to come into school.  
Finish at **3.10pm**.

Years 4 and 5

**8.50am start** with doors open from 8.40am - again pupils have a 10 minute window to come to school. Finish at **3.20pm** (this is a change from December- bringing times 10 minutes earlier).  
**Do not arrive earlier than 8.40am please.**

In the North Building we will not be lining up but doors open 10 minutes before school starts for those year groups so pupils have a 10 minute window to come into school. If you bring children to school do not bring them too early. If your child walks to school by themselves please check what time they leave the house as we cannot have groups of children potentially mixing class bubbles by arriving too early on school site.

WE DO NOT EXPECT ANYONE ON THE NORTH PLAYGROUND BEFORE 8.30AM.

### South Building

Year 2 classes	8.50am start	3.20pm finish
1CC and 1DT	8.30am start	3.00pm finish
1SS	8.50am start	3.20pm finish

### EYFS

RLL and RJC	8.30am start	3.00pm finish
RJH	8.50am start	3.20pm finish

F1 8.30am - 11.30am morning session  
F1 12.00pm – 3.00pm afternoon session

Breakfast Club is available to be booked on the school website as normal.



### New Building

This continues at an excellent pace and is on track for its new opening times. The last day for pupils in the first half of the Summer Term will be Tuesday 25 May. This will also be the last day we use the existing South Building!

We are having a video tour made of the south building so people can look round 'virtually' and we will be asking for people to send in their memories once this is on the website. Further celebrations are being planned but we are mindful of checking with covid restrictions – it is quite difficult to plan ahead at the moment!

We are then packing, moving out and moving in to our new South Building.

The new South Building opens Monday 14 June and we are really looking forward it!



## SATS and other assessments

The government have confirmed these will not be taking place this academic year. This also includes assessment of the early learning goals in EYFS as well.

## Easter

We break up for Easter on **Friday 26 March** at 1pm. Any Easter celebrations will be class bubble based this year.

## Staffing

We welcome to Mrs Iveson who will be starting with us as ASA working in Foundation Stage.



# WORLD BOOK DAY

**Thursday 4 March** is World Book Day! Children and staff are invited to dress up in **pyjamas both at school and at home**. Please join in and share photos of your World Book Day activities with us! Please visit <https://www.worldbookday.com/> for more information and activities!

**Just ten minutes of sharing stories daily makes a huge difference to a child's future success.**

## Science Day

This year Science Day will take place on the morning of **Friday 12 March**. Activities will be based around the theme of "Innovation for the Future." There will be a competition to enter during the afternoon, at home, with the chance of winning some excellent prizes. Further details will follow on Dojo.

All children are welcome to dress up as a Scientist, if they wish to, as in previous years. Activities will be in the class based bubbles.



## Comic Relief – Red Nose Day 2021

**Friday 19 March** is Red Nose Day! Children and staff are invited to dress up in **Superhero outfits**, please join in and share photos of your Red Nose Day activities with us! Please visit <https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/> for more information and activities!

## 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	Tues 25th May
Open	Mon 2nd November	Tue 23rd February	Mon 14th June
End of term	Fri 18th December	Fri 26th March	Fri 23rd July

\*Please note we close for May Day on Monday 3rd May 2021.