



Withernsea Primary School



June 2021 Newsletter

(‘Welcoming, Positive, Successful’)



Welcome back to the second half of the Summer Term!

We are now moved in to the new south building. We have given instructions, by dojo, on class stories, on entrances, drop off and collection points and exits – one way systems are in place please follow them. There is now only **one reception for the whole school** site and this is the main reception to the new south building. There will be no parental access to anywhere else in the building once school has started.

The north building will no longer have a reception entrance. We are being left with a more secure site with only one point of entry and exit, once school has started.

Start and finish times

Each class teacher has sent out a class dojo – new timings are as follows:

F1 Nursery sessions	8:35am – 11.35am (AM) 12.15pm – 3.15pm (PM)
F2 Reception / EYFS	8.50am – 3.00pm
Years 1 – 6	8.50am – 3.10pm

School will start at 8.50am but doors will open from 8.35am onwards for children to come in.

Please do not arrive any earlier than 8.35am.

Class teachers have sent out door entry and exit locations and also the one way systems for that class/year group – please adhere to these – many thanks.

Lunchtimes

Lunchtimes are as follows:

Reception / EYFS	11.30am – 12.30pm
Years 1 and 2	11.45am – 12.45pm
Years 3 and 4	12.15pm – 1.00pm
Years 5 and 6	12.45pm – 1.30pm

Hot dinners will be eaten in the new south Hall, packed lunches for year 2 upwards will be eaten in the north Hall. Classes will sit together and year groups separate for covid precautions.

HCAAT are now doing the catering and will set the menus. Children will have a choice daily and will need to tell their teacher at the start of the day what they would like – hot meal, vegetarian option, jacket potato (different fillings are chosen in the hall) or a sandwich (ham, cheese, tuna or egg).

Children going home for dinner – please collect from main school reception (please note new timings above).

Tour of new building

Unfortunately we cannot yet welcome parents into school and give tours of the new building, however we have completed a video tour and it will be on our website alongside the old building tour. I hope you enjoy looking around. The children will get the chance to look around in classes and all children will be using the new south hall for PE, lunchtimes etc.

Old South Building

Please talk to the children about not going on building sites and how dangerous they can be – they were brilliant during the new building but need to still be sensible with the old building. Demolition will be gradual. We are keeping the Victorian footprint – this is the very end of the front of the building going towards the lighthouse. The old south building is being made secure, water tight etc. The rest of the space will allow for a new field and car parking which replaces the old north car park and the old south building field.

Covid 19 Updates

We have revised our covid risk assessments. Vaccinations are going well and we hope as many adults as possible have taken up the opportunity to get a vaccine. The East Yorkshire infection rate is at time of writing, in line with the national average. This means we can look to extend some of the activities we are doing. We are going to eat in the dining halls and play outside as year groups. We are going to re-introduce phonics groups and children will be able to work with other children not just their class. However we will be monitoring this carefully for track and trace purposes. Adults will still need to wear masks outside their classrooms. We will still socially distance outside classrooms. Staff meetings will continue to be virtual. Staff will continue to do twice weekly lateral flow tests, adults in families and secondary aged pupils can also do these tests as well.

We will still need to restrict visitors inside the building. Children will still need to wash/sanitise hands etc. We are still asking children on PE days to come dressed in their PE kits. We have changed the start and finish times so they are less staggered – please keep to one way systems.

Further relaxations may follow, we continue to watch the national and local picture, and if infections rates rise we can also reduce some of the contact back to class lockdowns should we need to. We will keep you informed.

Sports Days, leaver's awards, transition days etc.

These are very difficult to plan and we are mindful that we can't have large numbers of adults all in one place at once. We will do something for our year 6 children to mark them leaving.

Sports days will be the same - we will have sporting activities for our children but we may not have the usual adult audiences. The High school are planning transition days and we will welcome new F2 children to have a look round. It is difficult to plan just yet as we wait for government announcements but we will keep you informed.

Cashless Payment System from 14 June 2021

We will be using a **cashless payment system from June onwards**. We have been introducing our online payment portal, SIMS Pay over the last year or so and many parents/carers have opted to use this to pay for school meals, clubs and music. You will also be able to pay for trips when these begin again. Moving forward, this is a convenient, safe and secure solution for payments to be made to school. The SIMS Pay portal has proved an efficient way for parent/carers to pay money to school and **if you are not already on the system please contact the school office to request your SIMS Pay login details and we will send these home with your child.**



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. We therefore ask that meals are paid for in advance. If arrears accumulate we would request that your child be provided with a packed lunch or taken home for lunch.

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 arise.



Attendance notifications

Mrs Allen needs to ensure our attendance registers are maintained and meet legal requirements. If your child is absent, please let the office know by either phone, text or dojo message to Mrs Allen. Please do not dojo message the teachers as they are teaching and may not check their messages before Mrs Allen is texting and chasing up reasons. Please respond to any messages that school sends as it is important we log reasons for absences otherwise they are recorded as unauthorised.

Please contact Mrs Allen / the office at the earliest opportunity to report an absence - 01964 612800.

Term Dates for School year – 2020-2021

	Summer 2021
Open	Mon 14th June
End of term	Fri 23rd July

Term Dates for School year – 2021-2022

	Autumn 2021	Spring 2022	Summer 2022
Open	Wed 8th September	Wed 5th January	Tues 26th April
Close half term	Thu 21st October	Thu 17th February	Thu 26th May
Open	Mon 1st November	Tue 1st March	Wed 8th June
End of term	Tues 21st December	Fri 8th April	Fri 22nd July

**Please note we are also closed for May Day on Monday 2nd May 2022.*