

Whitley & Eggborough Community Primary School

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Updated Guidance in School from 17th May 2021

Please see below for any updated guidance regarding the lifting of restrictions from 17th May 2021. **Please note that we will only highlight changes to the guidance as well as reiterating key areas of importance to the children at school.**

The DfE guidance can be found at the following link

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/985138/10_May_Schools_Guidance.pdf

Risk Assessment / Face Coverings

North Yorkshire County Council have provided an updated Risk Assessment for school in line with this guidance. They have stated that whilst it is no longer a statutory requirement that face coverings are worn by secondary school pupils in the classroom, it is recommended by NYCC and Teachers Unions that this continues in areas inside and outside where two metres distance can not or is not being adhered to.

Therefore with regards to the wearing of face coverings by adults we are respectfully requesting that these are worn whilst waiting to collect children in the playground and leaving site. Many thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

Possible Symptomatic Cases (see page 29 of the guidance)

Any child or adult in school who is showing any symptoms

- High temperature
- New continuous cough
- Loss of taste or smell

MUST take a PCR test and must self isolate along with any close contacts until they receive a negative test result from the PCR test. **PLEASE NOTE THAT IF THERE ARE SYMPTOMS A LFT TEST IS NOT ADEQUATE.**

For any child showing symptoms in school, we will follow the same procedure as previously, by

- Isolating your child in a ventilated area
- requesting collection and taking for a PCR.

Reported Positive Cases

Hand sanitisation / Hand Washing

We will continue to follow our strict regime for hand washing / sanitisation regularly during the school day.

Clearing Procedures

Enhanced cleaning with specialised products will continue to be used and the more regular clearing of frequently used / touched surfaces will be maintained throughout school.

We will continue to follow the “Catch it, Bin it, Kill it!” approach by using specially allocated bins to dispose of tissues.

Social Distancing and Mixing

Bubbles will remain in place within school classes and during sessions for wrap around care. Children will be advised to keep to the bubble rules of trying to maintain a reasonable distance when working and playing.

Classroom layout will remain the same for Year 2 - Year 6 - in rows with children sitting in allocated places.

The one way system will continue to operate in school for arrival and departures, as will the staggered start and finish times. There will be no change to these.

	Arrival	Departure
KS2	8:30am	3pm
KS1 & 2	8:40am	2:55pm
KS1	8:45am	2:50pm

PLEASE NOTE THAT GATES WILL BE SHUT AT 8:50AM

Times and arrangements for **Breakfast and WECPS Extra** **will not** change.

Uniform and Equipment

Children should wear normal school uniform except for days when they are doing PE - on these days they should wear their black and white PE kit.

Children must only bring a **SMALL bag** to school with the essential equipment.

Teachers will avoid the sharing of equipment where possible in classes but the same procedures for the cleaning of equipment will remain in place both in the classroom and for PE resources.

Ventilation

All staff will ensure that all occupied areas of the school are well ventilated by opening windows. With summer on the way (hopefully!), we are sure this will be welcomed by all for fresh air and a breeze.

LFT Testing

School staff will continue to test twice weekly as per the previous guidance and it remains the case that the PHE have advised that there are currently limited public health benefits attached to testing children of primary age with LFTs'.

Term Time Absence

The DfE are still recommending non authorisation of requests for term time absence with the exception of an application for the usual exceptional circumstances. All applications must be made to Miss Langridge using the correct form and these will be considered on an individual basis.

Remote Learning

Children who are required to self isolate due to having symptoms (and who are not overly unwell) and those who are required to self isolate due to close contact of a suspected or confirmed case, will be given learning online whilst they are absent. Teachers will put work on Google Classroom for them to access.

Peripatetic Teachers / Specialist Staff

Children who receive lessons or support from external staff members will be allowed in school but they must follow the distancing guidelines and wear face coverings when working with the children/staff. All visitors to the school are required to register on the Track and Trace App for our school on arrival.

Curriculum

We are very much looking forward to getting back to a fuller curriculum with extending our opportunities in PE and Music more widely as the restrictions ease more and more. Singing is now permitted in smaller groups / side by side - we have a Whitley Big Sing planned for the end of the year outdoors, which we are very much looking forward to doing.

All other areas of the curriculum will be covered in full, taking into account consideration for social distancing and cleaning of equipment.

Booster and In school intervention

We are delighted with the uptake of the Booster groups on a Tuesday afternoon as this is enabling the teachers to fill in some missing gaps to support the new curriculum learning during the day. We are also continuing to support children in smaller groups throughout the same by completing same day interventions or a higher challenge when appropriate.

We are not planning on setting work during the Summer holidays as we believe the children will need their Summer break in order to recoup and prepare for the next year. However we would encourage regular reading for enjoyment and also use the fun times tables games. We will also put some of the phonics and key maths videos on Google Classroom pages to enable you to access these if you wish to.

In the meantime we would like to thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation with all the changes and conditions that have been in place since March 2020. Fingers crossed we will see some more normality in September 2021.

Miss Langridge
14th May 2021