

Whitley & Eggborough Community Primary School

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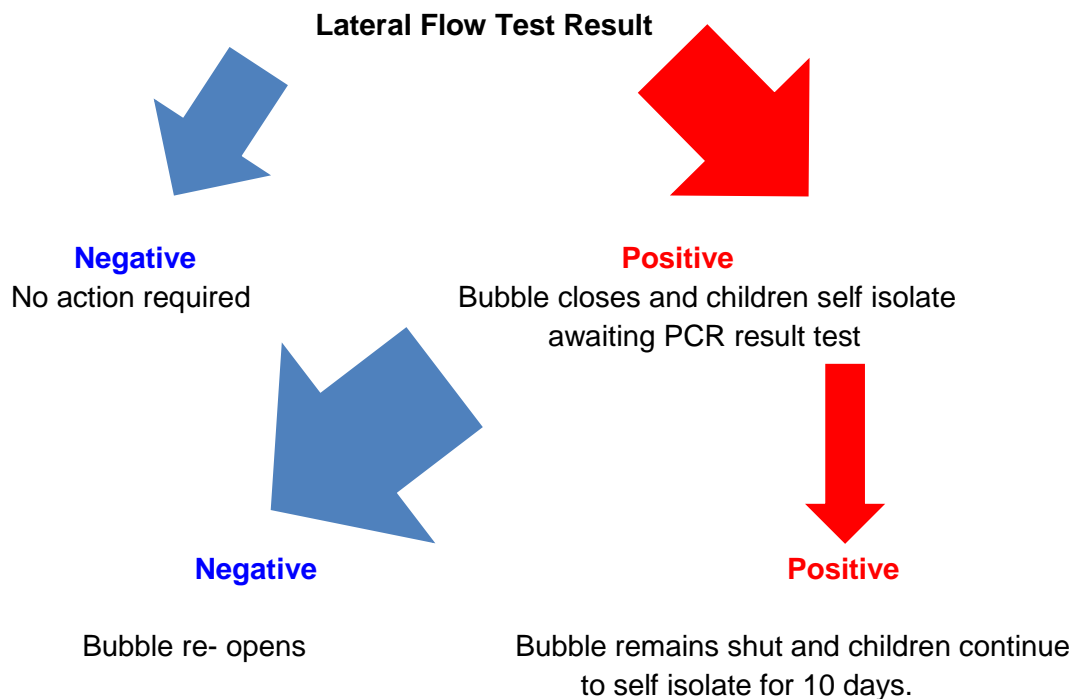
Dear Parents and Carers

Following the announcement by the Prime Minister last night (22nd February) I am writing to confirm arrangements for **ALL** the children starting back at school on Monday 8th March 2021. Please note these arrangements will remain in place until the end of the Spring Term and we will notify you of plans for the Summer Term as we hear more information on the easing of national restrictions.

Lateral Flow Testing for all staff

As you may be aware Primary Schools are now able to complete Lateral Flow Tests for staff at home. We are doing these on a Sunday and Wednesday each week. They highlight asymptomatic positive cases.

Staff inform Miss Langridge of their result and the following action is taken.



Parents should follow the NHS guidance should their child start to show symptoms and inform school of any positive results as these need to be reported to the DFE and Public Health.

Siblings of children who are in Close Contact Bubbles **DO NOT** Need to self-isolate unless their sibling or they start with symptoms.

We currently have one teacher who is self-isolating and negative (teaching online) due to close contact with a positive case externally.

End of School Day - change

As we previously communicated prior to Lockdown 3 we will be reducing the length of the school day by 30 mins for all children by shortening the lunch time period. This is the time when we usually experience the most amount of unsettled behaviour and concerns with social distancing and therefore this measure will be introduced to minimise the potential contact.

Acorn and Pine Class

Children will be kept in class bubbles to avoid cross transmission of infection amongst children and staff. This will include Acorns and Pine Class who will access the same provision but at different times during the week for the remainder of the term. This will mean that only two adults and 22 children are affected rather than four adults and 40 children. We realise that this is not ideal but we feel it is a necessary precaution at the moment.

The times for drop off and pick up will be similar to that before Christmas as follows:

Drop off

KS2 only - 8:30am

Reception/KS1 and KS2 - family groups - 8:40am

Reception/KS1 only - 8:45am

All children should be in school by 8:50am in order to be ready for class learning. **Gates will be closed at 8:50am.**

Pick up

Reception/KS1 only - 2:15pm from front doors

Reception/KS1 and KS2 family groups - 2:30pm on playground (1 parent / carer per family please)

KS2 only - children will leave independently at 2:30pm and can be met at the Annexe gate (S/M/O) or the front gate (CH/ Wil). Again, we would ask you to collect promptly and leave the site/area quickly to avoid unnecessary congestion.

We will continue to use the **one way system** with the children entering through the carpark gates and exiting by the paths at the end of the day.

Sanitisation units will be available for use at various points on the site for the children.

PLEASE NOTE ONLY ONE PARENT IS TO ACCESS THE SCHOOL FOR DROP OFF (Reception Children) and PICK UP.

Face Coverings and Access

We would respectfully request that face coverings are worn when on site at all times.

Parents will not be allowed to enter the school building except in the event of an emergency situation with their child. Please telephone or email the school admin team for assistance should you need it.

All staff will be given the option of continuing to use face coverings whilst in the classroom to support their mental wellbeing of safety.

Breakfast Club and WECPS Extra will operate within the class bubbles as follows

Charges and times from 8th March 2021 - 26th March 2021

Please contact Mrs Brown on brown@whitley.n-yorks.sch.uk to book a place.

Please note that all bookings must be paid in full upfront - non-payment will result in your child not being able to attend.

Breakfast Club

Monday to Friday

07:30am £3.50

08:00am £2.80

After School Club - please note the earlier finish of after school club to coincide with the school earlier finish.

Monday to Thursday

14:30pm - 15:45pm £5.00

14:30pm - 17:00pm £8.00

14:30pm - 17:30pm £9.00

Friday

14:30pm - 15:45pm £5.00

14:30pm - 17:00pm £8.00

Clubs / Boosters

Please note that for the remainder of the Spring Term we will **NOT** be running any clubs or Boosters on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon.

Uniform

Children should wear their usual school uniform but please ensure that they have something warm to put on as the classrooms will be **WELL** ventilated and therefore may be colder even though the heating will be on.

Children should continue to bring a pair of pumps to change into whilst indoors at school - these may need to be changed as feet will have grown.

Resources and Bags

Children will be required to bring their own stationary to school (as before) to prevent cross contamination. This should be brought on the 8th March and then left in school. This should include: pen, pencil, coloured pencils, scissors, ruler and a glue stick.

Children may bring a **SMALL** bookbag with them each day. If this is too large it will be sent home.

A water bottle will be required each day as the water fountains will not be in use. If your child has a packed lunch, they should bring that as usual each day.

PE

Children will be asked to come into school in their **outdoor** PE kit to limit congestion in the changing areas. PE happens on the following days for each class.

Acorn and Pine	Thursday
Elm and Cherry	Monday and Friday
Chestnut and Willow	Wednesday and Friday
Sycamore	Tuesday and Friday
Maple and Oak	Tuesday and Thursday

Lunches

The catering service will resume fully on Monday 8th March with a choice of meals, which may be pre-booked on the Hutchinsons Appetite website as previously. Please ensure that all balances are clear and that meals are paid for in advance.

Curriculum Recovery and Focus

We are very aware of the impact that this last lockdown will have had on the children as both individuals and as groups and we are keen to ensure that the transition back into school and learning is both constructive and fun. This lockdown has been so much tougher on everyone – not least the children and you as parents.

All our staff are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school and moving on with their learning. They have a good working knowledge of where the children will be and will focus the planning around where they need to move next – this will mean some consolidation at times to iron out misconceptions but it will also mean a shift to new learning as well when needed. Once the children are back in school we will be able to identify what their next steps will be and where the “catch up” is needed.

However a key focus will be around the Mental and Physical Wellbeing of the children as the starting point for all learning.

Google classroom / Homework

Homework, including mission booklets, will be set on Google Classroom. If part of the Mission involves making something we ask that this is photographed and shared on google classroom. We will still not be accepting physical copies of homework into school.

Reading/ library books will be given out as usual as we have a system in place to isolate books for the required amount of time.

Spellings and Times Tables will continue on the online sites.

In the meantime we would like to thank you for your continued support and cooperation with helping to keep our community safe. Please note that whilst children are mixing in school the rules of not mixing socially / visitors to homes still remain in place nationally and we thank you for respecting these restrictions.

Yours faithfully

Miss Langridge