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Dear Parents / Carers,

We are already half-way through the current half-term and time is certainly flying in school! I am sure you will all be hoping for good weather over the bank holiday weekend so that you can make the most of the extra day. Please remember that school is also closed to pupils on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May for an INSET day.

#### Attendance

Year Group	Attendance (%)
UFS	86.0%
1	94.1%
2	96.2%
3	89.7%
4	98.7%
5	98.7%
6	86.7%
School Average	92.8%
Wakefield Average (Mon – Wed)	93%

This week, isolation due to contact outside school has impacted greatly on attendance but well done to Year 4 and 5 who are joint attendance champions for this week.

#### Golden Workers

This week, we have been celebrating the efforts of children in school who have shown **Resilience**.

Year Group	Pupil
1	Ashleigh
2	Freddy
3	Franky
4	Noah
5	Jacob
6	Holly

Next week we will be looking for children who show **Communication**.

#### Pick-up and Drop-off

Please can we just remind you of and ask the following:

- Please can everyone **follow the one-way system**. Now we have clubs running, this applies to Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs too please;
- Please remember to **use the correct gates** – an increasing number of parents are waiting to enter through the exit gates;
- Please **make sure that school is informed of any change in pick-up arrangements** in a timely manner and that any childminders you use are also notified to ensure the safe collection of your children;
- When collecting your children, **please make sure that staff are able to clearly identify you** – this is very difficult when hats and sunglasses are worn as well as face coverings. Please make sure staff can clearly see your face upon collection by removing hats / glasses or lowering masks temporarily to enable this.

#### Captain Tom's 100 Challenge

Thank you for your donations and support today for the Captain Tom 100 Challenge. The children, and staff, have completed all manner of challenges which have involved the number 100 to mark what would have been Captain Tom's 101<sup>st</sup> birthday.

Please head to Twitter to see some of the children in action.



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**MAY DAY AND INSET DAY**

Please remember that we have an INSET day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021. On this day, we will be looking at the vision for school and the key values that we want to drive our curriculum in school. We would like to gather parent thoughts on this too so would be grateful if you could complete the short electronic form to provide us with you views to consider. Please click the link below to complete it.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KWIBDfrzw0WF-TIBI23JhevMcwC4fldNomIRnPNxvZRUMkw4VTQxMEVNMMDRVTUZSTzIPOFZORUpMWi4u>

**Decorated Egg Competition**

Today, the winners of the decorated egg competition have been revealed. They should be coming home with a chocolate treat to enjoy over the bank holiday weekend. A big well done to the following children:

	<b>Nursery and UFS</b>	<b>Years 1, 2 and 3</b>	<b>Years 4, 5 and 6</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Harry M	Vinny	Anthony
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Auria	Martha	Antek and Matylda
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Antony	Franky	James

**Test Results – Lateral Flow v PCR**

We have had an increasing number of discussions with parents and carers regarding results from lateral flow tests and whether pupils can come to school. To clarify this, lateral flow tests are designed for use when symptoms are not present. Therefore, if your child is displaying one of the symptoms of Covid-19, we cannot accept a negative lateral flow test as proof that they can attend school. They must have a PCR test (Drive-thru or postal) or complete the full ten-day period of isolation before being able to return to school. We apologise for this but we must follow the guidance that we are given. For your information, it seems that drive-thru PCR tests currently return results in less than 24 hours.

**Parent Consultation Meetings**

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April, teachers successfully completed their first parent consultation and on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, they will be holding the second set of meetings. If you have children in UFS or years 1 – 6, you should have received a survey to complete via e:mail. Please check your junk or spam folder as some parents have found the e:mails from school going into this folder rather than the inbox. If you have completed the survey, your child / children will bring home a slip with your allocated times. We will look at what we can offer as an alternative for Nursery parents in the coming weeks.

**WDH Street Name Competition**

The children in school have been invited to enter a competition by Wakefield District Housing to name a street that is part of a new housing development in Fitzwilliam, on Wakefield Road. Children have had discussions in class and agreed a name as a class. These suggestions will then be sent in to WDH for them to decide upon the new street name. The suggested street names are:

- |                      |                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| UFS: Fire Street     | Year 4: Mountbatten Avenue |
| Year 1: Rose Gardens | Year 5: Colliery Close     |
| Year 2: Peter Street | Year 6: Pit View           |
| Year 3: Miners Close |                            |

**School Swapsies**

We have also been contacted by Hemsworth Park Care Home and invited to take part in 'School Swapsies'. This is a lovely idea that involved the local care home residents sharing information and stories with pupils and staff about what it was like during their school days. In return, the children in school share information in writing and pictures about their time at school currently. We already have some delightful work to share that I am sure the care home residents will enjoy looking at and will have more to come before we deliver to the Care Home over the next couple of weeks.



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#### Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

During this academic year, schools are expected to implement the new RSE guidance. We had started the process of introducing the necessary changes to this prior to the first lockdown and have been delivering lessons based around relationships throughout. However, as we look to re-start the implementation of sex education elements of the programmes of study, we would like to give parents the opportunity to attend a meeting regarding this where there will be the opportunity to see what this entails for each year group and ask questions about the scheme of work we will deliver in school. The guidance for schools states the following:

*'Parents have the right to request that their child be withdrawn from some or all of sex education delivered as part of statutory RSE. Before granting any such request it would be good practice for the head teacher to discuss the request with parents and, as appropriate, with the child to ensure that their wishes are understood and to clarify the nature and purpose of the curriculum.'*

Our intended meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May, at 1:30pm, to allow parents the opportunity to discuss any concerns or questions they have around the implementation of this important part of the school curriculum. If you are interested in attending the meeting, please complete the short electronic form below and an invitation for the meeting will be sent to you via e:mail.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KWIBDfrzw0WF-TIBI23JhevMcwC4fldNomIRnPxvZRUMVg2T1cwNU8zSko0UIBWNBKUE04SidJVS4u>

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU HAVE A SAMSUNG MOBILE PHONE, WE HAVE BEEN MADE AWARE OF AN ISSUE REGARDING ACCESSING THE SURVEYS. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT IF YOU HOLD DOWN ON THE LINK, RATHER THAN SIMPLY TAPPING, IT WILL THEN OPEN SUCCESSFULLY.

#### The Masked Reader – Pupil Edition

I am sure that you all remember the phenomenal success of The Masked Reader from World Book Day. Well, it is returning, but this time it is the children's turn. If you and your children are interested in them entering, the rules are below. We would ask that videos are sent to [FW-Enquiries@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:FW-Enquiries@ipmat.co.uk) by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May to enable us to put a video together to be viewed when we return to school in June. Here are the rules:

- The video must be no longer than one minute and must include the children reading a book of their choice;
  - A mask of some kind must be used. This may be a real mask or a filter on an app if using a device;
- No voice filters are allowed but children can change their voice themselves by speaking in an unusual voice or accent;
- Entries must be e:mailed into school, at the address above, no later than the closing date, along with the pupil's name and class – this information will only be known by certain office staff to enable staff members to play along too.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE 'CLIPS' APP ON APPLE DEVICES PROVED TO BE THE EASIEST TO USE WHEN STAFF RECORDED THEIR ENTRIES. IT IS FREE AND HAS A RANGE OF DIFFERENT 'MASKS' TO USE.



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### SAFEGUARDING

Please be aware of how long children spend on devices and monitor their use.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/need-help>

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/schools-esafety/primary/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

<https://www.papyrus-uk.org/>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/tiktok/>

### ICON

Unfortunately, Wakefield has experienced recent baby deaths here in the district as a result of overlay, unsafe sleeping and shaken babies. The ICON program can help to prevent this with the support it provides:

- I – Infant crying is normal;
- C – Comforting methods can help;
- O – It's OK to walk away;
- N – Never, ever shake a baby

[Wakefield safeguarding children partnership \(wakefieldscp.org.uk\)](http://wakefieldscp.org.uk) – info for staff and parents, including the safer sleeping standard information.

[The Lullaby Trust - Safer sleep for babies, Support for families](#) – info for staff and parents.

### Other useful links:

<https://parentinfo.org> - resources and guidance for parents on a wealth of subjects

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/> - guidance about popular apps, games and networks children may be accessing

<https://www.starwakefield.org.uk/> - resources and support to help deal with bereavement

<https://www.camhs-resources.co.uk/> - resources to help with mental health and wellbeing

<https://youngminds.org.uk/> - Young Minds

<https://wf-i-can.co.uk/> - Online resources for children and young people in Wakefield with mental health and wellbeing

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/> - NSPCC

<https://www.lullabytrust.org.uk/> - website for safer sleep for babies

[www.iconcope.org](http://www.iconcope.org) – website offering support around normal infant crying and how to cope / manage this

### Useful Numbers

**YOUNG MINDS PARENTS HELPLINE:** 0808 8025544

**CHILD LINE** - Help for adults concerned about a child call us on 0808 800 5000

**CHILD LINE** - Help for children and young people call Childline on 0800 1111

**NHS** - For urgent medical help – use the NHS 111 online service, or call 111 if you're unable to get help online.

**NHS** - For life-threatening emergencies – call 999 for an ambulance.

**POLICE** – 101 for non-emergencies or 999 in an emergency

**REFUGE** – Call 0808 2000 247 for support from the National Domestic Abuse Helpline

**NORMANTON FOOD BANK** - 01924 895634 or 07307 189851



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### COVID19 Symptoms At Home Flow Chart

