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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are all safe and well. As we approach the final week before the school holidays, I am sure that you are all looking forward to the further easing of restrictions that come into force on Monday 17th May. This again marks another step on the road to a return to something that may seem more like 'normal'. I hope you all have a lovely weekend and all stay safe.

Pick-up and Drop-off Reminders

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** – a minority of parents appear to be 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;
 - Despite the forthcoming changes in restrictions, currently, all school procedures will remain in place in the interests of everyone's safety. This includes **still wearing masks on the school site**.
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- **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT LATERAL FLOW TEST RESULTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED BY SCHOOL**.
 - **WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT NEGATIVE PCR TESTS (best arranged as a drive-thru test as results are back quicker)**
 - **ISOLATION RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED UNTIL A NEGATIVE TEST RESULT IS OBTAINED OR THE 10-DAY ISOLATION PERIOD IS COMPLETE**

Children's Commissioner's Big Ask survey for children

Below is a message from the Children's Commissioner regarding a survey for children to complete. She is wanting to gather the views of as many children as possible so it would be good if you could access this with your children to complete the appropriate age survey.

'Hi, my name is Rachel de Souza and I'm the Children's Commissioner for England. My job is to speak up for children in England, stand up for their rights, and make sure that the people in power listen to what children need and want.

It's time to give something big back to young people like you after COVID — and we need your help to do it.

This is the largest ever survey of children and young people in England. We'll use what you tell us to show the government what you think, and what children need to live happier lives.

This survey will only take you 5-10 minutes.'

Please find the link to complete the surveys:

[The Big Ask | Children's Commissioner for England](#)

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

Thank you to the parents that attended the meeting on Wednesday 12th May. Owing to the time of the meeting not being convenient for some parents, we have arranged another meeting to give parents the opportunity to see and discuss our RSE scheme of work and this will be held virtually on Monday 17th May, at 4:45pm. This will allow any parents who couldn't make the first consultation 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-TIBI23JhevMcwC4fldNomIRnPnXvZRUN1BVNIpJVENHM0RVSQ2UUpTUks4Rlg1SC4u>



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Free School Meals

Just a reminder that if you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals (benefit related as opposed to Universal Free School Meals), please complete the relevant information on the Wakefield website for free school meals. The link below takes you directly to their website.

We advise all families who think they may be eligible, in all year groups, to do this. Although your children may receive a free school meal due to their age, this stops when they enter Year 3. With a successful application, your children will still receive free school meals and school receives additional government funding to help support the education of the children.

[Free school meals - Wakefield Council](#)

Year 6 transition to Hemsworth

Parents and carers of Year 6 pupils who have been offered a place at Hemsworth, please find a link that will enable you to access valuable information about transition up to Hemsworth. You should also be receiving information in the post from them.

<https://sites.google.com/hemsworth.outwood.com/transition/home>

Mental Health Awareness Week

This week has marked the Mental Health Awareness Week and this year, the focus had been on connecting with nature due to the positive impact this can have on mental health and wellbeing. Following our assembly the other day, your children may hopefully come up with some suggestions about how more connections can be made with nature to help with mental health and wellbeing. Some of the ideas they shared in assembly were fantastic and included:

- Taking a walk in the local community
 - Taking photographs of nature
 - Drawing a picture of the view from a window
- Doing an activity outdoors that they find relaxing, such as fishing or other outdoor hobbies

Attendance – Summer 1 – Week 5

Year Group	Attendance (%)
UFS	95.3%
1	98.5%
2	96.9%
3	97.4%
4	100.0%
5	89.7%
6	92.0%
School Average	95.6%
Wakefield Average (Mon – Wed)	94.0%

This week we have to say a huge 'Well done!' to Year 4 who achieved 100% attendance!
 What an achievement!



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Golden Workers

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

Year Group	Pupil
1	Ronnie
2	Martha
3	Reggie
4	Kaydan
5	Daniel
6	Annabelle

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

Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
Friday 21 st May 2021	School breaks up for half-term
Monday 7 th June 2021	School re-opens for Summer 2
Friday 11 th June 2021	School photos
Week beginning 19 th July 2021	Year 6 Leaver's Event – Date TBC
Tuesday 20 th July 2021	Meet your child's new teacher meeting
Wednesday 28 th July 2021	School closes for summer holidays

More dates may be confirmed in due course once we know the impact of easing of restrictions

Have a lovely weekend,

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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 – 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

