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**18<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you had chance to enjoy the glorious sunshine last weekend and at the start of the week. By the looks of it, we have a rainy week or two ahead so let's hope the summer weather returns soon.

As you will be aware, the easing of restrictions has been postponed as many expected and this provides a stark reminder that it is as important as ever to follow the procedures school has in place to protect each other from the spread of the virus and, in doing so, help try to keep our school, and all the classes of pupils and staff within it, safe and open. Much like every other half-term, we have needed to issue reminders to parents and pupils about these procedures so please do stick to following them. Remember that if we have a positive case in a bubble, as well as the health of the pupils, staff and their families being put at risk, that bubble would close for up to ten days.

#### Procedure reminders

- **ALL pupils and parents / carers** (and any other adults collecting your children) should follow and adhere to the one-way system. There are no exceptions to this and it includes before and afterschool clubs also;
- **The exit gate should only be used to exit premises** by pupils and parents / carers (and any other adults collecting your children) not enter – this includes if you live on Second Avenue and if you are running late at home collection time;
- **All children should wait at the side of their accompanying adult on the lines marked** and any pupils coming to school on their own should also wait on the lines. Where pupils come to school on their own and do not line up as expected, parents / carers will be asked to accompany the children on site to ensure they are keeping themselves and others safe;

#### Change to school calendar 2021-22

As you will be aware, when OFSTED inspected school in January 2020, one of the development points they gave school was linked to phonics. We have been able to secure some whole school training for Read, Write Inc. Phonics but the date available for this was Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021. This now means that Monday 6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of September are all INSET days and your children will return to school on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September. The planned February INSET day will no longer go ahead. We appreciate that this change may inconvenience some of you and apologise but thought that it would be better blocking these days together at the start of term, rather than have two and then need another INSET day a week or two later. We do hope you understand this and can assure you that your children will benefit from the whole staff having this training at the start of the year as it means we can then implement this for the full academic year.

A copy of the revised calendar is attached with this newsletter.

#### Parent Surveys and Questionnaires

Over the past 18 months, you will have noticed us using Microsoft Forms more to gather information, thoughts and opinions. It proves a quick and easy way to do this for all. Over the course of the next few weeks, you will be asked to complete a range of surveys with a view to gathering parental / carer opinions and gather necessary information for the smooth running and improvement of school.

The link below will take you to a questionnaire about the local community. As part of our school improvement plan, we are wanting to strengthen links between school and the local community, including business, and work places of parents / carers where possible. We would welcome your thoughts to help us do this.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KWIBDfrzw0WF-TIBI23JhevMcwC4fldNomIRnPnXvZRUNjc2NEIZN1UwSDZSRkdNVjYzSIRSSk04Ti4u>

In future weeks we will be gathering information regarding: parent / carer views and opinions; parent / carer suggestions for improvement; interest in breakfast and afterschool club for September; interest in afterschool clubs for September.



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#### Free School Meals

You may have heard that yesterday, the national news reported an increase in the number of pupils eligible for and claiming free school meals. There are now 1.7 million children in the UK eligible for FSM, with that meaning above 20% of children.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that you can apply for income-related free school meals on the Wakefield local authority website:

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-children/free-school-meals>

You are now able to complete the form online so it really has never been easier:

<https://forms.wakefield.gov.uk/Forms/schools/freeschoolmeals.aspx>

If your child is in UFS, Y1 or Y2, they are eligible for Universal FSM but you can still apply if you think you are eligible for income-related free school meals. If your child is in Year 2 and receiving universal free school meals, please remember that this will stop when they move into Year 3, so please ensure you have applied if you think you eligible.

School receives additional funding for the number of pupils in receipt of free school meals and it has never been as important as it is now to try to provide crucial interventions to help pupils catch up – any additional funding will help us to achieve this goal.

#### Tesco Donations

We would all like to say a huge 'Thank you' to Tesco in Hemsworth who have kindly donated a whole host of games, puzzles, books and equipment to help resource our breakfast and afterschool clubs. The resources will make an enormous difference and give the children who attend a wider variety of activities to choose from.

'Thank you!' from us all.

#### Safeguarding Week

Next week from 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> June is Safeguarding Week. Throughout the week, in assemblies we will be looking at how to keep ourselves and others safe. Please encourage your children to tell you about this and reinforce how they can keep themselves safe. This includes topics such as safety near water, safety near roads and railways and sun safety as well as the staying safe online and stranger danger.

#### PTA

During the next academic year, we are looking to expand our small PTA group. The PTA have previously worked extremely hard to plan and run events such as Christmas Fairs, Summer Fairs, raffles, discos etc. with a view to provide wider experiences for the children in school and to also raise much needed extra funding to go directly into resources and funding experiences provided for the children. If you are interested in joining the PTA, please send an expression of interest e-mail to: [FW-Enquiries@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:FW-Enquiries@ipmat.co.uk)

#### Attendance – Summer 2 – Week 2

Year Group	Attendance (%)
UFS	99.0%
1	99.6%
2	99.2%
3	96.8%
4	95.6%
5	96.3%
6	93.3%
<b>School Average</b>	<b>97.0%</b>

This week we have to say well done to **Year 1** who were our attendance champions.



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### Golden Workers – Core Values

This week, we have started to link our assembly to our newly agreed core values and have been celebrating the efforts of children in school who have shown **responsibility**.

Golden Assembly - Core Values			
	<b>Respect</b> being respectful being tolerant being kind		<b>Resilience</b> being resilient showing perseverance valuing self-worth
	<b>Responsibility</b> being responsible being honest being reflective		<b>Recognition</b> showing appreciation taking pride
Date:	Summer 2 - Week 2 - Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2021		
Year group	Pupil	Reason	
1	Harry W	For developing a sensible and mature approach in taking responsibility for his own learning and actions this week.	
2	Evie-May W	For taking responsibility for her work by making sure everything is completed to a high standard.	
3	Evie-Grace H	For being an honest and responsible member of our class, who ALWAYS tries her best to make the right choice. I can always rely on Evie to be a role model to her class.	
4	Bailey L	For taking responsibility for his own learning, realising and reflecting that he will only improve and make progress if he consistently practices things like his reading and his times tables.	
5	Emily S	For taking responsibility for her own learning and working hard to edit and improve her writing this week.	
6	Jaylen O	For always trying his best in his work. As a result, he has made some excellent progress this year in all areas of learning. This shows me that he is responsible for his own success.	

Next week we will be looking for pupils being **resilient**.

### Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Assessment Week
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Year 6 Transition Day – Outwood Academy Hemsworth
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Year 6 Leaver's Festival
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Meet your child's new teacher meeting
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	School closes for summer holidays
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	INSET DAY 1 – Implementation of the Curriculum training
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	INSET DAY 2 – Safeguarding training
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	INSET DAY 3 – Read Write Inc. Phonics training
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	School re-opens for the new academic year

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

Myself and the full staff team hope you all have a lovely weekend,

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Headteacher



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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 \(wakefieldscp.org.uk\)](#) – 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**

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