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Dear parents and carers,

Happy Friday and I hope you have had an enjoyable week.

Clarification regarding e:mail to parents

Earlier in the week, I sent an e:mail requesting that all adults follow the procedures we have in place in order to help protect one another and our families from any further spread of Covid-19 and help to prevent school bubble or whole school closures. This e:mail, as well as multiple requests on newsletters in the past, is to remind everyone of the importance of these rules – not to provoke argument or try to catch anyone out.

Some of the e:mail responses we have received back, or in instances where parents have confronted staff on the playground, and questioned the procedures in place, seem focused on staff and what staff are or aren't doing. I would like to provide some clarification regarding the issues raised:

- In order to open school, and keep school open safely, the staff in school are following a 38-page risk assessment – one that gets longer with every release of new information and guidance from the Government;
- As part of this risk assessment, even when arriving at school themselves, walking from car to school, and when leaving, from school to car, staff wear face coverings when walking across the playground in case they encounter parents and carers dropping-off for breakfast club or staff from other bubbles;
- Staff have to wear face coverings when moving around any area of school that is communal in case they come in contact with staff and pupils from other bubbles, this includes walking down all corridors;
- Within their bubble designated areas, staff no longer are required to wear face coverings but may choose to do so if they wish – Nursery and Upper Foundation are, and always have been, classed as one bubble;
- Staff sanitise their hands on entry and many times per day, including every time they enter a communal area of school and when handling resources;
- Surfaces, including tables, desks and chairs, as well as resources, are regularly wiped down and cleaned by the bubble staff themselves as well as the cleaning staff;
- Staff also regularly test, twice a week, to check that, even though they are symptom-free, they do not have the virus;
- When staff are on the playground, at the same time as, and amongst parents, they will be wearing a face covering;
- Staff may, from distance, occasionally pull down their face covering so that the parent / carer they are talking to can hear them. Parents and carers have also been told that this is not a problem when you are trying to identify yourself to the staff when collecting their child so that they can recognise you;
- Just like parents and carers, as well as other adults, staff can be exempt from wearing face coverings;
- The lines on the playground, help ensure social distancing when queuing at collection points but when exiting the gates, social distancing is more difficult so wearing a face covering provides further protection when social distancing cannot be guaranteed;
- From the point of entering, to the point of leaving the site, staff remain in the school building – we are aware that adults coming onto the school site at drop-off and collection times are coming from a whole multitude of different places (work, supermarkets etc.) and some will have sanitised and worn face coverings when there, some won't, so requesting that all adults do wear face coverings on site provides further reassurance for everyone else on the school grounds and that includes the children themselves, the staff and other parents and carers.

I sincerely hope the above addresses the further issues that have been raised in discussion and via e:mail and the points are certainly not designed to provoke further argument and disagreement. As the headteacher that has needed to call Public Health England many times this year and take advice as to how best proceed when closing school and informing yourselves of this news, I can tell you that it is not an enviable position to be in. It is the last thing you want to do as a headteacher – close a class of children or, even worse, the whole school. That is what we are trying to avoid here – that and play our part in helping to keep you and your children safe and whether you agree with the procedures or not, believe in the virus or not, all the staff here endeavour to do our very best to safeguard your children from all risks and dangers they may face.



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As always, we want to work with all parents and carers and hope that you also feel the same. Thank you once again to everyone who follows the procedures without question – I know that some of you also look forward to the day when normality can resume, as we do too, but continue to adhere to school's requests until that day comes. We only have 4 and a half weeks left until the summer break and I hope that by working together, we can try to make it through without any further disruption to the children's learning and have a positive end to what has been a very difficult year.

Message from Chair of Governors (Mr M Holland)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents / carers who continue to wear face coverings on school premises. School continue to request you do this to keep school open and reduce the chances of more school closures. The new Covid variants are more and more transmissible so these measures may be part of school life for a while yet. To all of you who wear a face covering - thank you!

With regards to the school equipment - trim trail, tyre park etc these are out of use. No children should be using them for any reason. When parents / carers have collected children, it is your responsibility to prevent your children using the equipment. Likewise, the one-way system is mandatory, there are no exceptions. Please adhere to it. If you arrange for someone to collect your children it is your responsibility to make them aware of the rules.

Although the wearing of a face covering is a request that we hoped all adults would adhere to, but we recognise cannot be enforced, allowing children to go on equipment (that is not permitted in the interests of safety to others), and refusing to adhere to the one-way system that is in place for all are school rules that we do expect all adults at collection and drop-off times to follow without exception. Unfortunately, if the deliberate ignorance of this continues then further action will be taken - this can include requesting that children be collected by someone who will adhere to the rules or even being banned from school premises.

Once again thank you to the majority who have for some time been adhering to the rules.

Finally, I would like to thank the school staff once again for their tireless efforts in and out of school daily. I know wearing face coverings whilst working is not easy especially as we enter the summer period.

Mr M.Holland (Chair of Governors)

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.



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Parent Surveys and Questionnaires

This week's link below will take you to a questionnaire about Breakfast and Afterschool Club after the holidays in September. Once we have an idea of numbers attending the clubs, we will be able to better prepare and resource the wraparound provision we offer.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KWIBDfrzw0WF-TIBI23JhevMcwC4fldNomIRnPrNvXvZRUOUVHNUtOVktBWTRZM1VQTIQ2VUhfS0NEOS4u>

As we are limited by numbers, if you have continued to use the provision throughout the Summer term, you will have priority when it comes to allocating places BUT please still complete this form. We will then work the allocation of places on a 'first come, first served' basis in terms of when the electronic form is completed and returned.

RSE

Attached with this week's newsletter is the 'Right to Withdrawal' form for RSE lessons. In some classes, they begin next week so please return this form to pquarry@ipmat.co.uk and the class teacher should you wish to withdraw your child from these lessons.

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 **resilience**.

| Golden Assembly - Core Values | | |
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| | Respect being respectful being tolerant being kind | |
| | Responsibility being responsible being honest being reflective | |
| Recognition showing appreciation taking pride | | |
| Date: | Summer 2 - Week 3 - Friday 25 th June 2021 | |
| Year group | Pupil | Reason |
| 1 | <u>Criston C</u> | for recognising how his excellent reading skills can be used to help him in his writing. He is also working hard to take pride in his written work. |
| 2 | Liam P | for working well with his partner to complete the difficult task of creating a model arm with functioning muscles and bones. Even though it was very tricky to do, he never gave up and kept trying and trying. |
| 3 | Jace H | has been trying extremely hard in Literacy recently. Writing is something that Jace finds very challenging, but he has kept on trying to improve, and this week he has written a 10-part story board completely independently. We are very proud of him, well done Jace! |
| 4 | Lily D | for recognising that practice and effort is bringing her success and the improved presentation of her work is now making her 'page proud'! |
| 5 | Sian-Leigh G | for showing resilience this week in her writing and trying her very best to apply her understanding of Passive Voice |
| 6 | Maisie C | an excellent role model when it comes to resilience and perseverance. She always tries her best in her work, no matter how challenging. |

Next week we will be looking for pupils linked to our core value of **recognition**.



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Attendance – Summer 2 – Week 3

| Year Group | Attendance (%) |
|----------------|----------------|
| UFS | 96.0% |
| 1 | 96.9% |
| 2 | 97.6% |
| 3 | 95.7% |
| 4 | 96.7% |
| 5 | 95.5% |
| 6 | 92.0% |
| School Average | 95.7% |

This week we have to say well done to **Year 2** who were our attendance champions for Week 3.
 Primary attendance in Wakefield has been between 91 and 92% this week.

Dates for your Diary

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

