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Dear parents and carers,

Headteacher: Mr Paul Quarry

With the end of term fast approaching, and hopefully some summer weather, I hope you are all as well as can be. I say this as I know that a number of our parents are currently dealing with Covid and sincerely wish you all a speedy recovery.

We are seeing now an increase in cases within the local area, at what seems quite a fast rate, with many parents, carers and pupils finding they are positive having not had any of the main symptoms. This is a stark reminder that we need to do all we can to keep ourselves and all around us safe.

With this in mind, I know many of you will be looking forwards to the restrictions lifting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July. There has been much in the news about this and the changes that this will mean for schools. In many reports I have seen, and posts on social media, it seems a false message is being portrayed that schools will return to normal on the 19<sup>th</sup>. This is not the case. Firstly, many schools in the country finish this week. Many of the measures are from 19<sup>th</sup> July it seems with the presumption that most schools will have broken up for Summer. For us, this is not the case. Some of the information in the school guidance that does not seem to have found it's way to the headlines is that where school term does not end until after 19<sup>th</sup> July, schools should consider keeping current procedures in place until the end of term. This is exactly what we will be doing at Fitzwilliam Primary School. We see no point in putting people's summers further at risk by removing all measures in place, particularly when it is quite obvious that the local area is experiencing a large increase in positive cases. Therefore, one-way systems, social distancing whilst on the playground, bubbles for children, staff wearing masks whilst moving around in school and the staggered timings will all be in place up until and including 28<sup>th</sup> July.

We are aware that we cannot instruct parents and carers to wear face coverings on the playground but would welcome the decision to do so by anyone who chooses to as we are well aware that when entering and exiting gates, people are in close proximity and also some people do cut through the socially distanced queues as well much closer than some people feel comfortable with in the current climate.

We do intend moving back to usual school timings when we return in September, with classrooms arranged in a way that we are all more familiar with but for now, we are counting on the support and understanding of you all for one last push to see us through to the summer holidays.

After I wrote the above, schools in Wakefield received a communication from the Director of Public Health, who confirmed much of the above, citing the fact that Wakefield currently has the highest rate of infection in West Yorkshire. Please see the extracts from the letter below. Please do not add to our workload, which is currently extremely high due to being left with limited staff due to isolations and recording and reporting positive cases, by disputing any measures with any member of school staff. Our procedures are in place to keep you and your children as safe as we can.

*Paul Quarry*  
Headteacher

*'Cases of COVID-19 in Wakefield are rising steeply. The District currently has the highest case rate in West Yorkshire, with particularly high rates for school and college age children and young people.'*

*We would therefore strongly advise you to maintain your existing risk assessment and current arrangements for minimising mixing of different groups of children and staff, in order to reduce transmission and the number of families needing to isolate into the summer holidays. The legal requirement for contacts under 18 to isolate will not change until 16 August.*

*While the formal responsibility for undertaking contact tracing will pass to NHS Test and Trace from 19 July, it is not clear how it will operate and whether contacts will be reached in a timely manner. We would strongly advise you to continue with your current contact tracing arrangements until the end of this term.'*

Anna Hartley  
Director of Public Health



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### **Electronic Forms**

Over the course of the next couple of weeks, you will receive several e:mails with links to electronic forms to complete. These will be regarding school clubs for 2021-22, the annual parental survey, the annual pupil survey, music tuition survey and PTA survey. Please can all parents intending using Breakfast, Afterschool and wraparound ensure you have filled out the survey that was already sent out to secure your place for September. If you have already done so you do not need to fill this out again.

We would be grateful if you could complete these surveys if they apply to you but would like as many parents, carers and pupils to complete the annual surveys to find out what you think about our school and how we can improve it.

### **Sports Day Events**

Over the course of the last three weeks, we planned to hold sports events for each class. Children will complete a series of sports activities throughout the day. All children will need to come in PE kit / sportswear for these days. Parents will be informed of when your child's Sports Day is via e:mail and on Twitter as they will be weather dependent. Unfortunately, class isolations have already affected some class' days and we know that this could be a further problem. Due to restrictions we will be keeping in place, parents are not invited to these events. As well as being an increased safety risk, the events will take place across the full school day, not just a morning or afternoon.

Year 1 had their sports event this week and it was a great success. I am sure the same will be said about the other year groups.

We hope to return to usual arrangements next Summer.

### **Summer Clubs**

Over the summer, there is the opportunity to attend some local summer clubs and other resources if you are interested for your children. Please see the attached information for more details.

### **Summer Support from Wakefield Council**

We are pleased to confirm the Covid-19 Local Support grant has been extended for summer 2021.

The decision has been made at the resident recovery board to split the allocation of funding as follows

· Approx. 17,500 children will receive a one off voucher of £60 for summer holidays 2021

The £60 voucher will be sent week commencing 19 July direct to the homes of eligible children, as we have done for previous holiday periods. There is a process in place for families who do not have access to either a smart phone or e mail address via the Help at the Hubs which has been successfully used by families for previous voucher runs.

### **PE Kit**

It has been a longstanding and well received gesture that school purchases a PE kit for every pupil each year. As we stated at the start of the school year that we would do this again this year, we will ensure that pupils are provided with a PE kit ready for their PE lessons in September. However, this will need to be the final year we are able to do this. It was only recently announced that schools would be receiving sports funding for next academic year. Without the funding, the PE kit would not be able to be purchased. As this is an unsustainable gesture for future years, we will not be able to do this in the future years. We would encourage parents and carers to send in any old PE kit when we return in September so that we can build up a bank of spare kit.

Next year, pupils will come to school in their PE kit and stay in this all day, to avoid getting changed in and out of it and save valuable time – particularly for the younger children.



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#### **Gifts for staff**

Some parents and carers have enquired about gifts for staff members. We do not want to offend anyone by refusing these but must consider current procedures. Therefore, we will accept gifts in a similar way to last year. Gifts can be placed in a box by the entrance door where staff can leave them 48 hours before collecting.

We would like to reiterate though that no gifts are necessary. We adore teaching your children and your support and understanding throughout this last 18 months has been a gift in itself and we cannot thank you all enough.

#### **Reading Books**

Please can all school reading books be sent back to school from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July. We need to put these back in the centrally stored areas over summer ready to organise for September.

#### **Pupil Work Books**

Next week, we will be sending home some of your children's exercise books. We would ask that your child comes to school with a plastic bag on Monday. It will go straight in their drawer, left for 48 hours and then the children can put their books in and bring them home.

#### **Crofton Induction Day for Year 6 – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Currently, Crofton still intend holding their induction day on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Please contact school if you have not received information about this. Children are expected to be there at 8:45 and the day runs until 3pm. You should have received an e:mail yesterday morning regarding this.

#### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – 5pm – New Teacher Meetings (virtual on TEAMS)**

Over the next few days, you should receive an e:mail with a link to join your new class teacher meeting on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm. At this meeting, your child's new teacher or myself will share important information and give you the opportunity to ask any questions.

Please look out for the e:mail – you will need to click the link at around 4:55pm on Tuesday to access the meeting.

We can confirm that we have several new teachers starting their teaching career with us next year. Teaching staff will be arranged as follows:

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
N	Mr Downes (DHT)
Upper Foundation Stage	Miss Khan
Year 1	Miss Scott (SENDCo)
Year 2	Miss Roberts
Year 3	Mrs Jones / Miss Burns
Year 4	Miss Race
Year 5	Miss Muldoon
Year 6	Mr Stockhill



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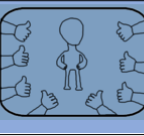

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We want to wish Miss Crossley all the best as she leaves us temporarily on maternity leave.

We also want to wish Miss Abbott and Mrs Boulton well for the future after their decisions to leave Fitzwilliam. They have been with us for several years now and helped us along our journey. We all wish them both luck in the next chapter of their careers.

### 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 take pride in what they do and deserve **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 6 - Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	
Year group	Pupil	Reason
1	William S	for being a responsible member of our class who takes pride in all of their work and is a kind role model to others.
2	Jaxon W	for taking responsibility for his learning by having the courage to try in lessons that might have some tricky or confusing ideas.
3	Chloe N	for being a sensible and responsible member of our class, who can be relied upon to make good choices and set an example to others. She takes responsibility for her own learning by always approaching her work with enthusiasm and doing her very best.
4	Noah P	for being actively involved in our online learning and taking responsibility for his own learning.
5	Alissa B	for being a responsible member of Year 5, even when accessing remote learning. She is a great help to the teacher leading online register and makes sure they are aware of any issues that anyone in the class is having.
6	Harley A	For knowing that hard work is what makes him successful, and he always takes responsibility for being a good role model to others.

In our final Golden Assembly of the school year, we will be looking for pupils linked to our core value of **resilience**.



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**Attendance – Summer 2 – Week 6**

(isolation days do not affect the attendance figures below and statistics are based on sessions the pupils could have attended in school)

Year Group	Attendance (%)
UFS	90.74%
1	92.44%
2	92.92%
3	86.53%
4	ISOLATING UNTIL TUE
5	REMOTE LEARNING UNTIL MON
6	88.11%
School Average	90.15%

This week we have to say well done to **Year 2** who were our attendance champions for Week 5 in another week heavily affected by the current circumstances.

Primary attendance in Wakefield has been approximately 76% this week so far which again indicates that the impact of bubble closure is impacting on many schools in the area.

**STANDARD ITEMS**

**Free School Meals Information**

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.

**Dates for your Diary**

Date	Event
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	<b>Assessment Week</b> This will be carried over to the following week for bubbles and pupils isolating
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	<b>Year 6 Leaver's Festival 5:00 – 6:30pm</b>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	<b>YEAR 5 RETURN TO SCHOOL</b>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	<b>YEAR 4 RETURN TO SCHOOL</b>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	<b>Year 6 Transition Day - Crofton</b>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	<b>Meet your child's new teacher meeting – 5pm</b>
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	<b>School closes for summer holidays</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	<b>INSET DAY 1 – Implementation of the Curriculum training</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	<b>INSET DAY 2 – Safeguarding training</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	<b>INSET DAY 3 – Read Write Inc. Phonics training</b>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	<b>School re-opens for the new academic year</b>

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### SAFEGUARDING NEWS

#### West Yorkshire Police – Important news for parents

Please follow the link below for a link to the latest news on the West Yorkshire Police's website where there is a story we have been notified about that we feel you should be aware of:

<https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/news-appeals/cannabis-edibles-warning-after-warrants-executed>

### 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 \(wakefieldscop.org.uk\)](http://wakefieldscop.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

