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Dear parents and carers,

Headteacher: Mr Paul Quarry

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. Although this is the final Friday of term, there will be another newsletter on Wednesday, the last day of term. I have kept the information below from last week's letter from the Director of Public Health for your reference and just to clarify some of the reasoning behind us keeping our measures in place whilst some others may not.

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

Electronic Forms

Below are the links to several electronic forms to complete. These will be regarding school clubs for 2021-22, the annual parental survey, and music tuition survey.

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.

ANNUAL PARENT SURVEY:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KWIBDfrzw0WF-TIBI23JhevMcwC4fldNomIRnPnXvZRUMFBBNjNWUUpOUjzPUkdGWkc0VjYxUVA4Sy4u>

FREE AFTERSCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS CLUBS: YEARS 1 and 2

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KWIBDfrzw0WF-TIBI23JhevMcwC4fldNomIRnPnXvZRUN1FWU1RRRzM3MDhVMVAxVk8zSOVJM0EwTy4u>

YEARS 3 and 4

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KWIBDfrzw0WF-TIBI23JhevMcwC4fldNomIRnPnXvZRURQ1VaWUEwQkpFNzRKSEQ2MDAxVjUzTTE0WC4u>

YEARS 5 and 6

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KWIBDfrzw0WF-TIBI23JhevMcwC4fldNomIRnPnXvZRUNUNST0I0MzVSSVRCVVJORIQ3UDBZNE01Qy4u>

MUSIC TUITION SURVEY

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KWIBDfrzw0WF-TIBI23JhevMcwC4fldNomIRnPnXvZRUODdWRDVFS1hSVzdCN1JUWUJUVEtRV1hLMS4u>



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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.

Reports

Your child's / children's school report will be sent out electronically early next week via Seesaw. Please ensure that you are able to log in to this and access the report. They will be in PDF format and you should be able to download this onto the device of your choice to view and read.

New parent / teacher transition meetings

Thank you to those parents who attended the meetings on Tuesday. Hopefully, the information was useful. Whether you attended or not, you will receive an electronic copy of the documents shared at the meeting for your children.

Reading Books

If you still have school reading books at home, please return as quickly as possible so that they can be used in school again. We need to put these back in the centrally stored areas over summer ready to organise for September.

White Rose Maths and Morrisons Little Libraries

White Rose Maths is proud to team up with leading supermarket, Morrisons, to give primary pupils a series of exciting and FREE workbooks to use at home. These colourful and engaging workbooks are perfect for revisiting and practising work that children have covered earlier in the year, or to prepare them for the new school year ahead.

Parents and carers can collect the books from 26 July onwards at any of Morrisons' network of stores nationwide. All they need to do is to call in at the 'Children's Little Library' in their local Morrisons store during their regular shop, and collect their free copies!

Families are welcome to take one free copy per pupil from Y1 to Y6. The workbooks contain a link to the answers, too.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/morrison/>

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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
Tuesday 27 th July 2021	School reports sent electronically
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

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

West Yorkshire Police – warnings about Water Safety

As the temperature soars many will be tempted to cool off in open water. However it is important to be aware of the dangers. Tragically we have had young people die by drowning in open water our area. So it is important that all students are reminded of the dangers. Please see resources below, that you may also want to signpost parents to;

[Water safety: How to stay safe in and around water - CBBC Newsround](#)

[Water Safety Code - RoSPA](#)

[Water Safety - West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service \(westyorksfire.gov.uk\)](#)

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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.

Please see handout attached with newsletter.

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

