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Dear parents and carers,

Apologies for the delay in getting this week's newsletter to you. It has been quite a busy week in school. As you will all be aware, school has been affected greatly by a large number of positive cases of Coronavirus this week. In total, as it stands, we have had 22 pupils test positive and 5 staff members, most of which have been confirmed on PCR tests now. A significant number of these cases were in the Year 1 class and unfortunately, due to the number of staff testing positive, we made the very difficult decision to have to close this class. We appreciate the support and understanding given to us regarding this decision from most parents and it was not a decision taken lightly. We hope to have the staff back in place and out of isolation by Thursday 30th September when we will be able to re-open the class.

I think, that whilst the disruption a positive case or class closure causes is frustrating and inconvenient, it is worth remembering that at the heart of this 'problem', are children and staff members who actually aren't well, some are actually quite ill, so I would like to wish all those who have tested positive a speedy recovery and hope they return to full health very soon.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend

Paul Quarry

Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Also attached with this newsletter is our Safeguarding Policy. This policy is integral to the school's ethos and at the heart of everything we do in school.

We have a duty of care to look after the safety and wellbeing of all pupils. This policy documents all of the different aspects of safeguarding that school staff are trained in and need to have an awareness of.

If we become aware of any signs or indicators of any of the safeguarding areas, we do need to take action and follow this up. This may include contacting parents for further information, consulting with other agencies (as part of our multi-agency information sharing approach) and, on rare occasions, referring on to Social Care or the Police, depending on the concerns. Whilst decisions are never taken lightly, we are trained to always have the best interest of the children at heart. We do this despite it sometimes leading to difficult conversations with parents or carers and difficult decisions that we need to make. Our safeguarding training makes it clear:

'Always do something; never do nothing'

CLASS DOJO

Just a reminder, that if you have not yet signed up yourself and logged in as your child on Class Dojo, please do so as soon as possible.

<https://www.classdojo.com/>



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BEHAVIOUR POLICY

Over the past few months, we have had discussions in school as a staff and consulted governors, parents and pupils regarding the behaviour policy and procedures in place. After listening to the views and opinions regarding this, we have reviewed our policy and tried to make sure that our policy and procedures are clearer for all. This policy, has been attached along with this newsletter for you to see.

Our revised school values – our 'Core Four' values – of Respect, Responsibility, Resilience and Recognition, which were decided upon after consultation with yourself via a survey last Spring, now directly feed into our new Golden Rules. These have been reduced from five to three to make the expectations clearer for pupils.

We are Respectful

We are Responsible

We are Resilient

By following these three Golden Rules, pupils will receive the **recognition** their behaviour deserves through our rewards system, which will shortly include the use of Dojo points, in place of stars, and our weekly Golden Assembly. The policy details further ways that pupils are rewarded for positive behaviour choices.

One thing to clarify that keeps arising as an issue with parents / carers is the impact that some individual pupils may have on other pupils enjoying their Golden Time on a Friday afternoon. To be clear, the most one pupil can impact on the class Golden Time is one minute. If a pupil loses, and does not earn back, two minutes in a week, they move onto individual minutes whereby their minutes do not affect the class at all.

The policy details the sanctions that will be put in place for pupils who continue to break our Golden Rules but it is worth mentioning that pupils will still continue to miss play times on occasions if their behaviour choices justify this sanction, they will also have privileges withdrawn if necessary and this can include losing roles of responsibility in school (such as School Councillor) and where behavioural choices significantly impact on other pupils, very rarely, it can mean that pupils will be prevented from attending events such as parties and residentials, especially if their behaviour could negatively impact on the safety or enjoyment of other pupils who do follow the Golden Rules.

Finally, regarding behaviour, we know that when pupils reach Years 5 and 6, many parents make the choice to allow their children to walk to and from school on their own. However, this decision should be made based on whether their children are responsible enough to do so. Last year, for a small number of pupils, school had to withdraw this option based on the levels of respect and responsibility shown by a few pupils whilst waiting for school doors to open on a morning or when leaving school on an afternoon. Over the past week, we have received several reports of Year 6 pupils behaving irresponsibly whilst waiting for doors to open. Some of these pupils are arriving on school grounds at 8:25am – 20 minutes before doors open. This is far too early so please ensure your children arrive no earlier than 8:40 if they are waiting on their own. Whilst waiting, we are aware that items such as conkers, apples and even lunch boxes are being thrown by this small number of pupils. If this continues, those pupils will need to be accompanied by an adult whilst they wait for doors to open and will need to be collected by an adult at home time, for their own safety and that of others.

School staff will be contacting parents and carers of these pupils to have a conversation about this at the start of next week and the local police support officer will also be coming into school to work with pupils.



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AFTERSCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

Below is a link to the afterschool club place request form for Autumn Term.

We have postponed the start of these clubs due to the number of cases in school at the moment so they will now begin on Tuesday 5th October 2021.

Throughout Autumn, we will be running the clubs that proved most popular on the surveys sent out in the Summer Term.

TUESDAYS – Football Club for Years 3 and 4
WEDNESDAYS – Football Club for Years 5 and 6
THURSDAYS – Dance Club for Years 1 and 2

All of the above clubs are free.

Please complete the form below to request a place for your child at the clubs above.

Only complete the form if you want a place.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KWIBDfrzw0WF-TIBI23JhevMcwC4fldNomIRnPnXvZRUNDNJOFhGUjRXTTRITjhWMEY4NE1BV0I3Ri4u>

SWIMMING

For pupils going swimming in Year 5, please ensure that children come appropriately prepared for this.

- Pupils should wear appropriate swimwear. This means swimming trunks or swimming costumes; not long swimming shorts or bikinis;
- Pupils should not wear underwear under their swimming trunks or swimming costumes;
- Pupils should not be bringing aerosol deodorants with them. If pupils need a deodorant, this needs to be a roll-on deodorant.



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Attendance – Autumn 1 – Week 3

Year Group	Attendance (%)
UFS	92.1%
1	Class closed
2	90.0%
3	72.2%
4	95.3%
5	92.8%
6	93.8%
School Average	85.2%

This week the impact of positive cases and isolation is evident but we have to say well done to Year 4 who were our attendance champions in a highly-affected week.

GOLDEN WORKERS

This week we have RECOGNISED pupils who have been RESPONSIBLE around school.

Golden Assembly - Core Values

	Respect being respectful being tolerant being kind			Resilience being resilient showing perseverance valuing self-worth	
	Responsibility being responsible being honest being reflective			Recognition showing appreciation taking pride	

Date:	Autumn 1 - Week 3 - Friday 24 th September 2021	
Year group	Pupil	Reason
1	Anthony	for making responsible choices when learning about ownership of our images during the E-Safety lesson from home.
2	Lialah	for making more responsible choices and making sure she tries hard to complete her work.
3	Tansy	for being a sensible, honest pupil who always follows our Golden Rules and keeps herself safe. She takes responsibility for her own learning by listening well and putting 100% into all of her work. We are lucky to have Tansy in our class as she is a brilliant role model to others.
4	Ava	for always taking care of her equipment and handing out class books carefully with no fuss.
5	Shane-Benjamin	for always being helpful around the class and being responsible when doing his new class job.
6	Bethan	for always taking responsibility for her learning by listening well, working hard and seeking help when needed.



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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 (**if your child has just moved into Year 3, this means that unless you are entitled to FSM, they will no longer received free school meals**), 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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SAFEGUARDING AND MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBING SUPPORT

Wakefield I Can - Online resource for children and young people in Wakefield

<https://wf-i-can.co.uk/>

Hazlehurst Centre – sexual violence and/ or sexual abuse support

<https://www.hazlehurstcentre.org/>

CHILDLINE – Removing Nude Images

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/remove-nude-image-shared-online/>

The Hideout – Domestic Abuse advice and support for children

<http://thehideout.org.uk/>

WDDAS – Domestic Abuse advice and support

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/health-care-and-advice/adults-and-older-people-services/domestic-abuse>

Relationship Matters – advice about parental conflict

<https://relationshipmatters.org.uk/>

Talk to Frank – Information about drugs

<https://www.talktofrank.com/>

Turning Point – Advice and support for drug and alcohol problems

www.turning-point.co.uk/wakefield

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

<https://www.southwestyorkshire.nhs.uk/services/forensic-child-and-adolescent-mental-health-services-camhs/>

Young Minds

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

NSPCC

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

Samaritans

<https://www.samaritans.org/>

The Children's Society

<https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/see-hear-respond>

Barnardo's

[Believe in children | Children's charity | Barnardo's \(barnardos.org.uk\)](#)

Winston's Wish

[Winston's Wish - giving hope to grieving children \(winstonswish.org\)](http://www.winstonswish.org)

Wakefield Families Together

<https://www.wakefieldfamilies-together.co.uk/>

ONLINE SAFETY

Parent Info – help and advice for families in the digital world

<https://parentinfo.org/>

Thinkuknow – advice and guidance to keep children safe online

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

NSPCC – Online Safety

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Lego – Online Safety

<https://www.lego.com/en-gb/sustainability/children/digital-child-safety>

Net Aware (NSPCC) – Guidance about games and apps

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/>

CEOP - Child exploitation and Online Protection

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>

OTHER USEFUL SITES / CONTACTS

Wakefield SEND Local Offer

<https://wakefield.mylocaloffer.org/Home>

STAR – Bereavement Support

<https://starbereavement.org.uk/>

ICON – Coping with crying babies

<https://iconcope.org/>

NHS – 999 for emergencies or 111

POLICE – 999 or 101 for non-emergencies

CHILD LINE – 0800 1111