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Dear parents and carers,

We have reached the end of the first half-term and, as seems to be the case every time, it has been yet another challenging one, greatly affected by Covid-19. Thank you for your support during the past seven weeks. We had all hoped that this school year would see a return to normality. Unfortunately, it has seen us experience our largest numbers of positive cases amongst pupils and staff in a short period of time and this had a huge impact on staffing. Apologies that myself and Mrs Morgan have been unable to be out on the playground on a morning as much as we have previously but most days have required some kind of staffing rearrangement in order to ensure that the classes, playtimes and lunchtimes could be staffed safely and appropriately. Next half-term, I hope to be seeing you all on a morning once more and, as many of you will know, as Christmas draws nearer, I will be accompanied by the portable speaker delivering some musical festive cheer for you all!

As you will read in the accompanying letter, it does not seem that it is only our school that has had issues with staffing due to isolations. We have received communication from the Director of Public Health in Wakefield regarding the current situation in Wakefield and her recommendation for certain restrictions to be reintroduced in schools from Monday 1st November. Please read this letter as it explains the reasons for needing to do this. It also gives insight into why, earlier in the week, we were told to reintroduce certain measures to prevent the spread of the virus from the classes with positive cases to the wider school community.

There will be further communication regarding this to come but I have attached the letter specifically written for parents and carers from the Director of Public Health for you.

Have a lovely weekend, and half-term.

Take care and stay safe,

Paul Quarry

Headteacher

YEAR SIX HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION

Just a reminder that the deadline for Year 6 high school applications is 31st October. Please ensure that your application forms or online applications are completed and submitted by this date. School does not play a part in this process and your forms must go direct to Wakefield admissions team.

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-children/schools/admissions/apply-secondary-school>

PARKING

Again, parking has been brought to our attention so please can we ask that parents / carers adhere to the yellow markings when parking cars for drop-off and collection from school. Please can we also ask that all adults in cars are considerate of the safety of our pupils, our neighbours and their premises and adults who need to use mobility scooters or who have push chairs by making sure that they do not park on kerbs and block paths.

ASSEMBLIES

This week, we have been learning about George Webster as he is the first ever CBeebies presenter with Down's syndrome. The 20-year-old, from Leeds, is an actor, dancer and ambassador for the disability charity, Mencap.

Some questions you could ask your children to check their understanding could be:

- **Who is George Webster?**
- **Why is he a good role model?**
- **Why might he have needed to be RESILIENT?**

PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended their consultation meetings on Wednesday. Teachers have reported that these were very positive meetings and it is great to work in partnership for the benefit of your children. If any parents and carers were unable to make the meetings, please contact school, to arrange an alternative time to call or speak on Teams after half-term.

Attendance – Autumn 1 – Week 7









Year Group	Attendance (%)
UFS	91.1%
1	91.7%
2	91.8%
3	96.8%
4	92.2%
5	89.2%
6	76.2%
School Average	89.8%

Target = 97%

This week, congratulations go to Year 3 who were our attendance champions.

GOLDEN WORKERS

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

<i>Golden Assembly - Core Values</i>		
	<p>Respect being respectful being tolerant being kind</p>	
	<p>Resilience being resilient showing perseverance valuing self-worth</p>	
	<p>Responsibility being responsible being honest being reflective</p>	
	<p>Recognition showing appreciation taking pride</p>	
Date:	Autumn 1 - Week 7 - Friday 22 nd October 2021	
Year group	Pupil	Reason
1	Teddy	<i>For always working hard to be resilient if he makes a mistake when completing new learning and knowing that he can improve and change his mistakes.</i>
2	William	<i>For challenging himself to work hard in his Literacy and Maths and never giving up.</i>
3	Freddy	<i>For always trying hard, persevering with his work and having a really positive attitude towards learning. Freddy's resilience has paid off as he has already made great progress in Year 3.</i>
4	Emily	<i>For always trying her best with her work. She has been trying especially hard in maths.</i>
5	Bailey	<i>For persevering in his swimming lessons and challenging himself to swim in the deep end of the pool.</i>
6	Lily	<i>For always trying her best and never giving up, no matter how big the challenge is.</i>

HALF-TERM HOLIDAYS

Please see the link below for ideas of activities that may be of interest to you in half-term:

<https://wakefield.mumbler.co.uk/school-holidays/october-half-term/>

STANDARD ITEMS

Free School Meals Information

PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR PARENTS / CARERS OF PUPILS IN UFS, YEAR 1, YEAR 2 or YEAR 3

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.

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 \(winstonswish.org\)](#)

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