

Welcome to back to our new school term.

It's lovely to see all the children and staff back in school and everyone seems to be coping with the changes and protocols we've put in place.

COVID Precautions

We know this is an anxious time for everyone and as you'll be aware we are trying our best to minimise risks of infection round school including the staggered start and finish times.

We are encouraging social distancing whenever possible.

Please continue to drop off and pick up in your allotted time slot.

Each class is working as a 'bubble' with toilets and sinks allocated to each bubble to limit shared areas and they have their own area to play in outside.

Desks in class are spread out as much as possible. School is thoroughly cleaned each evening and touch points are cleaned during the day.

Children wash/sanitise their hands on entry to school and before they leave and also throughout the day.

At lunchtime each bubble has a time slot so tables can be cleaned between sittings.

Here's a copy of the advice we sent out by email earlier this week (it's also on the school website in News section)

Coughs, colds and sore throats are always common in this term but obviously there are added concerns this year.

Common cold, runny noses, blocked noses etc - if there is no temperature the child can come to school. If you feel they need a day off to get over the cold, contact school. If you are unsure use NHS 111 line for advice.

Normal precautions apply for stomach bugs/sickness or diarrhoea - child(ren) stay off for 48 hours after their last symptoms.

If your child is showing the main symptoms of Coronavirus

- *a high temperature*
- *a new continuous cough - meaning coughing a lot, for more than an hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours*
- *a loss or change to sense of smell or taste - either they cannot smell or taste anything or things smell or taste different to normal*

You should get them tested as soon as possible and isolate at home - anyone in your support bubble (your immediate family group) must also stay at home until you get the result.

Use the link on the school website (News section COVID Advice September 2020) to organise a test or call 119 if you have issues using the internet

If you have issues getting a test please contact school.

If the test comes back negative your child(ren) can come back to school.

If the result is positive contact school as those in the school bubble will have to isolate.

If someone in your support bubble tests positive or is told to isolate because of Test and Trace - you and your child(ren) should isolate until test results are in. Please contact school if this happens.

*If your child(ren) shows these symptoms in school we will contact you straight away - **make sure we have up to date contact details.***

If there are positive cases in school we will contact families if there is a need to isolate and we will be working with the Health Protection Team and Durham Local Authority.

Whatever the reason for an absence always contact school to tell us.

You can ring (leave a message outside of school hours), text or email stwilfrids@durhamlearning.net

In school we are doing all we can to keep our staff and pupils safe - please make sure you and your family follow the government COVID guidance on group gatherings, wearing masks etc. If you are contacted by Test and Trace please follow their instructions and inform school.

Absence

If your child is off school please contact school before the start of the school day either by phone, text or email stwilfrids@durhamlearning.net

School Dinners

For children from Years 3-6 on school meals, dinners are still **£10.50 per week (£2.10 per day)**. School meals are free for children in Reception, Years 1 & 2.

Whenever possible please use Parent Pay for school meals payments or other payments. Please contact the school Office for details on how to sign up.

Contact Details

It's essential we have up to date phone contacts and a working email address. If your contacts change please inform school immediately.

Class Dojo

Class teachers will be keeping in touch on Dojo - please make sure you are signed up and in contact with your child's teacher.

Please be mindful of the fact teachers have families and commitments outside of school time and will not reply to late night or early morning messages. If something is urgent contact the school office by text or phone, messages can be left at any time and they are checked first thing on a morning.

Jewellery

The only jewellery children should wear is a watch. **No earrings**, bracelets or necklaces.

Water Bottles

Every child should bring a **water** bottle (not juice) into school each day to have in class. These should be taken home each day to clean and refill.

Breakfast Club will start again this week

We now have to closely monitor the numbers of children who come to Breakfast Club. Those who have completed the survey and asked for regular places (daily or a few times a week) have been contacted to say they have places.

If you need Breakfast Club 'once in a while' or need a more regular place please contact the **school office** at least 2 days before its needed to book a place.

Starts at 7.45am, could all children be there by 8.20am. Our Breakfast Club is still free.

PE Kits

Your child should come to school in PE on there PE lesson day.

Monday	Year 6	If these days change the class teachers will be in touch.	First Steps do not need a PE kit.
Tuesday	Year 5		
Wednesday	Year 3 and Year 4		
Thursday	Year 2		
Friday	Year 1		

There will be no after school clubs at the moment..

Parent Governor

We have a vacancy on our governing body for a Parent Governor. If you are interested or would like to know more about the role, please contact Miss Sands

Comments of Concerns

If you have questions or concerns about something in school feel free to contact us to discuss it. Sadly with COVID restrictions opportunities for face to face meetings are limited so please ring school with your concerns and Miss Sands or your child's teacher will get back to you. In order for the children to get the most out of school its essential we work together.

Online Safety

There have been several incidents lately reported in the media where disturbing images or videos have been shared on various social media sites. Attached to this email is a poster with some tips on how to talk to your children about this. Please monitor your child's online messages and encourage them to tell someone if they see something scary or inappropriate.

HOLIDAY DATES 2020-2021		
Holiday	Closing Date	Date Re-open for Teaching Purposes
Summer 2020	Thursday 16 th July 2020	Wednesday 2 nd September 2020
Autumn Half-Term 2020	Friday 23 rd October 2020	Monday 2 nd November 2020
Christmas 2020	Tuesday 22 nd December 2020	Wednesday 6 th January 2021
Spring Half-Term 2021	Friday 12 th February 2021	Monday 22 nd February 2021
Easter 2021	Friday 26 th March 2021	Monday 12 th April 2021
May Day Bank Holiday 2021	Friday 30 th April 2021	Tuesday 4 th May 2021
Summer Half-Term 2021	Thursday 27 th May 2021	Monday 7 th June 2021
Summer Staff Training Day	Thursday 24 th June 2021	Monday 28 th June 2021
Summer 2021	Friday 16 th July 2021	To be determined

SCARY CHALLENGES ONLINE

What parents and schools need to know to keep children safe from the latest dares, scares, threats & challenges

There are always stories going round about nasty things online and you may be asked to share warnings about them. The ones with clever names and funny pictures are usually fakes and hoaxes, but of course bad things happen online too and we all want to keep young people safe from them.

Whether a scare is real or not, we would advise against sharing warnings about specific challenges or even 'bad apps', sites or games. Read on to find out why...and what to do instead.

Insert scary picture here.
Is that a good idea?



NO NEED TO SHOW SCARY THINGS

Why shouldn't we share specific warnings?

Scare-shares can cause:

1. A false sense of security
2. Free publicity
3. Unproductive panic

What can we do instead?

1. Talk about **GENERAL** risks and what can go wrong online wherever you are
2. Use **NON-SCARY EXAMPLES** to talk about how to respond to dares, challenges, scares and threats
3. Make sure children and young people know who to talk to and where to get **HELP** from different sources
4. Focus on the **POSITIVES** - after all, if we say it's all bad, they won't listen to us

Top tips



Still not sure? Have a look at what the experts at CEOP say about online scares or how the Samaritans advise us to talk about challenges.

NOT A GOOD IDEA



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