



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see everyone back at school on Monday and we have spent the week settling back into our routines at school. Unfortunately, as you will be aware, we have had to close one of our class bubbles this week. I am sure you have a range of feelings about this but it is important to understand that if there is a positive Covid case in school we all need to continue following advice from the government and public health regarding isolation periods.

How you can help

Please continue to follow social distancing rules at pick up/drop off and always wear a face covering. Please do not send your child to school if they are feeling unwell. If you are unsure, please contact school for advice before sending your child to school. You must not send your child to school if they are showing any signs of the following symptoms:

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Red Nose Day – Friday 19th March

Please see the additional letter from Miss Cannon regarding plans for Friday 19th March. We will be selling Red Noses for £1.50 from Monday 15th March.

Uniform Expectations:

Please ensure your child wears their school uniform in line with our uniform policy.

Our School uniform:

- Bright red plain jumper, sweat shirt or cardigan (school logo optional)
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Black trousers, skirts or shorts
- Red gingham dresses
- Plain black or red tights (no patterns please)
- Plain socks (black or white)
- Sensible **black** shoes. In bad weather children may change from wellingtons / boots in the cloakroom (exceptions for medical needs).
- Long hair (beyond shoulders) should be tied back. School coloured/neutral hair accessories to be kept to a minimum.

Everyone will need a PE Kit:

*All PE sessions will be outside for the rest of the year. Class teachers will communicate with you directly about PE days. Children can come to school in their PE kit on their allocated day.

- Indoor PE Kit - Plain Dark Shorts and a plain white t-shirt
- Outdoor PE Kit - Plain Dark Shorts and a plain white t-shirt.
- Plain dark track suit top and bottoms for cold weather.
- Trainers (any style/colour) that your child can fasten themselves.

Nail varnish is not permitted. The only jewellery that is allowed is a watch and stud earrings (no loops). Please leave valuable/precious items at home. Children will also need a clean water bottle each day.

Children can bring a piece of fruit for their playtime snack if they wish. Fruit is provided for children in EYFS and KS1.

Drop off and Pick up:

We ask that you still continue to wear a face covering for drop off/pick up and that you adhere to social distancing rules. Please remember it is only one parent/carers to pick up/drop off – this is to ease congestion at the gates and on the premises.

***Important Message about drop off times**

Children will not be able to enter school earlier than their allocated time unless they are entering with a younger sibling. Children will have to wait for their teacher to collect them from the gate. The one-way system on the school premises will be reinstated for collection of Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6. We ask that all younger children that have already been collected remain with you on the path while you wait. Many thanks.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place in the week before Easter and will be held via Zoom. A letter will follow shortly with further details for you to make an appointment.

Newts

Please remember to contact Mrs Myton if you require a before or after school place. From Monday 12th April Newts will be open until 6pm. We have an opening for a Newts relief member of staff, if you are interested please contact Mrs Myton for more information at newts@newton-hill.org.uk

Mrs Dundas our learning mentor is available if you would like any further advice or support. Class emails will remain in place for communication with class teachers, however as all children will be back in school emails may not be responded to in the same day so please contact the school office if you need to speak to someone.

Kind regards,
Mrs Wheatley

Congratulations to Stars of the Week (SOTW)

Nursery – Gigi
Reception A – All of Reception A
Reception B – All of Reception B
Year 1A – Jessica
Year 1B – Kayden B
Year 2 – Mason
Year 3 – Darcie
Year 4 – Leighton
Year 5 – Abdul
Year 6 – Jasmine

Headteacher's Award

Cory (Y3)



Our 5 Golden Rules

At Newton Hill Community School, everyone follows our 5 Golden Rules.

We want everyone to be the best they can be and to 'Reach for the Stars'.

- ❖ We will always keep everyone included.
- ❖ We will always keep everyone safe.
- ❖ We will always keep everyone learning.
 - ❖ We will always try our best.
 - ❖ We are always honest.

Bubble Closures & NHCS Remote Learning Plan

If a class bubble needs to close due to positive COVID test result, we will contact you via Parent Hub in order for you to collect your child/children or advise you to keep your child at home if we are notified during the evening. If a bubble closed, children would need to remain at home for 10 days. We understand that this will be a difficult time for everyone.

During the closure we will continue to provide remote learning. On the day of closure children can start to use the resource pack which has been sent home, further activities may be posted on Parent Hub. From day 3 of the closure, further remote learning activities will be set. These will be sent out via Parent Hub/email and also be linked to our school website under the 'Pupil Zone' tab. The website pages will be made available once it has been confirmed that a bubble will need to close. Work will be set daily and it will be an expectation that you return work to school so that it can be marked by class teachers – this can be done via the class email system. Teachers will provide clear explanations for the learning to be completed at home and links to a variety of resources. There will be links to pre-recorded videos however there will not be any scheduled live learning sessions. We will keep you updated through parent hub and may also contact you by telephone as required.

Covid-19: Actions you can take to help

Please do not send your child to school if they are showing symptoms OR someone in their household is showing symptoms. Please let school know if your child is not attending. The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal
- Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

[Arrange a test](#) if you or your child develops symptoms. Inform school of the results. If the test is positive, follow [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#), and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process. If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result. Please contact school if you need any help.

Keeping Everyone Safe

If you have any safeguarding concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school - our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are: Mrs Wheatley, Mr Duce, Mrs Luck, Mr Paine, Mrs Dundas, Mrs Myton and Miss Land.

School Attendance Matters

We are very keen to ensure that all children attend school regularly, as this is important for your child's academic progress. We need your help to improve our attendance figure. You can help by making sure your child is at school on time every day.

Unplanned School Closures

In the unlikely event of a school closure, for reasons out of our control, we will contact you via parent hub. We will also display messages and updates on our school website

www.newtonhill.wakefield.sch.uk

We will always do our best to stay open, but if for any reason we have to close **during the day** we will contact you by text, parent hub and information will be displayed on our website. A member of the Senior Leadership Team/Senior Teacher will always stay on site until all children have been collected.

Newts Information/Update

During adverse weather conditions, various considerations need to be assessed to see if school can open safely – for example the number of staff members who can get to work safely, site safety and access. If there are any occasions of adverse weather (snow) conditions in the future, Newts provision will not be open for breakfast club. This is to allow sufficient time for school to assess if school can open safely and if there are enough members of staff able to travel to school safely. Messages will be sent to all parents as reminders should this be the case and we will always give advance notice if weather warnings are issued. We will always try to stay open during adverse weather conditions and school may offer a later opening time rather than a full closure depending on the circumstances.



Dates for your diary:

The full school calendar for 2020/2021 is included at the end of the newsletter for your information.

Dates

INSET DAYS

Monday 7th September

Monday 4th January

Thursday 6th May

Monday 7th June

Monday 26th July

Contact Details

Please ensure we have your up to date contact details (emergency contact details/updates of addresses).

We require at least 2 emergency contacts for your child/children in school.

Please contact school either on 01924 303680 or at admin@newton-hill.org.uk if you need to update your details.

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	= Bank Holidays
	= School Holidays

Number of pupil days:	195
Less INSET days to be fixed:	5
Total number of pupil days:	190

Class Emails	Class Teacher
nursery@newton-hill.org.uk	Mrs Luck and Mrs Greaux
receptiona@newton-hill.org.uk	Mrs Neal
receptionb@newton-hill.org.uk	Miss Fletcher
year1a@newton-hill.org.uk	Miss Cannon
year1b@newton-hill.org.uk	Miss Spence
year2@newton-hill.org.uk	Miss Brook
year3@newton-hill.org.uk	Mr Paine
year4@newton-hill.org.uk	Mrs Wrench
year5@newton-hill.org.uk	Mr Duce
year6@newton-hill.org.uk	Mr Sharp