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Dear Parents & Carers,

School Meals CH & CO

Our new school meal provider and our new catering staff team are receiving a very positive response from staff and children. Below are a few pictures of the meals this week, the salad bar is available every day for all children.

If your child has a packed lunch I would encourage your child to try a school meal, especially if your child is in Reception or KS1 as they are FREE. If your child would like to try a school meal please register your child and order a meal – for KS2, payments are easy to make and you can just pay for one meal if you would like to try them.



Thursday 20th January is our Census Day

The number of children who have a school meal on this day will determine funding the school will receive so it is a great time to try our new meal provider. The menu will be as follows, this has already been updated on the ordering system.

Please help support our funding by ordering a school meal. Thank you.

Thursday 20th January

Breaded Chicken Goujons
with sticky BBQ sauce
(wheat)

or
Margherita Pizza (v)
(wheat, milk, egg, soya)

with
Chunky potato wedges,
baked beans and vegetable crudites

Dessert
Snap crackle and pop chocolate crispie cake
(wheat)

Covid Cases in School – Copy of Letter for your reference

Thank you for your cooperation. Please contact school if you have any questions or require further support.

Warn and inform letter: Covid-19 - Daily LFT test letter

Dear Parents,

I am writing to advise you that there have been a number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in school.

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation. Please be reassured that for most people and especially for children and young people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

Schools are no longer required to identify close contacts of cases. This will be done by NHS Test and Trace who will call the parents of confirmed cases directly.

However, because of the high number of cases in school, it is likely that many of these students have been close contacts of a positive case. To reduce further spread and disruption to teaching, we would ask you, if possible, to do daily lateral flow tests on your child for the next 7 days. First thing in the morning before school is ideal, but you can test the night before if it is easier for you.

If the LFT is positive then your child will need to self-isolate for 10 days. It is no longer necessary to get a PCR test to confirm the result.

You may be able to end your self-isolation period before the end of the 10 full days. You can take an LFD test from 6 days after the day your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you did not have symptoms), and another LFD test on the following day. The second LFD test should be taken at least 24 hours later. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result.

You should not take an LFD test before the sixth day of your isolation period, and you should only end your self-isolation after you have had 2 consecutive negative LFD tests which should be taken at least 24 hours apart. You should stop testing after you have had 2 consecutive negative test results. You should not take any more LFD tests after the 10th day of your isolation period.

For further detail and information please visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

If the result is negative then your child can attend school as long as they have no symptoms of illness. If they do have cough, fever or loss of taste/smell, then they will still need a PCR test even if the LFT is negative (because LFTs are not very reliable).

Children do not always have the 'typical' symptoms, so if your child is generally unwell and in particular has symptoms such as sore throat, headache, runny nose and sneezing, we would ask you to keep them at home and arrange a PCR test.

If you do not undertake daily testing then please still watch out for possible symptoms of COVID in your child and arrange a PCR test if necessary.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

Rates of COVID-19 are higher than ever before in Wakefield, but there are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting seriously ill with COVID-19.

The most important thing is for everyone over 18 to get both doses of vaccine and a booster as soon as possible. The vaccines provide very strong protection against becoming seriously ill with COVID-19 and needing to go to hospital.

Children aged 12-15 can now get their second dose of vaccine, as long as it is at least 12 weeks after their first dose.

Information on where to get a vaccine is here: [Walk in and grab a jab](#)

[In addition:](#)

- Keep using face coverings in crowded indoor spaces
- Limit the number of people you mix with who aren't in your household
- Meet outdoors or in well ventilated spaces when you can.
- Stay at home and get a PCR test if you have possible symptoms of COVID-19, especially cough, fever or loss of taste/smell
- If you have been in close contact with a positive case, do daily lateral flow tests for 7 days. Limit your contact with others as much as you can, especially vulnerable people.
- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze

Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Just a reminder about procedures for school closures:

Unplanned School Closures – Snow/Adverse Weather

It is coming to that time of year when the weather can start to change. Although snow is welcomed by our children it can, as you know, cause issues with schools. We will always aim to notify you of any closures at the earliest opportunity and appreciate that this may be at short notice.

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/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 via Parent Hub, and information will be displayed on our website. A member of the Senior Leadership Team will always stay on site until all children have been collected.

Newts Provision – Adverse Weather

During adverse weather conditions, various considerations need to be assessed to see if school can open safely – for example the number of members of staff who can get to work safely, site safety and access.

Therefore, if there are any occasions of adverse weather (snow/treacherous conditions), 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 staff able to travel to school safely.

Messages will be sent to all parents via Parent Hub as reminders should this be the case and we will always give advance notice if weather warnings are issued. We will aim to notify you by 7am should this be the case. 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.

Safeguarding

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

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> This website offers advice and guides for parents which you may find useful.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>



Keeping Safe Online

For advice on keeping safe online for parents and children you may wish to visit: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Dates:

- Thursday 20th January – Census Day
- Thursday 5th May – INSET Day
- Thursday 26th May – INSET Day
- Friday 27th May – INSET Day

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please contact school on 01924 303680 or send an email to admin@newton-hill.org.uk.

Kind regards,
Mrs Wheatley