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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all really looking forward to seeing everyone return to school tomorrow. Below is some information which you may find useful and some reminders about the gates and times for school reopening on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

### **School premises**

We ask for your cooperation with social distancing requirements at the school gates. Only one parent/carers should drop off/pick up – this is to reduce the number of adults in the school community and we also ask that you arrive for the time stated below and avoid arriving too early as other children/parents/carers will be using the gate.

We ask for your full cooperation and patience and would hope that everyone in our community takes responsibility for keeping everyone safe during these unprecedented times.

As a school we will monitor and review the procedures we have put in place following government guidelines. These measures are in place for a reason.

For a reminder about gates and start/finish times please see below.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Start time</b>	<b>Finish time</b>	<b>Drop off and collection gate</b>
Nursery	9:15	12:15 or 3:15 (30 hours)	East Street
Reception	8:45	3:00	East Street
Year 1 A and Year 1 B	9:00	3:15	East Street
Year 2	8:45	3:00	Fourth Avenue
Year 3 and Year 4	9:00	3:20	Fourth Avenue
Year 5 and Year 6	9:10	3:30	Fourth Avenue

Children will not be able to enter through the front entrance as this will mean children and staff will be mixing unnecessarily. If you have children at different gates at the same time, the older child can enter through the younger siblings' gates and must wait outside their classroom door. Staff will direct children if needed. This is a new routine for everyone and we ask for your patience.

For any parents/carers who have prior authorisation to use the school car park we ask that you wait in the car park and a member of staff will collect your child from the car park gate at their allocated start time listed above. You will need to collect at the allocated time above, a member of staff will meet you at the car park gate with your child.

### **Staffing: September 2020**

We look forward to welcoming Miss Spence to Newton Hill.

Class	Teacher
Nursery	Mrs Greaux Mrs Luck
Reception (A)	Mrs Neal
Reception (B)	Miss Fletcher
Year 1 (A)	Miss Cannon
Year 1 (B)	Miss Spence
Year 2	Miss Brook
Year 3	Mr Paine
Year 4	Mrs Wrench
Year 5	Mr Duce
Year 6	Mr Sharp

### **Dates**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September – School starts for KS1 and KS2

Start dates for Nursery and Reception have been shared by Mrs Neal, Miss Fletcher, Mrs Luck and Mrs Greaux.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school tomorrow. Further information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Yours sincerely,

*C. Wheatley*

Mrs C Wheatley – Headteacher

## **Further information from Wakefield Local Authority**

### **Getting to school**

With children and young people going back to school, we are committed to ensuring that they can all safely get there.

There are many ways you can travel to school. In the first instance, we would encourage you to walk, cycle, or scoot to school if you can and if you live a short distance (2 miles or less) from your school or further education college.

This will help to reduce pressure on the public transport network for those who need it most. There's also lots of benefits to each:

### **Walking**

Walking is a great way to get some exercise. Physical activity is great for growing brains, bones, muscles, and imaginations and will help your child to arrive at school wide awake and ready to learn.

It's also the perfect time to connect and spend some quality time with your family. While you're walking to school why not make it even more fun by playing some games?

If you want to explore further afield, you can find lots of walks across the district at [www.wakefield.gov.uk/walking](http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/walking)

### **Cycling**

For older students, or younger if accompanied by an adult, cycling is a great way to get fit, breathe in some fresh air, and have some you time as you travel to school or college.

There are many bike shops across the district to get you started and lots of cycle routes to discover.

Adults and college students can also take advantage of free socially distant one-to-one adult cycle training sessions. These are being made available to help cycle to work or college.

Remember though to check with your school or college to make sure there is a place to leave your bike, and don't forget your lock.

If students aren't able to walk, cycle, or scoot, they can still use public transport or drive to school or college.

For a range of cycling opportunities across the district visit [www.wakefield.gov.uk/cycling](http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/cycling)

### **Taking the bus**

For everything you need to know about school bus operations, time tables, as well as what to expect when travelling on board – visit West Yorkshire Metro at: [www.wymetro.com/schools](http://www.wymetro.com/schools)

- To help everyone stay safe, when travelling by bus you must:
- Keep 2m apart from people not in your social bubble while waiting for the bus
- 11 year olds and over must wear a face covering (unless exempt)
- Use cashless fare options, like the MCard where possible
- Practice good hand hygiene
- Be patient and follow instructions from transport staff
- Not travel if unwell

## **Driving to school**

When driving your child to school please park as far away from other cars as you can and maintain social distancing on the way to school.

You could enjoy some quality family time by parking and striding. Just park the car ten minutes away from school and enjoy some exercise and the chance to connect with your child as you complete the journey on foot.

Your school may have its own social distancing measures in place. Please be patient and follow instructions from staff.

Staying safe when out and about

Whatever mode of transport taken to get to school or college, remember when out and about to:

- Keep your distance from others
- Try to not stop and chat on the pavement, as this will block access for others
- Avoid touching surfaces
- Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- If you can, wear something that covers your nose and mouth when it's hard to stay away from people, this is essential if you are using public transport or taking a taxi
- DO NOT touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean