



Dear Parents and Carers,

In a time when the world is in such a difficult place, it is vital that we care and look after each other – we are all human, we all have our own families to care for, jobs to do at home or at the workplace and for the majority of people remote learning to manage too. Thank you for your support with remote learning, you are doing a great job in difficult circumstances. Thank you again for your continued messages of support, it is very encouraging and motivating for all the staff at Newton Hill. Here is a lovely quote from a book that our Year 6 children are reading: 'In a world where you can be anything, be kind'.



Unfortunately, the latest announcement has stated that for a number of reasons, schools will not start to reopen until 8th March. We will keep you updated with any further developments. Please note that school will be closed during the February half term to all children and FSM vouchers will not be available through February half term. Local councils will contact families regarding support through the half term.

Safeguarding Considerations Remote Learning

If for any reasons the Zoom rules/expectations are not followed and /or there are any concerns during the Zoom lesson, the live lesson will unfortunately be closed down immediately.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Mrs Wheatley

Summary: what you can and cannot do during the national lockdown

You must stay at home. The single most important action we can all take is to stay at home to protect the NHS and save lives. You should follow this guidance immediately. This is [the law](#).

Leaving home

You must not leave, or be outside of your home except where necessary. You may leave the home to:

- shop for basic necessities, for you or a vulnerable person
- go to work, or provide voluntary or charitable services, if you cannot reasonably do so from home
- exercise with your household (or support bubble) or one other person (in which case you should stay [2m apart](#)).

Exercise should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area.

- meet your [support bubble](#) or [childcare bubble](#) where necessary, but only if you are legally permitted to form one
- seek medical assistance or avoid injury, illness or risk of harm (including domestic abuse)
- attend education or childcare - for those eligible

If you do leave home for a permitted reason, you should always stay local - unless it is necessary to go further, for example to go to work. Stay local means stay in the village, town, or part of the city where you live.



Meeting others

You cannot leave your home to meet socially with anyone you do not live with or are not in a [support bubble](#) with (if you are legally permitted to form one). You may exercise on your own, with one other person, or with your household or support bubble. This should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area. You cannot meet other people you do not live with, or have not formed a support bubble with, unless for a permitted reason. [Stay 2 metres apart](#) from anyone not in your household or support bubble.

Hands. Face. Space.

Approximately 1 in 3 people who have coronavirus have no symptoms and could be spreading it without realising it.

Remember - 'Hands. Face. Space.'



- hands – wash your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds
- face – wear a face covering in indoor settings where social distancing may be difficult, and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet
- space – stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings)

You should avoid all non-essential meetings and interactions.

When you can leave home

You must not leave or be outside of your home except where you have a 'reasonable excuse'.

This is the law. The police can take action against you if you leave home without a 'reasonable excuse', and issue you with a fine (Fixed Penalty Notice). You can be given a Fixed Penalty Notice of £200 for the first offence, doubling for further offences up to a maximum of £6,400.

Congratulations to Stars of the Week (SOTW)

Nursery – Clara
Reception A – Inaaya
Reception B – Sebastian
Year 1A – Dalton
Year 1B – Tahlia
Year 2 – Jenson
Year 3 – Myles
Year 4 – Seb
Year 5 – Ronalds
Year 6 – C-Ella

Headteacher's Award

Jasper (Nursery)
Amelie, Lottie (R)
Ruby, Elizabeth, Jenson (Y1)
Caleb, Olivers (Y2)
Hargun (Y3)
Aleena (Y4), Nathan (Y5)



Well done to everyone for your amazing work at school and at home this week.

Mrs Wheatley

Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place on 1-7 February 2021.
This year's theme is Express Yourself.



Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity. This could be through art, music, writing and poetry, dance and drama, photography and film, and doing activities that make you feel good.

It's important to remember that being able to express yourself is not about being the best at something or putting on a performance for others. It is about finding a way to show who you are, and how you see the world, that can help you feel good about yourself.

For Children's Mental Health Week 2021 we will be encouraging children, at home and at school, to explore the different ways we can express ourselves, and the creative ways that we can share our feelings, our thoughts and our ideas.

Unplanned School Closures - Snow

This information is always on the weekly letter, but 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 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 by text and 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.

Bubble Closures & NHCS Remote Learning Plan

If a class bubble needs to close due to positive COVID test result, we would 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. We will also be in daily communication via email. We may also contact you by telephone as required.

Covid-19: Actions you can take to help

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.

Update from the LA January 2021: Tragically we have had recent baby deaths here in Wakefield district as a result of overlay, unsafe sleeping and shaken baby.

Summary of ICON messages:

- I** – Infant crying is normal;
- C** – Comforting methods can help;
- O** – It's OK to walk away;
- N** – Never, ever shake a baby

[Wakefield safeguarding children partnership \(wakefieldscp.org.uk\)](http://wakefieldscp.org.uk) information for parents, including the safer sleeping standard information.

[The Lullaby Trust - Safer sleep for babies, Support for families](#)

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.

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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.

Dates for your diary:

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

Dates

Break up for half term: 12th February

School reopens to Vulnerable/Key Worker children
Monday 22nd February (to be confirmed)

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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
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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