



Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Coronavirus Update**

Thank you to everyone who is complying with the rules – hands, face and space. Unfortunately, there are still parents who are not adhering to the social distancing guidance. Therefore, as you know, we have asked all parents/carers to wear a mask or face covering when collecting/dropping off on school premises. This also applies to older children who are collecting. You must still keep a safe distance from other parents/carers and staff (2 metres) when waiting to collect/drop off.

### **What is does 2 metres look like?**



### **This is why we need to keep a safe distance from other people:**

#### **LOCAL RESTRICTIONS FOR WAKEFIELD DISTRICT**

The Government announced that additional restrictions will be in place for the Wakefield district from Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October, alongside neighbouring areas who also have high rates of infection. Wakefield is confirmed as Local Alert Level 2 (high alert) on the Government's three tier alert system.

We've seen a surge in cases with 191.8 per 100,000 people now testing positive in Wakefield, compared to last week when it was 106.2 per 100,000.

#### **Council urges parents to support social distancing**

Wakefield Council is reminding parents and carers to continue to maintain social distancing during school drop-offs and pick-ups.

People are being asked to keep a 2m distance from others at the school gates as the district continues to face the ongoing challenges of Covid-19.

Cllr Margaret Isherwood, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, said "We know schools are working tirelessly to do all they can to make them safe places for students and staff.

"We ask those who are taking or collecting children from school to continue to follow the 2m distancing rules to help avoid passing on this virus to others. These actions are so important, as they support communities in our district and help to keep schools open. "

Anna Hartley, Wakefield Council's Director of Public Health, said: "We know parents and carers in our district want to do all they can to keep infection rates low "Face coverings can also be worn, as this reduces the chance of the virus being transmitted."

We will continue to monitor the situation and the social distancing rules that are expected from parents/carers when waiting to collect/drop off at school. If you are unable to comply with government rules to socially distance, and as a result put others at risk, you will be asked to wait at the school gate. We ask that you respect the rules and keep everyone safe. Please take extra care when walking to school and when waiting for the gates to open.

We have spoken to the children about how to keep safe and what is expected e.g. waiting patiently and being mindful of parked cars and we ask that you reiterate these messages at home. We have also asked our PCSO to support our school in monitoring the surrounding area ensuring cars are parked appropriately and that they do not block our neighbours' driveways.

### Newton Hill News

We are really proud of our children, they continue to work hard and follow our Golden Rules. Here are some pictures the children would like to share with you from this week.



*School photos: We hope you like your school photo proof. Please order directly with Purple Cow.*

If you have any questions/concerns please do not hesitate to contact school on 01924 303680 or [admin@newton-hill.org.uk](mailto:admin@newton-hill.org.uk)

Have a lovely weekend everyone and once again thank you for your continued support.  
Mrs Wheatley



#### **Congratulations to Our Stars of the Week**

Nursery – Jessica  
Reception A - Eden  
Reception B - Jude  
Year 1A – Bobby  
Year 1B – Ronan

Year 2 – Robin  
Year 3 – Aayan  
Year 4 - Connor  
Year 5 - Amelia  
Year 6 – Erajna

### **Harvest Celebrations 2020**

We would still like to donate to St Catherine's food bank in Wakefield and they would be very grateful of any donations of non-perishable items such as: tins of spaghetti, cooking oil, custard, pot noodles, crisps, food bags/sandwich bags, jam, sugar, potatoes (either mash or tinned), pasta sauce. We really appreciate that these are difficult times for everyone, so please only donate an item if you can. There will be boxes in school for children to make their donations as they enter school.

If you would like to donate please send your item on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October**. Thank you.

## School Updates

### Learning Mentor

Mrs Dundas has started her role and is already enjoying being a part of NHCS. Mrs Dundas will be at the gates at home time over the next few weeks so that you can put a face to a name. If you would like to speak to Mrs Dundas please contact school.

### NHCS Remote Learning Plan

If a class bubble had to close due to positive COVID test result, we would contact you via the parent hub in order for you to collect your child/children. If a bubble closed, children would need to remain at home for 14 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, each child will take home resources and learning activities for the first and second closure day. From day 3 of the closure, further remote learning activities will be set. These will be sent out via parent hub 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.

### School Fundraising – Christmas 2020

The children have been busy designing their own Christmas cards this week and pictures for our tea towel which you will be able to order next half term.

### Could you be eligible for Free School Meals?

Attached to the newsletter is the application form regarding Free School Meals. If you are eligible please complete the form. Once completed please hand this form into school or send to: Wakefield Council, Children and Young People, Free School Meals, Room 42, County Hall, Wakefield WF1 2QL or alternatively e-mail to [hst@wakefield.gov.uk](mailto:hst@wakefield.gov.uk). If you have any queries please phone Wakefield Council on 01924 305061 or contact the school.

#### Did you know?

- *Children entitled to Free School Meals received £15 each week during school closures.*
- *Children received £105 over the summer holidays as part of the COVID Summer Food Fund*
- *If you are entitled to FSM and you have to isolate – our school meals provider (ISS) will provide food hampers*
- *School also receives valuable additional funding which we can use to support your child.*

### School Gates

If you are travelling in a car, please take extra care when dropping off and collecting your child/children. We also ask that you respect our neighbours by not blocking driveways.

### 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.**

Further information regarding COVID-19 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>

### **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.

### **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 Myton and Miss Land.

### **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](http://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 will always stay on site until all children have been collected.

### **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**

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

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest donations to school  
October half term Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
Term 1b starts on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

#### **INSET DAYS**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021 will be an INSET day

There is one more INSET day to be confirmed – we are awaiting information regarding Polling Day in May.

### **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](mailto: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
<a href="mailto:nursery@newton-hill.org.uk">nursery@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Mrs Luck and Mrs Greaux
<a href="mailto:receptiona@newton-hill.org.uk">receptiona@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Mrs Neal
<a href="mailto:receptionb@newton-hill.org.uk">receptionb@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Miss Fletcher
<a href="mailto:year1a@newton-hill.org.uk">year1a@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Miss Cannon
<a href="mailto:year1b@newton-hill.org.uk">year1b@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Miss Spence
<a href="mailto:year2@newton-hill.org.uk">year2@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Miss Brook
<a href="mailto:year3@newton-hill.org.uk">year3@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Mr Paine
<a href="mailto:year4@newton-hill.org.uk">year4@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Mrs Wrench
<a href="mailto:year5@newton-hill.org.uk">year5@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Mr Duce
<a href="mailto:year6@newton-hill.org.uk">year6@newton-hill.org.uk</a>	Mr Sharp