



Newton Hill News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Remote Learning

Firstly, thank you for all your positive feedback regarding the remote learning and live lessons. As always, we will constantly be reviewing and adapting our practice.

On Monday, class teachers will email you the weekly overviews for Maths, English and the wider curriculum. Teachers will also email daily resources for maths and English. Resources for the wider curriculum will be uploaded to the website under 'Pupil Zone' for you to access.

Before the live lessons started, I shared some guidance regarding our expectations for accessing Zoom which I would like to share with you again; I ask that you share these again with your child/children. We have also added two additional rules/expectations.

Our expectations for accessing zoom teaching sessions:

In accessing the Zoom sessions, you will be agreeing to the following:

- ❖ You consent to your child/children accessing zoom and your child being visible to other children/parents
- ❖ Children will be on mute unless asked to do otherwise and you may be asked to turn your camera off
- ❖ Display your child's name on the screen
- ❖ Children should be in a suitable area and that the back drop is appropriate
- ❖ Children will be suitably dressed for learning
- ❖ Children are ready to complete any activities after the Zoom session
- ❖ Children will continue to follow the 5 Golden Rules
- ❖ Parents & children are not permitted to record or photograph the Zoom session and/or share these on any social media sites.
- ❖ A record will be kept for everyone attending the Zoom session.

- ❖ Children should refrain from eating during the live lessons.
- ❖ The chat box can only be used to ask the class teacher a question.

Safeguarding Considerations

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

School Closure:

Unfortunately, we had to close school due to the adverse weather condition on Thursday and Friday. We appreciate that this will have caused inconvenience for our key workers but I am sure brought delight to all our children! We always try to stay open wherever possible, however with the worsening conditions, for safety of staff and children, we were unable to stay open.

Letter from Wakefield Council:

I hope you had time to read and digest the letter from Wakefield Council regarding places at school for key workers. We ask that if you are able to keep your child safe at home that you do so. This is the guidance from the government to stop the rate of transmission of the virus. We appreciate that home/remote learning is not an easy task, and it is extremely hard if you are also working from home. However, this is not a reason to take a key worker place at school. We would like to say many thanks to our frontline key workers.

As you will be aware the NHS is under immense pressure and this virus must be taken seriously. I do not wish to scaremonger but highlight that we are all still at risk. We must follow the rules and we must all play our part in looking after everyone in our community. Everyone in the country has had the same guidance -if you can, stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives. The vaccination process has started but this will take time and patience.



14.1.2021 Coronavirus.data.gov.uk



With this in mind, I ask that if your child/children continue attending school that you adhere to the strict rules from the government regarding social distancing and the national lockdown – if you flout the rules, you are putting other peoples’ lives at risk in our community, including the staff community at school. School places should only be taken if there is no possibility that you can keep your child/children at home. We ask that after reading the letter from the council that you email admin with any changes you can make to your key worker place.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Kind regards,
Mrs Wheatley



Congratulations to Stars of the Week

Nursery – Liam
Reception A – Freddie
Reception B – Jackson
Year 1A – Charlotte
Year 1B – Summer
Year 2 – Aoife
Year 3 – Poppy
Year 4 – Grayson
Year 5 – Rayyan
Year 6 – Aine



Well done to everyone for your amazing work at school and at home – you are all doing a great job!

Keep up the good work everyone!

Mrs Wheatley

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 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 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 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.

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.

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.

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