



Dear Parents and Carers,

Hopefully, after February half term, I will be able to provide you with an update regarding when schools will reopen to all children. We hope all children will be able to return soon. Well done to both parents/carers and children for your hard work during this half term – you have all done a great job with remote learning. Hopefully, you and your family will be able to have a restful week over the half term – remember to try and make some time for yourself. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their relentless hard work this half term. Again, thank you for your kind messages, they really do mean the world to us. Please remember to let your child's class teacher know if you are finding remote learning difficult for any reason.



This week we have celebrated Safer Internet Day and Chinese New Year. It is important that from a very young age children are aware of what the internet is and know the benefits and dangers associated with it. In a very similar way to 'stranger danger' all children need to know how to safely respond to potentially hazardous situations. The websites listed below are a really helpful reminder of the importance of internet safety and provide useful information on how to deal with the dangers.

<https://www.saferinternetday.org>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zfcvnbk/articles/zkcj92p>

Today, school will break up for half term and we will be closed to all children. Local councils will contact families regarding Free School Meal support through the half term. If your circumstances have changed in any way you could be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) – please see the attached form. If you need any help, please contact school.

School reopens for key workers/vulnerable children on Monday 22nd February. Have a lovely half term everyone and thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Wheatley

Congratulations to Stars of the Week (SOTW)

Nursery – Adam
Reception A – Gracie
Reception B – Freddie
Year 1A – Aleena
Year 1B – Louie
Year 2 – Saskia
Year 3 – Joshua
Year 4 – Ammar
Year 5 – Florette & Rhys
Year 6 – Amelia

Headteacher's Award

Jacob, Phoebe, Gabriela (Y1)
Lilliana-May (Y2)
Scarlett (Y3)
Adam (Y4)
Doaa (Y5)

A Special Award

This week, we received the exciting news that Joe in Year 2 had won a runner-up prize in a national science competition! The children were tasked with designing their own weird and wonderful creature and they had to explain where their creature lived, what it eats and what adaptations it had.
We are very proud of you, Joe! Well done!

Reporting Positive COVID Cases - Half Term

If your child (who has been part of the key worker/vulnerable group at school) tests positive during the half term holidays please email school at admin@newton-hill.org.uk with the subject line 'Positive Covid Test Result'.

Individuals are infectious from 2 days before symptoms start or 2 days before a positive test. Please contact school up until Tuesday 16th February if your child has had a positive test result as we may will need to contact other individuals who are part of their bubble.

Please note only emails relating to positive Covid cases will be monitored.

Please note that class emails will not be monitored during the half term.

Thank you.

RSHE Draft Policy (Relationships, Sex and Health Education)

Please see the earlier message sent this week regarding our updated draft RSHE policy. We would appreciate your feedback by Friday 26th February.

Just a polite reminder to be respectful of our neighbours when dropping off and picking up on East Street and Fourth Avenue. Thank you.

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.

Adverse Weather – Newts Information/Update

During adverse weather conditions, various considerations need to be assessed to see if school can open safely – for example the number of staff members who can get to work safely, site safety and access. If there are any occasions of adverse weather (snow) conditions in the future, 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 members of staff able to travel to school safely. Messages will be sent to all parents as reminders should this be the case and we will always give advance notice if weather warnings are issued. 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. I hope you can appreciate that these considerations have to be made and we would like to give you advance notice of the change to Newts provision.

Thank you.



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.



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

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