



# Wearhead Primary School

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*"THE SMALL SCHOOL WITH THE BIG HEART"  
"El Colegio más pequeño con el corazón más grande."*



## Wearhead Warrior

Working together to support each other

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As we come to the end of our first full week back we are all gradually getting used to our new routines and although they still feel rather strange it is helping everyone in school feel more secure and settled. The reality of being back at school full-time after such a long absence is also starting to make its presence felt with some very tired children (and staff!) So we are all hoping for a lovely weekend and a chance to relax for a little while.

### Fruit Scheme

We are pleased to let you know that the fruit scheme is now back up and running. Fruit will be available for every child from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September. There is no need to send your child(ren) in with a snack from today onwards. Thank you for providing a snack in the meantime.

### After School Sports Club

This will be starting again every Tuesday from 15<sup>th</sup> September. 3.15pm-4.15pm for Yr 3-6. Parents will be responsible for collecting their child(ren) at 4.15pm. It may be wise to send in 2 drinks on that day if your child is attending.

### Mr Hopper

We are delighted to say that on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September Mr Hopper will be in school for the day. Mr Hopper says that children (Infants and Juniors) will need full waterproofs, layers and wellies in order to be able to participate. Other dates for your diary 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> October.

### Suspected or Positive cases of Covid-19 in School or at Home

We are fortunate to live in an area where the incidence of Covid infection is small, however this does not mean we can be complacent, especially due to the increased amount of contact with children going back to school and people returning to work and to other venues.

If anyone in your household develops Covid symptoms or has a positive test result for Covid it is really important that you follow Government guidelines and the steps below around self-isolation for a minimum of 10 days.

- If there are symptoms or a positive case of Covid within a family at home we would ask that you notify school as soon as possible and it is important that your child (As well as everyone else in your household) stays at home for a minimum of 10 days.
- If there is a positive case of Covid reported, school will liaise with the Local Authority and Public Health England. Appropriate guidance will be followed and could include any of the following,



- Children/staff who were in close contact with the individual may be asked to self-isolate for 10 days
  - An individual learning group may be asked to self-isolate for 10 days
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- Any children asked to self-isolate will be offered a remote curriculum that will mirror that being offered in school as closely as possible.

You can find further information by [clicking here](#).

### **Curriculum**

We are currently working to ensure we have facilities to deliver our curriculum remotely should any individuals or groups have to self-isolate over the coming weeks and months. We will ensure that any child who has to miss any schooling will have access to a broadly similar maths, literacy and other key curriculum areas. These will be sent by email wherever possible. There will also be access to Sumdog as usual.

Where possible and as long as staffing allows there will be an option for tutor sessions using Zoom or Microsoft Teams if appropriate.

### **Wolsingham School Open Evening**

Wednesday 23 September, 4:15 - 5:45pm or 6:00 - 7:30pm

Thursday 24 September, 4:15 - 5:45pm or 6:00 - 7:30pm

Wolsingham School would love to welcome you to their school for one of their Open Evenings. These will be set up in accordance with government safety guidelines, allowing you and your child to meet with staff and students as you enjoy visiting their classrooms. They welcome all **Year 6** students and their parents. They offer free transport on all their bus routes for new Year 7 students. Please follow the link below to book a place: [Booking Link](#)

### **Continuing Support for families in Weardale**


Weardale Action Partnership is a service which offers help with all aspects of welfare benefits advice. During the Coronavirus outbreak, Linda, from WAP, is continuing to work with residents of Weardale by telephone. She can be contacted on 0191 3726758 for advice on all aspects of Welfare Benefits advice, debt and other advice. - All calls are confidential. You can also find their page on [Facebook](#).

I hope everyone has a great week end and we will look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday.

### **Quote for the week**

Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come without leaving happier.

*Mother Teresa - Nun and Humanitarian*



Tim Hiley  
Headteacher



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## Organisation for Working safely During Coronavirus Pandemic Policy

As a result of the work we have done risk assessing our phased reopening we have developed the following policy for the beginning of the Autumn Term 2020. The full risk assessment has been carried out in cooperation with staff, governors and the County Council and a copy is available upon request.

### Week Beginning Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August

Monday	9.00am – 3.20pm
Tuesday	9.00am – 3.20pm
Wednesday	9.00am – 3.20pm
Thursday	9.00am – 3.20pm
Friday	9.00am – 3.20pm

Individual children or family groups will have a specified time to arrive and depart around the times identified above. Parents will be notified individually of their start/end times and asked to stick to them as closely as possible. There may be some delays as the new system is established. Please bear with us and be patient if this is the case.

### General

- There will be hand sanitiser (min 70% alcohol gel) stations in the following locations.
  - Main Entrance
  - Children's Entrances
  - Cloakroom
  - Each classroom
- All doors in school (except external doors) will be kept open to minimise need to use handles
- The water fountain will be disconnected and not used, children are asked to bring reusable water bottle from home each day
- Children can wear school uniform however, on days when the Junior children have PE they are asked to come to school in their PE kits so they do not need to get changed. (PE will generally be outside as long as the weather is suitable.
  - Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal.
- Appropriate cleaning (anti-bac/viral) products will be available in each classroom, the hall, library and staffroom at all times, along with appropriate cleaning materials and PPE.
- Windows will be kept open wherever possible to allow for adequate flowing ventilation.
- No more than one child / (family group) and one adult may be in the cloakroom area at any one time. Class 1 member of staff will check this area before allowing a child to go through to the toilet, lunch or to prepare for the end of the day.
- There will be one bubble which includes all the children however, these will be split into two learning 'Groups' and one member of staff with responsibility for each group.
- Members of staff will have an individual walkie-talkie in each room to communicate with the office and each other.
- Children will not be sent to the office or other rooms with messages, registers etc.
- Communal Rooms
  - Library – Available for staff to select resources if needed
  - School Office – Mrs Hayes AM / Mr Hiley PM

- Staffroom – Staff may use the staff room collectively observing safe practices and social distancing. Cleansing material for kettle, fridge etc to be available at all times.
- Hall – Tables to be set up and left in place and allocated to individual children or Family group.
- Assemblies will restart with the children sitting at their distanced lunchtime table. (There will be no singing in assembly.)
- Photocopier – Will only be used by one member of staff at a time and there will be anti-bacterial wipes to clean keypad after use.
- Toilets – The two toilets will be operational from September for toileting and handwashing however there will still only be one person/family group allowed in either toilet at any one time. The toilets will be thoroughly cleaned twice a day
- Quarantine Room (QR) – Boys Toilet – This will only come into action if necessary and will be thoroughly cleaned before use. Should the QR need to be used, the girls' toilet will be used by boys and girls individually with the middle cubicle remaining blocked off. Children will only ever visit the toilet one at a time or as part of a family group.
- It will be necessary for staff to pass through Class 1 or 2 at certain times. When this is unavoidable, it should be done observing social distancing and minimising any touch or interaction with furniture and resources.
- The following areas will be marked with appropriate spacing markers;
  - Outside carpark at big gate / Main Entrance
  - Children's entrance and full length of internal corridor
  - Hall serving hatch when needed
  - Playground outside door

### **Arrival at School**

- Children will arrive with ONE parent at designated time and wait at a designated distance marker.
- School transport children
  - Please note children using school transport will be required to wear a face-mask throughout the journey in line with new regulations for public transport.
  - Disembark bus in given order and line up and wait at distance markers ready to be invited into school
- Children will enter school via the main playground door.
- Children will be dropped off at the large green gate by the main entrance. They will be sent around to the main playground door individually or in a family group.
- Member of staff will invite each child/family group into school who will;
  - Go to cloakroom and hang their belongings on designated pegs
  - Change into indoor shoes
  - Go to toilet and wash their hands thoroughly
  - Go and sit in their designated place in classroom with their packed lunch box if not having school lunch. (This will be kept under their individual table setting.)

### **Class Organisation**

- There will be one school bubble with two class 'Groups.' (Infant & Junior)
- One adult will be responsible for each class group however, more than one adult will work with learning groups during the week;
  - Class 1 – Mrs Halliley (Wed/Thur) Mrs Turnbull (Mon/Tue/Fri)
  - Class 2 – Mrs Corbett
- Designated spaces will be planned for each child or family group within each classroom with a minimum of 1m spacing (marked on floor if appropriate) and will include

- Cleaning materials where appropriate
- Writing and stationary supplies to prevent need for movement around the classroom or sharing
- Children's learning groups will be forward facing where possible.
- Registers will be taken electronically using SIMS to eliminate need for paper register
- Children will only be allowed to use toilets one at a time and a sign will indicate if they are free to be used.
- Outside learning will be appropriate but only if socially distanced and safe to do so
- Assembly will still happen twice per week, if technically possible, with children in each class group to attend sitting in their socially distanced lunchtime table places.
- Soft toys and furnishings will be removed from classrooms or marked clearly out of use to prevent potential cross-contamination

### **Curriculum**

- A pared down, quality first curriculum will be offered to the children that supports the limited use of available resources and the need to maintain social distancing.
- Literacy / Numeracy work will be based on the Hamilton Trust packs
- Particular emphasis will be placed on activities to support each child's mental health and wellbeing.
- All work will be organised to keep the use of resources to a minimum and any reusable resources (including toys etc. in Class One) will be thoroughly cleaned between uses.

### **Break Times / Lunchtimes**

- There will be one 10 minute morning break for Class One and Two at 10.15am in the main playground supervised by Mr Hiley. (If it is wet, children will remain with their class teacher. Facilities will be made available for staff comfort breaks)
- There will be individual lunch tables set out for either individual children or family groups in the hall, these will be thoroughly cleaned at the end of lunchtime and remain in situ.
- There will be one lunchtime break on the main playground with appropriate distancing supervised by Mr Hiley &/or Mrs Hayes (If it is wet, children will remain with their class teacher. Facilities will be made available for staff lunch / comfort breaks)
- Any play equipment used during any break will be cleaned thoroughly at the end of each session
- During lunchtime Mrs Martin will perform an interim mid-day clean of classrooms and toilets supported by staff where available.

### **End of the School Day**

- Pupils/Staff will wash their hands before they leave the school site.
- Water bottles and lunch bottles will be taken home from school each day
- Only one Parent/Carer is permitted to collect their child from the school site.
- Children will depart with ONE parent at designated time who will wait at the designated distance marker.
- Parents/Carers to ensure that they follow social distancing.
- Children will be sent into cloakroom to wash hands then collect belongings and go to Mr Hiley at the distance markers at the exit door.
- Children will be handed over to parents from green gate by the main school entrance
- Parents are asked to remain in their cars or at social distance markers until their children are sent to them.
- Parents/Carers directed to leave the school site immediately once they have collected their child.
- Staff will control the flow of pupils leaving the school building to encourage social distancing.
- Gates are secured to the school site.

- Gates and entrance doors will be included in the cleaning regime at the school.

### **First Aid / Signs of Illness**

- If a child needs first aid applying this will be given by a trained member of staff. The member of staff will don appropriate PPE including a mask and gloves before any first aid is applied.
- If a child develops signs or symptoms of illness related to CoVid -19 they will be escorted to the quarantine room (QR) where a member of staff will sit with them at a 2m distance until a parent can come to collect. End of day collection procedures will then apply.
- The only furniture in the QR will be two, wipeable plastic chairs spaced at least 2m apart.
- If the member of staff has to reduce 2m distance for any reason PPE will be worn.
- Once the QR has been vacated a thorough clean will be carried out.
- No more than two people will be in the QR at any time except for emergencies when PPE should be worn.
- School has a small supply of home testing kits which are available in **exceptional circumstances** for families who need a test and cannot access one elsewhere.
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### **Visitors to School including Parents**

- No visitors will be allowed into school without first making an appointment
- Authorised visitors will be allowed into the entrance once the welcoming member of staff is behind closed internal door.
- Visitor will use the provided hand gel and wear an appropriate face covering before any further socially distanced contact is made.
- Parents making collections or delivering anything to or from school is discouraged but where necessary all the above protocols will apply.
- All essential parental communication with school should be via phone or email unless an emergency makes this not possible.

