



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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Autumn has truly arrived in the valley this week, with our first frosts and stunning misty mornings returning. The weather has for the most part been glorious giving us some great opportunities for outdoor learning and fun. We are now keeping our fingers crossed that it will last until Monday and our first Mr Hopper day!

We would also like to say a big thank you to everyone for their hard work sticking to arrival and collection times as it makes these periods much more manageable. We also realise how challenging it is coping with every cough and sniffle and having to decide whether it is a possible Covid symptom meaning isolation! Hopefully, advice on this newsletter will be helpful and you can be assured whether children are in school or having to isolate at home we will be there to support in any way we can.

New Starting and finishing times.

As we now have more children using school transport we are able to slightly alter arrival and departure times for those children who do not use school transport. This will ensure all children receive the maximum amount of school time possible.

Please see the new start times on the grid below, (initials only for safeguarding.) If there are any issues don't hesitate to contact school. The new times will start from Monday 21st September.

School Transport	8.50am	3.20pm
MD PD	8.45am	3.10pm
CC	8.45am	3.15pm
AP	8.50am	3.15pm
SE AE	8.50am	3.10pm

Mr Hopper

Don't forget, Mr Hopper will be in school on Monday and we want to remind everyone that **ALL CHILDREN will need full waterproofs, layers and wellies** in order to be able to participate. Also sunhats and sun cream and spare clothes.

Other Mr Hopper dates for your diary 12th & 19th October.

Panini - Design a Trophy Competition

The children have recently been given a pack of Panini Football cards and a worksheet of fun activities and competitions to bring home. The national winner of the "Design a Trophy" competition featured on the worksheet will win £50 voucher and a football shirt and school will win £2000.



In order to enter the children need to return their completed design on the worksheet by Tuesday of next week. This will then be scanned and entered digitally from school.

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

The rules around whether children should be in school if they, or a member of their family, are showing coronavirus symptoms continue to be confusing for everyone. All our information that we have already sent home is still appropriate however, we would just like to add the following advice.

- The whole family should self-isolate for 14 days if anyone is showing Covid symptoms or a negative test result has been confirmed.
- If a negative test result is confirmed children can come back to school as long as they are showing no further symptoms of Covid or are feeling unwell.
- If an "Inconclusive" test result is returned the child can return to school as long as they are not displaying any Covid-19 symptoms.
- We realise that getting a test is proving very challenging at the moment and is likely to remain so for several weeks. This may mean self-isolating for the full 14 days. While we realise this is far from ideal, it is important that this guidance is followed to keep everyone safe.

The local authority has created a flowchart to help parents and carers decide on the correct course of action if their child is unwell. You can find attached to the end of this newsletter.

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

Wolsingham School Open Evening

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

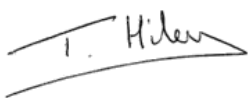
Thursday 24 September, 4:15 - 5:45pm or 6:00 - 7:30pm

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](#)

Quote for the week

As long as autumn lasts, I shall not have hands, canvas and colours enough to paint the beautiful things I see.

Vincent Van Gogh - Artist



Tim Hiley
Headteacher



Can my child go to school today?

Do they have any COVID Symptoms?

- **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

Yes

They have a COVID symptom

Self Isolate and Book a COVID Test

Book the test online or call 119

All members of the household should stay at home until the test result is known.*

No

They do not have a COVID symptom

Do they have diarrhoea or vomiting?

No

They do not have diarrhoea or vomiting

Yes

They have diarrhoea or vomiting

Do they feel unwell?

It is important that parents keep children at home when they are unwell

No

They do not feel unwell

Yes

They feel unwell

Send to School

So long as your child feels well, has not been told to self-isolate and there are no other household members with COVID symptoms, it is OK for them to attend school.

Keep at Home

- Remain off school until they feel well enough to return. Seek medical help from a GP if needed (or 111 if your surgery is closed).
- Remain off school until at least 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. A COVID test is not required for diarrhoea and vomiting without the other symptoms above.

* Visit [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) for advice on when to stop isolating and return to school after a positive or negative test.

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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 31st 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.

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.
- 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
 - In a worst case scenario the whole school could be closed for self-isolation for a minimum of 10 days.
 - Any children asked to self-isolate will be offered a remote curriculum that will mirror that being offered in school as closely as possible.

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.

