



Westvale Primary School

"Striving for Excellence, Caring for All"

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Dear Parents/Carers,

School re-opening for all pupils – Monday 8th March 2021

As part of the national plan, we are looking forward to welcoming all our pupils back to school on Monday 8th March. We will continue to work hard to minimise risks for our school to be as safe as it can be, following all Government guidance to ensure the safety and well-being of all our children and staff. We look forward to working together again with our parents and carers support to achieve this.

We continue to follow Public Health Advice to minimise COVID-19 risks:

- Regular handwashing/sanitising in class and toilets
- Handwashing/sanitising on entry/exit/playtimes/lunchtimes
- Classrooms ventilated at all times with windows and non-fire doors open
- Respiratory hygiene, tissues freely available, to 'catch it, bin it, kill it'
- Enhanced cleaning arrangements during the school day
- School will engage with the NHS Track and Trace process and liaise with the LA/local health team in the event of any suspected or confirmed cases of Covid
- Procedures in place immediately for any child/adult suspected of Covid

We will continue to reduce contact between different groups of children by:

- Grouping children together in classes for lessons/break/lunch
- Avoiding contact between different groups of children
- Arranging classrooms with forward facing desks (Y2-6)
- Staff maintaining distance from pupils and other staff
- Staggered start and end times to the school day
- Staggered playtimes and lunchtimes, to minimise mixing of year groups
- Use of different gates/entrance/exit points maximised

Class	Start time	Finish time	Entry/Exit point
Nursery	8.30	11.30	Car park gate Meverley Road
Reception	8.55	3.15	Car park gate Merveley Road
Year 1	8.50	3.10	Meverley Road
Year 2	8.50	3.10	Office gate Meverley Road
Year 3	8.55	3.20	Meverley Road
Year 4	8.55	3.20	Office gate Meverley Road
Year 5	8.55	3.20	Whitefield Drive
Year 6	8.50	3.15	Whitefield Drive

Parents/carers must:

- Wear a face covering outside the gate and when entering the school grounds/office (unless exempt)
- Keep to 2 metres plus distance between adults
- Not arrive at school outside of their designated pick up and drop off times
- Not congregate together outside the school gates
- Inform school immediately if any family members display symptoms of Covid-19
- Ensure your child is in school every day, unless ill or isolating.

Attendance is compulsory from Monday 8th March. Children should wear school uniform daily and continue to minimise belongings brought to school from home.

We look forward to seeing all our children and parents/carers next week and hope we can all work together for a successful return. A huge thank you again for your efforts and support on home learning during the recent challenging weeks as we can now look forward together to a return to face to face education in the classroom for our children.

If any parents/carers have concerns or would like more information on the steps, please contact us.

I hope by working together we can have a successful return for all our children next Monday working together safely.

Thank you for your continued support,

Angela Afflick

Mrs A Afflick
Headteacher

