



Wheatcroft Primary School



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Dear Parents & Carers,

The Wheatcroft team are really looking forward to welcoming our pupils back to school next week and we are sure the children are looking forward to being back once again with their friends and teachers. Hopefully this letter will answer any questions or concerns you have about the reopening of our school. Firstly, please remember that it is everyone's duty to ensure we continue to follow strict Government guidelines whilst they carry out their road map and, therefore, we must ask that you support us to continue ensuring we minimise the spread of the virus within our school community.

Drop off & Collection

Included with this letter are the timings for drop off and collection which continue to be staggered. To help prevent any possible further school closures, we all need to play our part in minimising the risk to others; therefore, we must ask you ensure you continue to follow these rules whilst on the school site:

- wear a face covering whilst on the school site
- leave the site immediately when you have safely delivered your child/ren
- maintain social distancing at all times from staff and other parents
- refrain from congregating in groups in the playground, car park or outside the school gates
- ensure only one parent or carer drop off or collect your child/ren – *please remember the rule of no mixing households by not asking other parents to collect your children unless they are in your caring bubble*

Class bubbles

All children will remain in their class bubbles with staff from their key stage. During playtimes each bubble will have their own zoned area with their own equipment. Resources will be shared within the class bubble; however, they will be cleaned down at regular times. The children will be encouraged to wash or sanitise their hands at transition times such as entering the building, before and after lunch and on leaving the building.

School Lunches, milk & snacks

These will no longer be provided free for those children who have been attending school as part of the Critical Workers and Vulnerable children group. The menu to be used is attached which has been reduced to three choices due to staffing levels and capacity in the kitchen. Please ensure all meals are paid for in advance and choices are made by using the Live Kitchen app before your child arrives at school. Milk will not be available for the remainder of this term; however, for those in Foundation and Key Stage 1 the daily snack provision will resume.

Managing the risk of transmission

As well as regular hand washing and social distancing between bubbles, other measures will be in place to help prevent transmission. These will include well ventilated areas, regular cleaning of surfaces and equipment throughout the school day, masks worn by staff in communal areas and lateral flow testing for staff on a twice weekly basis. It is important that if your child or someone in your household develops symptoms, they do not attend school and stay at home. You should inform the school of their absence and arrange for the person with symptoms to take a test.

Visitors & Contractors

Only essential visitors will be allowed on the school site. If a site visit is required, school visitor protocols will be shared including the wearing of face masks and social distancing.



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The Croft

Mrs Smith will be providing before and after school club once again and all risk assessments have been carried out and shared between The Croft and school.

After school clubs

There will be no clubs during these weeks; however, we hope to be in a position to deliver clubs for pupils in the summer term in line with current government guidance.

Offsite Visits

Current guidance advises that offsite visits do not happen so unfortunately we are not in a position to be able to organise these.

Teaching & Learning including pupil well-being

During the first week back, teachers have planned a variety of activities to support our pupil's emotional well-being and transition as they return to school. Throughout the weeks leading up to Easter, we will be using a check in system for the children to ensure that we monitor their return to the classroom and offer support to those who may need it. Another part of our wellbeing work will be a range of activities to encourage the children to reflect on their experiences - both positive and negative - and encourage them to find ways to connect with each other. We will be celebrating Science week in the first week back and all children will be carrying out a range of investigations as well as looking at scientists who have had an impact through history. With the weather improving, we plan to learn outdoors as much as we can. Please ensure you provide your child with appropriate outdoor footwear as well as indoor shoes (plimsolls) to change into. On PE days, your child will continue to come to school in their PE kit; your class teacher will confirm these days with you.

Music lessons

All peripatetic teachers should have been in touch with you regarding arrangements for instrumental lessons that will start back in school; please ensure children bring their instruments in on the day of their lesson.

Reporting to parents

We will not be able to carry out face to face meetings, nor does the school have the capacity to run so many virtual meetings; however, we will be contacting you within the next couple of weeks regarding teacher feedback to parents which we plan to carry out before the Easter holidays.

As always, all of the plans that we have put in place will be regularly reviewed alongside government and County guidance and we will endeavour to keep you informed of any changes as quickly and efficiently as we can.

We look forward to welcoming all our families back to school on Monday 8th March.

Yours sincerely
Mrs D Miller
Headteacher