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Return to School – September 2020

A very warm hello to all our pupils, parents, carers and staff at Warwick Bridge School. We hope that everyone has had a lovely summer and is looking forward to getting back to school next week. This is the first time that WBS has sent out a newsletter during the summer break, but it is necessary to outline a number of important details before we all return to school.

The expectation is that all pupils and school staff will return to school next week. Current Department for Education (DfE) guidelines state that unless someone is shielding or has another medical reason, everyone will be back in school in September. For WBS staff this means a start on **Tuesday 1st September** when we will have a staff meeting and training session. On **Wednesday 2nd September**, the school will be open for the return of every pupil in all year groups. As outlined in the most recent newsletter of 17th July 2020, there are a number of important pieces of information you need to know about the return to school. This newsletter can be accessed on the school website at:

<https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1016/35.17th.July.2020.pdf/>

The latest government guidance on the return to school is available to read at:

[https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1024/GOV.UK.COVID-19 -
 _What parents and carers need to know about early years providers schools and colleges in the autumn term -
 _Rev 21 August 2020.pdf/](https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1024/GOV.UK.COVID-19-What.parents.and.carers.need.to.know.about.early.years.providers.schools.and.colleges.in.the.autumn.term-Rev.21.August.2020.pdf/)

Ahead of the return to school next week, here are the main details that every parent/carers, pupil and staff member needs to be aware of:

The Year Ahead

Everyone is looking forward to the return to school in September. As the government has said, all pupils from all years will be back at school from September 2020. This is no different for Warwick Bridge School pupils. The school term begins on **Wednesday 2nd September**. We expect all pupils to return on that day. There will be differences to the school day and these are outlined below.

The School Day – This will be different in many ways. Please refer to the table below for arrival and pick up times.

Group	Teacher	Arrival	Entrance	Pick up
Parents/Carers with more than one child in school		8.30am	(see below)	2.55pm
Nursery/Reception Snowy Owls*	Mrs McBride	8.40am	Left side of school to EY classroom	3.05pm
Years 1 and 2 Polar Bears	Miss Hogarth	8.50am	Left side of school to Y1/2 classroom	3.15pm
Years 3 and 4 Arctic Foxes	Mrs Douglass Miss Stobbs	8.40am	Class entrance at front of school	2.55pm
Years 4 and 5 Arctic Wolves	Miss Day	8.50am	Entrance to class through Y4/5 cloakroom	3.15pm
Year 6 Narwhals	Mr Walsh	8.40am	Main entrance	3.05pm

*Parents/carers of new starters can arrive at 9am if you feel that your child will have issues separating from you. Under government guidance, adults cannot accompany children in to the classroom. Mrs McBride is inviting new starters in to look around the class on the afternoon of **Tuesday 1st September**.

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- **Hygiene** – All pupils and staff will be expected to follow the handwashing guidance that has been in place since the start of the pandemic. Pupils will use hand gel and a rigorous cleaning system will be in place for everyone. Risk Assessments for the school premises, operations of the school and cleaning have been formulated using the Local Authority produced documents. These Risk Assessments have been discussed by the Governing Board of WBS and staff have had the opportunity to contribute to them.
- **Breakfast and After School Club** – Mrs Hadley and Mrs Dutton are looking forward to welcoming pupils in to school. BASC will commence on **Monday 7th September**. This is because we need to ensure all aspects of school are functioning correctly before we organise wraparound care. **Parents must book places on the online Lunchshop system where you will be able to pay.**
- **Class Bubbles** – Adults other than school staff cannot enter the school premises. Children will be distanced by their Class Bubble as much as possible. All classes will be a separate Bubble with school staff able to move between Bubbles as per government guidance.
- **Classroom Equipment** – The school will provide every pupil with all equipment need in the classroom. Children are not to bring in pencils, pens, rulers or any other stationery from home. Staff will ensure that all pupils are given the correct equipment and the children will be encouraged to take care of this at all times.
- **School Uniform** – All pupils must attend school in full Warwick Bridge School uniform. Please ensure that your child has the correct clothing. If you still need to order school uniform you can use the form on the school website. Click on: https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1023/Uniform_order_Jun_20.pdf/
- **School Clubs** – There will be no staff led lunchtime or after school run clubs for the first half term. This is because we cannot mix pupils from different Bubbles together. There may be opportunities for children to join clubs later in the term and we will keep you informed of this. We will listen to government guidance on this and update as necessary.
- **Breaktimes and Wellies** – All pupils should have wellies in school. This will enable them to access the grass if wet. The playground will be divided in to four 'Bubble Areas'. The EY children will access the areas near their classroom whilst other pupils will have their own separate play areas. The Y3/4 class will also be able to access the play areas at the front of school.
- **Lunchtime** – All pupils will be eating in their classrooms with the Year 1/2 pupils using the hall at dinner time. Dinner times will be staggered with classes having different start and finish times. Pupils who have packed-lunches should be able to open all the contents themselves without help from others.
- **PE** – On the day that your child/ren has a PE lesson, they should come to school in their school PE kit thus negating the need to change clothing. Please ensure that you have the correct school PE kit which is the school blue T-shirt, dark shorts/tracksuit bottoms and school jumper. Shorts and tracksuits should be plain without logos. **No football kits are to be worn.** Please ensure that your child has the correct footwear for PE. Trainers or plimsolls are fine for this – children should not be wearing regular footwear for PE.
- **School Crossing Patrol** – Mr Hopkins will be continuing to carry out his role as School Crossing Patrol in the morning and afternoon. Everyone who uses the crossing needs to be aware that social distancing will be in place and your cooperation in ensuring this runs smoothly will be greatly appreciated.

Roadworks near School

Please be aware that there are substantial roadworks taking place near school with a three-way traffic light system in place. These works are taking place on the road to Great Corby near St Paul's Church and the Down-a-Gate fields. If you are using these roads, please take care at all times.

Handwash Video

BBC Radio Cumbria are coming in to school on the morning of Wednesday 2nd September to speak to staff and pupils about the success of the school Handwash Song. The song won £100 in a national competition and has gained a lot of interest in the media. To see the video again go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NHvHx1gwh-g>

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

If you think you are entitled, you should apply for Pupil Premium funding even if your child is in Key Stage 1 and Reception receives the Universal Free School Meals. The school receives a certain amount of money for every Pupil Premium child and this helps provide resources and staffing for every pupil who is entitled to this provision. Please apply for this at the link below.

You may be interested to know that families can apply for Free School Meals (FSM) through a Pupil Premium application to help spread the costs. You can find a form for this on our school website at

https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/534/Model_Registration_Form_for_Schools.pdf/

You can also find a Word version of this form at: <https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/information/pupil-premium/>

Free school meals and clothing vouchers are available for your child(ren) if you receive one of the following qualifying benefits:

- Income Support (IS)

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- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- An income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that as of April 2012 does not exceed £16,190. Note: From 1st May 2009 where you are entitled to Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after your employment ceases, or after you start to work less than 16 hours per week, your children are entitled to Free School Meals, this may be extended
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit
- where possible all parents and guardians should **apply online** - you will receive an immediate response advising you whether you are eligible or not
- if you are unable to apply online please contact the free school meals team - telephone: **01228 606060**

If you receive working tax credits you may not be eligible for free school meals or clothing grants.

BBC Radio Cumbria at Warwick Bridge School from 7am on Wednesday 2nd September

Please tune in to BBC Radio Cumbria from 7am on the first day back in school – Wednesday 2nd September. The radio station will be reporting live from WBS as our pupils return. WBS will be featured throughout this first part of the day as children come back to school. They will interview one or two people and play the award winning WBS Handwash Song. Make sure you have a listen.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in school next week.

With best wishes

Mr M Ashton