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Return to School – September 2020

We hope that you and your child/ren have enjoyed the first few days back in school. There have been many changes and adaptations to the day-to-day running of school, but we are sure that everything has been done to ensure the safe return of both pupils and staff to Warwick Bridge School. It has been pleasing to see all the familiar faces, and some new ones, back in school. The return to school aroused interest from BBC Radio Cumbria who came to do a feature on the school and the handwashing video that won £100 for the school. Media interest also came from Border News who wanted to see how the school was operating now that pupils have returned. We know that some protocols will change in the coming days and weeks – government guidance also changes and we know that all parents and carers will support the school in whatever ways they can during this time.

Latest Covid-19 Guidance

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

<https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/parents/weekly-newsletters/>

The document can also be read on the Gov.uk website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

The School Day – a reminder

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.

- **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.
- **Classroom Equipment** – The school will provide every pupil with all the equipment they 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. Bags containing changes of clothes will be put in lockers. Wellies will stay in school at all times. PE kits will be worn to school and for the whole day. Teachers will send home timetables next week.

WBS - Working, Believing, Succeeding – A Wonderful Bridge to Success

- **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 – Wellies and Coats** – All pupils should have wellies and coats in school. We are encouraging the pupils to be in the fresh air as much as possible. With the approach of darker days ahead and cooler, inclement weather, pupils need to have a coat and wellies for outdoor breaktimes.

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.** The cost of Breakfast Club remains the same at £3. After school club will cost £3 until 4pm, then £3 an hour or part of an hour until 6pm. We will also charge £1 for each 15-minute period after 6pm. All activities at BASC will follow social distancing rules and pupils will be sitting in their class Bubble.

Arriving/Departing School

Please ensure that you are on time when dropping off/picking up children. Kindly adhere to social distancing and our one-way system when arriving and leaving school. It is so important that parents/carers are on time for these occasions as we have different arrival and departure times for different Bubbles. Thank you for your cooperation.

Strive for Five

We are continuing the successful 'Strive for Five' reading into the new term. Please ensure that you have read with your child or know that they have read at least five times a week. This must be signed off in your child's planner. Those children who achieve this will have an extra playtime as a reward.

Birthday Cakes in School

We like to celebrate birthdays at Warwick Bridge and allow children to bring in birthday cakes. Under the Covid-19 guidance for schools, these cakes **must** be shop bought and not homemade. To make it easier for staff, the cake should already be cut to help in serving it or ideally, individual little cakes.

Bike to School Week

All cyclists will be pleased to know that Bike to School Week will run from 28th September to 2nd October. Children and family members are invited to cycle or scooter to school. More details about this will be in future newsletters.

Parking at School

If you drive to school, do not park on the yellow lines. The school has been asked to ensure no cars are parked there as they cause an obstruction and it is illegal. There have been a couple of near misses and problems with traffic flow this week, due to cars being parked on the yellow lines. The car park at Downagate offers ample safe and problem-free parking for many cars. Please use this if there are no spaces near school. Thank you for your cooperation.

This newsletter will be the last paper copy to be sent out. All other newsletters will be sent by email or a link to the school website sent by text. If you would like to continue receiving a paper copy of the newsletter, contact Mrs Ridley in the office.

All the best for the weekend

Mr M Ashton