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**Road Safety Outside School**

Please be aware of the need to be vigilant with all road users outside of school. Arrival and departure times have been staggered at school so we can keep social distancing between Bubbles. However, this has meant we have a longer period for vehicles to arrive and depart in. Coupled with the closure of the link road by the bridge, traffic volumes have increased. (The road works are due for completion soon so this may take away a lot of traffic going past the school). We have had one or two near misses on the road with pupils from WBS – parents and carers need to exercise caution at all times when using the road outside school. We are all glad to see the car park at Down-a-Gate used by so many parents and carers. There is ample room in this car park for dozens of vehicles and it should be used if you cannot park safely opposite school. **Please remember that no parking is allowed on the double yellow lines and dropping off or picking up on the zig-zag lines is STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**

**Class Base Changes**

We have now moved our Year 1/2 pupils' classroom to the front of school. The children should continue using the left hand entrance to school and will be let in to their cloakroom through the side door. All Year 3/4 pupils in Miss Stobbs and Mrs Douglass's class are now walking down the right-hand side of school, past the library and in through the side door to their classroom. Children in the EY class (Reception and Nursery) will continue walking up the left side of school to their classrooms. Mrs McBride is looking forward to having the two rooms for the expanding numbers in the Snowy Owls class.

**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/uploads/1048/1A\\_GOV.UK\\_COVID-19 - Guidance for full opening of schools - Rev 7 September 2020.pdf/](https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1048/1A_GOV.UK_COVID-19_Guidance_for_full_opening_of_schools_-_Rev_7_September_2020.pdf/)

Parents and carers can read more about the safe return to school at the Gov.uk website:

<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>

**Governor News**

**Chair of the Governing Board** – We are very pleased to announce that Mrs Gemma Reed has been elected as the new Chair of the Governing Board at Warwick Bridge School. Mrs Reed has taken up her role and is ready to continue working with the school on all matters that will promote the welfare of everyone at Warwick Bridge School. Mrs Reed was the Vice-Chair of Governors previously and replaces Mrs Kellie Fricker who served as the Chair of Governors for many years. Everyone on the school staff would like to thank Mrs Fricker for all her hard work and support that she has given the school during her time as Chair. We are extremely thankful for her professionalism and insight into all matters surrounding the governance of the school. Mrs Fricker will continue on the Governing Board.

**New Governors** – The school is still looking for new additions to the Governing Board. We are primarily wanting individuals who are not parent/carers of the pupils in school. The Board has a number of parent/carers and needs to have the input from other outside sources. If you know of anyone who may be interested, and has a specialism in finance, planning and managing organisations or people, please let them know that we have vacancies on the Governing Board for enthusiastic individuals wanting to work with Warwick Bridge School as a governor.

**Music**

Music lessons at school have now begun with woodwind, piano and guitar lessons all going ahead. Letters have been sent out regarding this last week. If you would like your child to play an instrument at school, please get in touch with Mr Ashton. Woodwind lessons are on Tuesdays, piano lessons are on Tuesday and Wednesday and guitar lessons have moved to Fridays.

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### **Attendance**

Well done to our youngest class – the Snowy Owls – for 100% attendance last week. Excellent efforts!

<b><u>11.9.20</u></b>	<b><u>Snowy Owls</u></b>	<b><u>Polar Bears</u></b>	<b><u>Arctic Foxes</u></b>	<b><u>Arctic Wolves</u></b>	<b><u>Narwhals</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>
	100%	98.5%	97.2%	96.1%	95.7%	<b>97.6%</b>

### **PE Kits**

When your child has PE, please ensure that they have their PE kit on when they come to school. In this way we minimise any issues surrounding getting changed and the lesson can commence as soon as possible. PE kits have to be approved school PE kits – that is the t-shirt must be a blue WBS t-shirt. No clothing with designer logos or sports teams clothing is to be worn. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

### **Bike to School Week**

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

### **School Photos**

This year's individual and sibling school photos will be taken on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September from 8.30am. These photos will be taken outside in the shelter next to the library. Siblings will also be photographed and all access is from the entrance on the right-hand side of school. If your child has PE that day, you can send them to school in their uniform for the photos and they can change for PE later in the day. Please provide a bag for the school clothing. A letter with all the details about the photos has been sent out and can be viewed on the school website at:

[https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1047/Photos\\_September\\_2020.pdf](https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1047/Photos_September_2020.pdf)

### **Strive For Five**

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September, we will be having our first 'Strive For Five' reward. This will take the shape of an extra breaktime for all those pupils who have had their reading record in their planner signed off to show that they have read at least five times a week for the past three weeks. Please encourage your child to do this so they can be rewarded for their efforts.

With best wishes from everyone at school

Mr M Ashton