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**New Coronavirus Measures**

The government announced this week a new set of Covid-19 measures. As it stands, none of these measures affect school attendance and all pupils are expected to continue coming to school. The social distancing measures Warwick Bridge School has taken will remain in place throughout the school day. Breakfast and After School Clubs will continue to run. Everyone at school is working their hardest in partnership with pupils, parents and carers to ensure that we all stay as safe as possible and follow all relevant government guidance on social distancing and hand washing. The latest government guidance can be found here:

[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>

**Information Letters for Parents and Carers** – Public Health England have issued a guidance letter for parents and carers about ‘Test and Trace’. This letter explains how you should check if you or a household member needs to have a Covid-19 test. It is available on the school website at:

[https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1093/23rd September - PHE letter to parents and guardians.pdf/](https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1093/23rd_September_-_PHE_letter_to_parents_and_guardians.pdf/)

**Test and Trace App** - The national NHS Test and Trace App is now available. The app is a key part of the country’s fight against COVID-19. Cumbrians are being strongly encouraged to download the app to their smartphones now. The app is available on the Google Play Store and Apple App Store via <https://www.covid19.nhs.uk> The app will be used, alongside traditional contact tracing, to notify users if they come into contact with someone who later tests positive for coronavirus.

**Video Clinic** - There is also another information sheet which gives parents the opportunity to find information about School Nurse Video Clinics. Here, you can have a video call to a professional nurse to receive support in matters relating to Covid-19. This is also on the school website at:

[https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1094/Appendix 02 - E School Nurse poster 004.pdf/](https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1094/Appendix_02_-_E_School_Nurse_poster_004.pdf/)

**Attendance**

Well done to the children in our Y3/4 Arctic Foxes class. A wonderful attendance result – well done.

<b><u>18.9.20</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>
	99.2%	98.6%	100%	94.1%	92.4%	<b>96.9%</b>

**Home/School Agreements 2020-21**

Your child/ren has brought home our Home/School Agreements for this academic year 2020-21. Please take time to read this through with your child before signing it and returning the completed forms to school. We have made some additions to the Agreements this year to take into account the changes brought about by the response to the Covid-19 pandemic. We trust that you will find all the points in the Agreements positive reinforcements of what we are all doing here in the Warwick Bridge School community. Please do get in touch if you want to discuss any matters mentioned in the Agreements.

**Harvest Festival 2020**

As with many things at school, we have had to change how we will approach the Harvest Festival this year. We cannot have a service in school, but we can still collect foodstuffs for those in need. St Paul’s Home Eden is collecting tins and other non-perishable foods to take to the Carlisle Foodbank following their Harvest Service on Sunday 4th October at 9.45am. The church is a close neighbour to Warwick Bridge School and if any families would like to bring gifts to the school any time before Thursday 1st October, Rev Graeme Skinner will come and collect them to take as a joint gift to those in need in our area. Please ensure that all items are **non-perishable**. This means that tins, packets, jars and bottled food are acceptable. We also need ladies sanitary products, toiletries, toilet roll, deodorant, shampoo, soap, nappies, baby wipes and household cleaning products. A full list can be viewed at <https://www.carlislefoodbank.org.uk/donate-food/>. Please bring these items to school from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> and Rev Skinner will deliver them to Carlisle Foodbank. Thank you very much.

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### **Affordable Food Hub - Brampton**

All parents and carers should be aware of the Support Help In Nourishing Everyone (SHINE) initiative. This brings an affordable food hub to Brampton which is available to everyone who may need a helping hand in feeding the family home. Since COVID 19 began, Brampton Area Action Group and SHINE have been working with County and City Councils and other organisations to ensure that those who are going through financial, physical or mental difficulties have access to food and support both during the crisis and into recovery. Partnering with Carlisle Community Help, Brampton Area Action Group are about to launch a new Affordable Food Initiative in Brampton to ensure that those who are struggling to put food on the table can have access to affordable food and to eliminate any stigma associated with asking for help.

The Scheme launched on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September, with pick-ups at Brampton Community Centre on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. For those that are unable to get to Brampton due to physical difficulties, delivery can be arranged. For more details click on this link: <https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/parents/weekly-newsletters/>

### **Bike and Scoot to School Week – 28<sup>th</sup> September – 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

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. Please encourage the family to cycle or use a scooter to get to school or work. You can put the bike in the car and park up at Down-a-Gate before cycling down to school. Parents and carers can join pupils on their bikes too. We look forward to seeing lots of cycles and scooters in school next week. If you would like your child to cycle to school, please make sure that the bike is in good working order. All pupils need to wear a helmet if they are riding a bike to school.

### **Shoes in School**

Pupils who are wearing shoes with laces must be able to tie these laces themselves. Staff should not be tying laces for different pupils as it goes against the social distancing guidance. If your child cannot tie their own laces, please provide shoes that have Velcro fasteners until they have learnt to tie their own laces. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

### **Strive For Five**

Today we had our first 'Strive For Five' reward. This took 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. Everyone involved had a great time. Please encourage your child to read their book or any other publication so they can be rewarded for their efforts.

### **Books for School**

We would like to thank the writer Terry Houghton for his very generous donation to school. Terry has given us ten of his books all about space and stars. The book is called *The Universe: What is up Above Us*. The books are very informative and have a wealth of knowledge that will be useful in our science lessons.

We are very pleased to inform parents and carers that Mr Walsh has passed the National Professional Qualification for Headship, (NPQH). Mr Walsh has studied hard for this qualification and has undertaken many assignments that seek to have a positive impact on school life. We congratulate him on this qualification.

Have a very good weekend

Mr M Ashton