



Warwick Bridge Primary School, Warwick Bridge, Carlisle CA4 8RE

Telephone: 01228 560390 Fax: 01228 560390

E mail: admin@warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk

HEAD TEACHER *Mr M Ashton*

1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents

As you will have heard on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, the Prime Minister announced in his speech that schools will be reopening for all pupils in every year group. The Government has said that the date for these children to return will be the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

In advance of the children’s return to school, we would all very much appreciate your support in preparing them for what lies ahead by helping them to understand that school will resume operating in Bubbles as we were when we returned to school in September 2020. There will be staggered starts and ends to the day as we did from the start of the school year. Please look at the following table to ensure that you arrive and depart at the appropriate time.

<b><u>The Start and End of the School Day</u></b>				
<b><u>Group</u></b>	<b><u>Teacher</u></b>	<b><u>Arrival</u></b>	<b><u>Entrance</u></b>	<b><u>Pick up</u></b>
All siblings (brothers and sisters)	All classes	8.30am	Respective class entrances	2.55pm
Nursery/Reception Snowy Owls	Mrs Holliday and Mrs Douglass	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 Kelly and Miss James	8.40am	Class entrance at front of school	2.55pm
Years 4 and 5 Arctic Wolves	Miss Stobbs	8.50am	Entrance to class through Y4/5 cloakroom	3.15pm
Year 6 Narwhals	Mr Walsh	8.40am	Main entrance	3.05pm

Please try to make them aware that while staff still care for them, safe distances need to be maintained, so no physical contact such as hand holding, sitting on knees while enjoying a story or comfort hugs will be allowed at the moment. We will be returning to the use of Class Bubbles as were used in September 2020.

Full school uniforms need to be worn by all pupils from Reception to Year 6. Children in Nursery do not have to wear uniforms, but you may want to purchase a polo shirt or jumper for your child to wear at school.

With the above in mind, we would really appreciate it if you would practise and talk about the following things at home together:

**Reception & KS1 Children**

- Show your child/ren how to wash their hands properly – for 20 seconds – singing ‘Happy Birthday’ twice.
- Show your child/ren how to catch their cough or sneeze in their elbow – like making an ‘elephant’s trunk’ is another way of thinking about it.
- Send your child/ren with Velcro or slip on shoes – no shoelaces if they cannot tie them by themselves.

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

- Dress your child/ren in elastic waist trousers or skirts - no buttons, zips or ties if your child cannot do them by themselves, or in non-uniform bottoms if necessary e.g. tracksuit bottoms.
- The same applies for girls wearing tights – only dress them in these if they can pull them up on their own with no help from an adult.
- Please help your child to become more confident with zips and buttons on coats.
- Practise and talk about keeping a safe distance from their friends. We know that for our very young pupils that social distancing is very difficult indeed – they will be working in the class in groups as well as playing with their friends so their interactions will be very close at times.
- Practise opening and closing their own pack lunch box. Can it contain pre-opened packets for ease?
- Apply an 'all-day' sun cream before coming to school every day, if necessary.

### **KS2 Children**

- Practise how to wash their hands properly – for 20 seconds – singing 'Happy Birthday' twice.
- Practise how to catch their cough or sneeze in their elbow – like making an 'elephant's trunk' is another way of thinking about it.
- Practise and talk about keeping a safe distance from their friends. Please help your child/ren to understand how far apart 2m is.
- Apply an 'all-day' sun cream before coming to school every day, if necessary.

We are all looking forward to the resumption of lessons in school from 8<sup>th</sup> March and are sure that we can provide the continuity, structure and education that every child at school deserves. If you do have any questions or queries about the return to school, do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

M Ashton  
Head Teacher