



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



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Welcome Back

All the staff at Warwick Bridge School were so happy to see the children back in school after nearly three months away from formal education. There were many smiling faces as children walked in to school and we all hope that this will continue as we move towards the end of the spring term. All children have now had a full week back at school. All school staff have expressed their pleasure at returning to as close to normal as possible. We still have separate arrival, dinner and departure times – the school playground is divided in to class zones, but overall the return to school sees a return to what the children and staff know best – a fully occupied school and education in classrooms and the open air.

Early Years News – Nursery and Reception

The past few weeks has seen a growth in the number of pupils attending the EY class, especially in the Nursery. The school has decided therefore that the Nursery and Reception children shall have their own classrooms with their own staff. This arrangement will start from Monday 15th March 2021. Mrs Holliday and Mrs Douglass will both continue to be the class teacher with the Reception children and will continue in their role as EY Coordinators. Mrs Lightfoot will now be the class lead with the Nursery pupils. Both classes will be supported by Mrs Broatch, Miss Hall and Miss Marshall. We are all looking forward to this new and exciting time in our Early Years provision.

Attendance

The first week back has shown an excellent attendance at school. This will be reported next week. Today's attendance table shows the last week of the autumn term – the final attendance before lockdown. As you can see, it was a really good week for the Polar Bears who become our reigning champions.

<u>18.12.20</u>	<u>Snowy Owls</u>	<u>Polar Bears</u>	<u>Arctic Foxes</u>	<u>Arctic Wolves</u>	<u>Narwhals</u>	<u>School</u>
	97.8%	98%	96.5%	88.2%	84.1%	93.3%

Information for Parents and Carers

Now that we are back in to school full time, the Department for Education has updated the guidance for parents and carers at this time. All the relevant information is available to view on the school website Newsletter page. To find this click on:

[https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1223/GOV.UK_COVID-19 -
 _What_parents_and_carers_need_to_know_about_early_years_providers_schools_and_colleges_-_Rev_5_March_2021.pdf/](https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1223/GOV.UK_COVID-19_-_What_parents_and_carers_need_to_know_about_early_years_providers_schools_and_colleges_-_Rev_5_March_2021.pdf/)

This document was updated for the return to school on 8th March and so contains all the information that you need to know about the return to school.

Arriving at School, Absences and Attendance

Now that we are back at school it is important to re-establish good routines for the children. Please ensure that you arrive at school at the required time for your child's attendance. This is done so we can reduce crowding around the school gate. If your child is absent you need to ring school with this information as soon as possible. The school operates a system called '**First Day Contact**' in line with national expectations. If we do not hear from families regarding the absence of a child, we will ring the contact numbers that we have to ascertain a reason for this absence. We will also send a text. If the school still hasn't heard from the family after two hours we are obliged to call the emergency services to inform them that the child is missing from school and no contact with home has been made. In any case of absence, please call the school as soon as possible so we can ensure that all children are accounted for. Thank you for your help in this matter.

School Uniform

We are so happy to see all the children back in school. We realise that the closure of some shops may have made the purchase of school uniform difficult. Coupled with the growth some children have made, uniforms may not fit as well as they did three months ago. Where possible however, we hope that we can ensure all pupils are wearing the correct school uniform at all times along with correct school footwear. Please remember that on the days that your child does PE, they should come to school in their PE kits.

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Lockerbie Manor Residential

We are sorry to say that for the second year running, the Year 5 and 6 residential trip to Lockerbie Manor in Scotland has been cancelled. The centre cannot guarantee that they will be allowed to accept overnight visits before we are due to go. We have moved the residential to May 13th – 15th 2022. We have, however, made arrangements for the pupils to take part in some outdoor and adventurous activities at Talkin Tarn during July this year. More details to follow.

Comic Relief 2021

The school will once again take part in the fundraising activities for Comic Relief. All children are invited to attend school on Friday 19th March without uniform. Please make sure that your child has a 50p donation for comic relief. Comic Relief Great Outdoor Red Noses will also be available to buy from next week at £1.50 each. We only have 40 of these so please ensure that your child has the money on Monday if they want one.

Support for Children & Young People at this time

If you are a young person who needs some support or you are working with a young person who needs some support here are some organisations you can contact:

- **KOOTH** – is an online counselling and emotional well-being service for children and young people, available free at the point of access. Chat and forums - it's safe and anonymous.
- **Young Minds** - is a charity providing online advice and support for children, young people, parents and professionals.
- **Papyrus UK** - Charity for the prevention of young suicide - hopefully they can provide support for parents in dealing with the young person's self-harming and suicidal behaviour and ways.

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All the best for the weekend

Mr M Ashton