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### **Returning to School in September 2020**

This week, the government unveiled plans for the return to school in September for all children. These plans have been discussed with unions and other professional bodies. Due to the nature of the Covid-19 pandemic, these plans are subject to change at any time. Many parents, carers and children are understandably cautious about any wider return to school in the present circumstances. The government has released a guide for parents and carers which seeks to give all the information necessary for a return to school in the autumn term 2020. We have put this guide on to the school website and you can read it on this link:

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

### **News from School**

The pupils in the four Bubbles at school have been continuing with their daily lessons and keeping to all the social distancing guidelines they need to. There is a lot to keep the pupils occupied and they are accustomed to all the changes that have taken place in school over the past few weeks. Thank you to all parents and carers who have helped in this. We are also pleased to inform you that Miss Hogarth will be back in school from Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July all the way through to the end of term. She will be working with Miss Stobbs during the final week of the term. Mr Walsh is returning on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July and will share the class with Miss Day until the end of term. This means that the Year 6 Bubble 3 will be open on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July**.

### **Year 6 Transition to William Howard High School**

Mr Anderson from WHS will be holding a Microsoft Teams meeting with all WBS pupils who will be attending there in September 2020. This meeting will be held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm. All Y6 pupils from WBS will be at home at this time so should be able to access the Teams meeting. If you are unable to make this meeting Mr Anderson will follow this up with a separate telephone call. Mr Anderson also stated that he will be in touch with all WHS bound students to let them know their form groups for September 2020. Mr Walsh has also sent information out on the Class Dojo platform.

### **Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and Picnic – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 12noon**

This year's Leavers' Assembly will be very different from previous occasions. We are planning to have a socially distanced assembly and picnic outside on the school field. All Y6 pupils and their parents/carers are invited. **Please note that we cannot have more than two adults accompanying your child to this event.** Markers will be placed on the ground and your family group will be expected to stay at that marker. The school staff will also attend with prizes and awards being given out to the pupils. We hope that this event will provide a valuable reminder of life at Warwick Bridge School for all those who are ready to depart. Please bring a picnic and we will have a socially distanced farewell lunch on the grass at the back of school. The weather has been ordered so it will be a fine day for this to happen

### **Pupil WOWs and Work Done at Home**

The whole school is impressed with the amount of fantastic work that is being displayed on the school Facebook page. Thank you to all parents, carers and staff for working hard in order for this work to be put on to the site. There has also been a very good response to the weekly challenge – there are some fantastic bank safes and pictures to see right now. Many pupils have worked extremely hard on this. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/WarwickBridgePrimarySchool> to view the pictures. Good luck with this week's challenge – **building a tough and scary robot that will defeat invading aliens.**

### **Summer Reading Challenge**

The Summer Reading Challenge is an annual event in Cumbria County Council's libraries over the school summer holidays. Aimed at 4 – 11 year olds, children are encouraged to read six, (or more), books of their choice during the summer holidays, with collectable incentives and rewards, plus a certificate for every child who completes the Challenge. This year, with the disruption caused by Covid-19 and the impact of social distancing on schools and public libraries, an all-new digital Summer Reading Challenge is launching, earlier than usual, to keep children reading over the summer and to support parents and carers with children at home. The Challenge website [www.sillysquad.org.uk](http://www.sillysquad.org.uk) is free to access and is a place for children to rate and review

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their books and work towards their reading goal. It will also feature video content, games, quizzes, and digital and downloadable activities to incentivise and encourage everyone at home to take part in the Challenge.

Free downloadable ebooks and eaudiobooks are available at:

[https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/libraries/online\\_resources/ebooks\\_audiobooks.asp](https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/libraries/online_resources/ebooks_audiobooks.asp)

Free instant membership:

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/libraries/services/membserv.asp>

Free Summer Reading Challenge website: [www.sillysquad.org.uk](http://www.sillysquad.org.uk)

### **Home Learning**

**Teacher Contact** – Teachers are continuing to use Class Dojo and emails in order to set work and send you messages. Each teacher's email address is listed here. You can also access all class work on the school website by visiting your child's class webpage. Details are below.

Mr Ashton – [head@warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:head@warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk)

Mrs McBride – [jmcbride@warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:jmcbride@warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk) Website: <https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/information/class-pages/class-1/>

Miss Hogarth – [nhogarth@warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:nhogarth@warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk) Website: <https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/information/class-pages/class-2/>

Miss Stobbs – [cstobbs@warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:cstobbs@warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk) Website: <https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/information/class-pages/class-3/>

Mrs Douglass – [ldouglass@warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:ldouglass@warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk) Website: <https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/information/class-pages/class-3/>

Miss Day – [sdlay@warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:sdlay@warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk) Website: <https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/information/class-pages/class-4/>

Mr Walsh – [swalsh@warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:swalsh@warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk) Website: <https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/information/class-pages/class-5/>

### **Music at Warwick Bridge School**

As we approach the end of term, thoughts turn to the resumption of schooling in September and all the other activities we enjoy at WBS. Mr Hemingway is keen to recruit new musicians to the woodwind and brass instrument players. He will be in school during the first two weeks of the return to school to hold trials for any pupil wanting to take up the challenge of playing an instrument. If you want any information about this, please contact Mr Ashton at school.

### **Returning and Picking Up Pupils' Equipment**

We are requesting that any family that has school equipment at home – whiteboards, pens, reading books etc – start to return these items in the last two weeks of term. There are a number of pupils who have equipment in their locker at school. Some pupils also have work that can be collected. And there is a significant amount of lost property in school areas. Parents and carers are requested to attend school between **10am-12noon** on the following days to pick up any items still in school and return resources that may be at home:

**Monkeys (Mrs McBride)** – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July

**Elephants (Mrs Douglass and Miss Stobbs)** – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July

**Jaguars (Miss Hogarth)** – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July

**Tigers (Miss Day)** – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July

**Iguanas (Mr Walsh)** – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

**Please come to the front of school and a member of staff will meet you there.**

### **School Reports**

The end of year reports will be sent out by email this year. They will be out on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Due to the nature of the school year, these reports will be somewhat truncated, but will seek to give you the most up to date and relevant information as we can. Most pupils have missed nearly four months of schooling – this is nearly half of the school year. Teachers will aim to give the most honest and relevant detail to all the work your child/ren has done since September 2019 with reference made to the work done during the lockdown period. If you would like to receive a paper copy of your child's report, please contact Mrs Ridley in the office.

### **Free School Meals and Pupil Premium**

During this time, many families may have found themselves in financial difficulties and in need of support. You may be interested to know that families can apply for Free School Meals (FSM) through a Pupil Premium application to help spread the costs. You can find a form for this on our school website at

[https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/534/Model\\_Registration\\_Form\\_for\\_Schools.pdf/](https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/534/Model_Registration_Form_for_Schools.pdf/)

You can also find a Word version of this form at: <https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/information/pupil-premium/>

Free school meals and clothing vouchers are available for your child(ren) if you receive one of the following qualifying benefits:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- An income related Employment and Support Allowance

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- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that as of April 2012 does not exceed £16,190. Note: From 1st May 2009 where you are entitled to Working Tax Credit during the four week period immediately after your employment ceases, or after you start to work less than 16 hours per week, your children are entitled to Free School Meals, this may be extended
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit
- where possible all parents and guardians should **apply online** - you will receive an immediate response advising you whether you are eligible or not
- if you are unable to apply online please contact the free school meals team - telephone: **01228 606060**

If you receive working tax credits you may not be eligible for free school meals or clothing grants.

### **School Uniform Orders**

Please use our online order form for school uniforms. It is available on the Newsletter section of the school website. You can access the form at: [https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/865/Uniform\\_order\\_Jun\\_20.pdf/](https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/865/Uniform_order_Jun_20.pdf/)

Have a relaxing weekend

Mr M Ashton