



The Whartons Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are all looking forward to welcoming the children back to school tomorrow morning, I hope you have all had a lovely summer break.

COVID Protocols

In light of the new risk assessment from Leeds Health and Safety team, many of the COVID restrictions in place before the holiday, will still be in place for the first few weeks for term. Masks will still be encouraged in crowded areas such as corridors and during pick up and drop off times in the playground, and parents will still be asked to wear masks if they need to enter the school building.

Children will follow hand hygiene protocols in school and keep personal stationery packs.

We will slowly relax some restriction in school, for example face to face assemblies in the hall, table groups in the classrooms and beginning to use the dining hall for lunches from next week.

We will approach all new changes with caution and ask that parents and children do the same.

I have resent the letter from the last week of term which outlines the staggered start and finish times in place for the first half term.

The new risk assessment has been uploaded onto the website under the COVID tab.

If your child has any COVID symptoms, please get them a PCR test and follow Test and Trace instructions. It is heartening that due to new guidelines, bubbles will not need to collapse if one member of the bubble tests positive for COVID. However, we all need to be vigilant and if there are any signs of COVID, children should be kept at home.

Please ring the office for the latest advice, if you are at all concerned or unsure.

Parking

Sadly, I received correspondence from our neighbours and the local councillor over the holidays regarding driving and parking at drop off and pick up times.

I was dismayed to hear that some car drivers have not been observing the 20 MPH speed limit around the school estate, putting our children at increased risk of serious harm. Please ensure you drive slowly and carefully around the local roads, being mindful of other drivers and most importantly pedestrians. Children are not always fully focused on the traffic around them.

I want to remind parents that the school car park is for staff only and Breakfast and After School clubs. Parents should not drive onto the school grounds.

Although parking near school is a challenge, I ask that you do not park in such a way as to block access or exit from residences close to school. This can be inconvenient for our neighbours and at times distressing. Parking on both sides of the road also restricts access to emergency vehicles such as ambulances and fire engines, which could have serious consequences.





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New Members of our School Community

It is always exciting to start a new year at school and welcome a new group of reception children to The Whartons Community. I hope all the children are excited and looking forward to their first day 'Big School'.

We will also be welcoming some new children to other year groups across school this year and three new members of staff; Miss Dalzell who will be teaching in Y1, Miss Smith and Miss Duncum who will join the support staff team working across Reception and Y1.

Yours sincerely,

Julia Dickson
(Headteacher)

