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Dear Parent/Carers

On Monday, the Prime Minister announced that all schools will re-open on March 8th. Due to the small size of our schools, and the availability of our staff members, we will be able to welcome all year groups back on this date. We look forward to seeing the children return as we begin our catch-up programme, which will continue throughout the summer term.



We are fortunate that, as a small school, we can operate as a big bubble, but where possible, classes will operate in class bubbles, learning, playing and eating together. This means that we will operate as we did in the Autumn term. We will continue to reinforce regular handwashing and encourage social distancing, though we appreciate that this may not be possible with our younger children. We will continue to operate a staggered start and finish time each day, alongside our one-way system when collecting children from the school and we will send you our updated risk assessments next week.

Below are a few reminders and considerations:

1. Ideally, **all** children must attend school wearing full school uniform. We recognise that some parents may struggle to purchase new uniform or shoes before March 8th, please speak to the school office as we have some unsold uniform still in stock, but also please be reassured that we understand that there may be a transition period whilst you wait for some items to arrive. It's much more important to us that your child/ren attend rather than what they wear.
2. On P.E. days, children will attend school in their P.E. kit and remain in their kit all day, rather than change. Your child's class teacher will tell you when this is.



3. School dinners will run as normal. **The menu on Monday, 8th March will be the Week 3 menu.** Children only need to bring a packed lunch if they are not having a cooked lunch. All children can bring a water bottle which **must** be taken home, washed and refilled each day.
4. Book bags and rucksacks are welcome in school if they are **absolutely necessary** but we ask that all other items such as pencil cases and toys are left at home. Please speak to your child's teacher if your child has particular requirements. We request that all Class 1 children have a spare set of clothes in school in a named carrier bag.
5. We will be able to operate our wrap around care, in the form of breakfast club and after school club. Please email admin.chapel@wrfed.co.uk to book in.
6. After school clubs will begin as soon as possible after the Easter break. We will email you after Easter with more details.
7. Medical and dental appointments **must** be made outside of the school day, unless it is an emergency, to restrict the movement of children, staff and visitors across the school. A copy of all medical or dental appointments must be provided by email to Mrs Charlton, otherwise the attendance cannot be authorised.
8. The staggered beginning and end of each day will continue, with the organisation the same as during the Autumn term.
9. Each class will hold a TEAMS question and answer meeting for the children who are learning at home before the 8th March to answer any questions that the children may have regarding their return to setting. Your child's class teacher will advise you of the date.
10. And finally... we are not able to offer child care during the Easter or the May half-term break. We will consider summer holiday child care once lockdown has eased and we are in a better position to assess the need in consultation with parents. We are also aware that there may be a number of government proposals regarding holiday education over the next few months and we believe that at this point, it's wise to respond to such proposals once they are shared by the government, rather than make promises now which may change as the months move forward.

Please note that the government have again withdrawn their directive that parents are able to choose to keep their child at home or send them to school. This is not something that any school in the country can overturn. This means that if you decide to keep your child at home, the normal protocols for addressing attendance will be adhered to, including penalty fines to parents.

Again, as I shared in September, fining is a last resort situation and one that I am keen to avoid, particularly during such unprecedented times. I would rather sit and discuss any concerns about your child returning to school and work together to address them. If you **do** have concerns, please don't ignore them and allow for March 8th to come and go. Instead, contact the school using the above admin address. We are quick to respond to emails and we are happy to talk to you before we return to address your concerns thoroughly.

Thank you for your continued support, as we look forward to welcoming you all back to school as a community once again.

Best wishes,



Mrs MacDonald

Pastoral Support from Mrs Thornton

Supporting your child back into school after lockdown

It is only natural that many young people will be worried about returning to school after being off school for so long.



Below are some tips taken from the Young Minds website about how to support your child back into school.

1. Talk to your child about how they are feeling about going back to school and try not to make assumptions. Ask them if they are worried or feel scared about anything, but also if they are excited about or looking forward to something. No matter how your child feels, let them know that it is completely normal to feel a mixture of emotions and that everyone will be in the same boat.

Visit <https://youngminds.org.uk/starting-a-conversation-with-your-child/> for ideas on how to start the conversation.

2. Provide your child with as much information about their new routine and school day as you can. This will help them to prepare for any changes that have been made to the timings of their day, the layout of their classroom, their peer groups and playtimes. For younger children, it can be really helpful for them to visualise these changes – so ask your child’s school if they can send any pictures to help make things feel more familiar.

3. Reassure your child. During the lockdown we have been told to stay at home, remain socially distant from others and wash our hands regularly. This means children may find it difficult to go back to school because it will be a huge change from what they have been asked to do during the pandemic. Talk with your child about ways they can stay safe at school, such as washing their hands before and after eating, and reassure them that the school are putting measures in place to keep them safe.

4. Re-establish a routine to help ease into school life. During lockdown it is understandable that your family’s routine may have changed. Children are likely to have been waking up later or going to bed later. To help them get ready for school, try to gradually get them back into their usual morning and bedtime routines as they get closer to their return date.

5. Don’t put pressure on yourself. The transition back into school is likely to take some time. Lots of children will experience ups and downs. Try your best to support, reassure and comfort them, without putting pressure on yourself to make sure their homework is done or they settle into a new routine straight away.

6. Think ahead. As well as reflecting on what has happened during the past few weeks, it is important to help children develop hope and a sense of excitement for the future. At a time like this, it can be hard to feel positive, but identifying the things that they can look forward to will help them to realise that the current situation won’t last forever and their feelings will change.

7. Seek support if you need it. Transitioning back to school after being in lockdown is no easy task. You may find that your child struggles to get back into school or experiences difficulties while they’re at school. If



this is the case, reach out to your class teacher as soon as you can so that you can make them aware of the challenges and work together to support your child. If you are concerned about your child's mental health and you think they need professional support, speak to the school and your GP about the best next step.

Class 1 update

Miss Northway had an unexpected stay at York hospital over the half-term break, resulted in her needing surgery. We are pleased to say that she is doing very well and is expected to re-join us after Easter once she is fully recovered. Until this point, Miss Ducat has stepped up to teach the class and Mrs Wykes, our federation supply teacher, will join Miss Ducat and Mrs Bowmer from the 8th March to welcome the full class back.

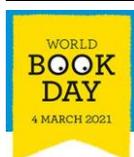
Miss Northway would like to thank you for so many kind well wishes, she's desperate to get back but is currently doing as she is told by her medical team in a bid to see us as soon as possible.

Class 1 clothing

Could we please ask you to return any spare clothing your child may have been sent home from school in as our stock of emergency clothing is very low. When the children get muddy or play in the water area we often need to give them a change of clothing.



World book day



On Thursday 4th March we would like children in school and at home to wear their pyjamas and share their favourite books. We didn't feel this was the year to have to think about the book character costumes that we normally adorn and instead shifted to the link between bed time stories and snuggling up in pyjamas.

The North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership NYSCP



The North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NYSCP) has introduced a new Facebook page to raise awareness of safeguarding issues with parents and carers. They will be posting regular information for parents and carers as well as professionals and young people regarding safeguarding issues and concerns and details of how they can keep their children safe.

They are eager to ensure that we maximise the reach of the page with parents across North Yorkshire, so please refer to the information below:-

We are very excited to officially announce our new page on Facebook.

We will be sharing a variety of useful content to:

- raise awareness of safeguarding issues primarily with parents and carers
- help parents and carers know how to keep their children safe
- provide links to key services where children, young people, parents and carers can find help and support

Check out our page at facebook.com/nyscp1 and be sure to LIKE and FOLLOW us!

Don't forget you can also:

- Visit our website at safeguardingchildren.co.uk
- Follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/nyscp1
- Check us out on Instagram at instagram.com/nyscp



Yours sincerely,

Mrs R. Lindley
Deputy Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday 1 st – Friday 5 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Live World Book Day Event Week
Thursday 4 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Book Day – wear pyjamas
Friday 19 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Red Nose Day – More details to follow
Sunday 21 st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Census day
Friday 26 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Break up for Easter
Monday 12 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training Day (school closed)
Tuesday 13 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Back to school
Monday 3 rd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May Bank Holiday (school closed)
Friday 28 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Break up for half term
Monday 7th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training Day (school closed)
Tuesday 8 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Back to school
Friday 23 rd July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School ends for Summer
Monday 26 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training Day (school closed)

