

NEWSLETTER

WE 27th November 2020

Message from Head of Academy

Thank you to all of the parents who attended a parents' evening appointment. There are still a high number of people who haven't responded. Please note that these sessions are important and allow both sides to discuss progress and any concerns. We will be offering additional sessions to anyone who needs a future appointment—details will be sent out next week.

We would like to say a warm welcome to our new pupils! We have had a number of new pupils in the last couple of weeks, so welcome to Highfields to the new pupils and their families!

Attendance in Nursery and Year 2 is outstanding this week. Generally our attendance is excellent this year—so well done to everyone!

Please note the regional COVID new restrictions coming into effect on 2nd December. Currently there will be no changes of our school procedures, as these are working really well, so please maintain social distance and good hand hygiene to keep everyone safe.

General illness

Please note that if your child is ill and are unsure whether they have COVID symptoms, please consult the information to the right.

If you are still unsure, please call 119 who can advise you on the symptoms and advise a course of action.

General illness should be treat as normal but if you are unsure please call 119 for further clarification from medical experts.

You must still call school for general illness to report absence.

COVID 19 Symptoms

Please remember that if a child has one of the following symptoms, they should not attend school. You should then request a test and attend the test, informing school of the results.

SYMPTOMS:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste.

To book a test you call 119 or visit:
<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Attendance TARGET 96%	% WEEK	% YEAR
Nursery	100	95
Reception	97	96
Year 1	89	95
Year 2	100	96
Year 3	97	97
Year 4	98	89
Year 5	99	97
Year 6	96	98
Whole school	97	97

Stars of the week	Name
Nursery	Roberta
Reception	Tori-leigh
Year 1	Brayden
Year 2	Harry
Year 3	Mia
Year 4	Savannah / Leo B
Year 5	Natasha
Year 6	Lilly-Ann

Note: These figures are not impacted by COVID isolation.

Uniform

Please note that all children are required to wear their school uniforms.

We continue to have a high number of people asking us to find jumpers and cardigans that do not have names in. This is a difficult task as we often have a high number of items. So please help us to find your items by putting names in clothes.

Also—a reminder that only small, simple stud earrings are permitted as part of the uniform. Children will need to remove anything larger than a small stud.

PE Kit

It has been great to see the children in their new PE kits—they look really smart.

We have ordered kits for new pupils, or those who needed a new size, so they should be with us shortly.

When you receive the new kit, please wash it before the children wear them.

If you have any queries, please contact Reception.

Christmas Lunch

Please ensure that you return your Christmas lunch slip by Monday 30th November.

The lunch is on Wednesday 9th December. There is no other lunch offer on the day, so children either need to opt for the lunch or they need to bring a packed lunch.

Children who are entitled to free school meals or who are in Reception, Year 1 or 2—do not need to pay. Pupils who are not entitled to free meals and are in Year 3,4,5 and 6 need to pay £2.15 on Parent Pay.

COVID—Tier 3 Restrictions

Just a reminder that on Wednesday 2nd December, we will leave national lockdown and South Yorkshire will enter tier 3—Very high alert. Please see the link for more information:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know>

Oracy homework

Each week, we set a short oracy homework task which involves having a conversation for 5-10 minutes with your child. This week the task is:

What is your favourite thing about Doncaster?

Diary Dates

Wednesday 9th December	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
Wednesday 16th December	Panto performance
Friday 18th December	School closes for Christmas
Monday 4th January	School reopens There is no training day
Friday 12th February	School closes for halfterm
Monday 22nd February	School training day—school closed
Tuesday 23rd February	School reopens

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