



Sedbergh Primary School

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Dear parents, carers and families,

Welcome back everyone to the start of the new school year. I sincerely hope you have found the opportunity to enjoy some time together as families and friends over the break and that you feel ready for the autumn term. Class teachers will be in contact next week outlining the curriculum and plans for the forthcoming weeks.

I would like to take this opportunity to explain our school routines in light of the lifting of coronavirus restrictions and the latest Government guidance for schools. We have now updated our Risk Assessment which will continue to prioritise the ongoing education and safety of the children.

In order to minimise risks and support the NHS given the current rates of transmission, we will be maintaining our rigorous cleaning and hand washing routines. Our staff will be encouraged to continue to take regular Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests and we would encourage our parents/carers to do the same.

We kindly request that all parents and carers continue to do their best to support the school by:

- Arriving at school no earlier than 8.45am in the morning and 3.20pm in the afternoon
- Ensuring that each child is accompanied by no more than one adult
- Avoiding having prolonged close contact with those outside their family group or congregating in larger groups during drop-off and pick-up times
- Trying to avoid having lengthy conversations with staff at the classroom doors. (Please contact the school office if you need to share more detailed information with the teachers or if you would like to make an appointment)
- Informing the school promptly if their child experiences symptoms of COVID-19 and/or tests positively for COVID-19
- Ensuring that no family member enters the school site if they are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 i.e. a high temperature, a new, continuous cough and a loss or change to their sense of smell or test

Before school, junior children will line up on the playground; we have found that this provides a calm start to the day.

PE – You will be informed by your child’s class teacher about the days in which PE will take place. On those days we request that children come to school in their PE kits.

School Dinners – School meals will be provided for all children in Reception, Yr1 and Yr2 with a hot meal Monday, Wednesday and Friday and a packed lunch on Tuesday and Thursday. Nursery and all junior children will need to be provided with a packed lunch. At the moment, lunches are eaten in classrooms however, we are hoping to review our procedures over the next few weeks. I will inform you as soon as I can about when we are able to provide school meals for KS2.

Safety – As you know, we have our ‘no-stopping zig-zags’ on Maryfell Close outside the school gate. Nevertheless, there are occasions when traffic is still very heavy and causes a standstill. You will understand that the school will always prioritise pupil safety and would ask you to walk or cycle to school whenever possible. I am optimistic that planned traffic calming projects in the town will begin to improve safety for all of you who already walk or cycle.



Attendance - I would, again, like to remind all parents about the importance of **good attendance** at school. I absolutely share your concerns about the spiralling costs of holidays and the difficulty in scheduling these around a busy working life, however, research evidences a direct correlation between good attendance and success in later life. We do need to continue to improve attendance at our school and hope you can help us in this.

Events for the new academic year; we will update the events section of the app (please let me know if it isn't working for you), but here are a few dates for your diaries ready for the new school year.

September 2021

Wednesday 8 th and Thursday 9 th	Wheelchair Basketball
Friday 10 th	Swimming lessons begin for Yr 5 and Yr 6
Wk beginning 20 th September	Cyclewise for Yr6

As you know, school updated its approach to homework or '[Home Learning](#)', please see our website for more information about this (under the Curriculum section). Children from each class will come home with a list of suggested home learning projects to complete over term or half-term linked to the curriculum in school.

At Sedbergh Primary School we are lucky to have a 'commitment culture'; all our staff are committed to providing the very best opportunities and support for your children. We intend initially to take a cautious approach towards the easing of restrictions, and in doing so we hope that this year will have fewer disruptions so that it enable us to teach to the fullest. I look forward to another year where we work together to achieve the very best for our school and the community.

Warm regards,

Tracy Whetton