

# WESTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## April 2021

Welcome back to the start of the Summer term. We hope that all our families had a good Easter break and are enjoying the relaxation of lockdown, allowing friends and families to meet outside, the opening of non essential retail, and, perhaps most importantly the opening of hair salons and barbers!

As lockdown continues to ease, we will continue to follow national guidance within school. Our staff continue to wear face coverings and participate in twice weekly testing to avoid asymptomatic staff entering the site. At the moment, this also means that children remain in class bubbles and do not mix across other classes. Could we please remind parents that children can be dropped off between 8.55am—9.10am. And collected from 3.15pm—3.30pm. We have noted an increased number of parents arriving at the school site before 8.55am. We would ask that families do not enter before this time to ensure that families are not congregating before school and social distancing is maintained.

Thank you for your continued co-operation.

### Staffing News

Unfortunately Mrs Sharp will be leaving us at the end of next week. Mrs Sharp has predominantly worked in Y6, supporting children with their learning. We wish her all the very best for the future.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Barnes and Mrs King to our Teaching Assistant Team. Miss Driffill has also returned to the team this term and will be working during the afternoon sessions to support catch up intervention in KS1 and EYFS.

This week we also received the fantastic news that Miss Tarran has given birth to a baby boy. Both are doing really well and I am sure you will join with all of us in congratulating them.

### Parent Consultations

Please ensure you book a parent consultation appointment for the week commencing 26 April. Due to Covid restrictions appointment slots are virtual—via Google Classroom. We anticipate that families will be much more familiar with this platform after its introduction for live teaching during the recent school closure. Please ensure that you have the relevant password and are able to login. If you are unsure or have any questions, please contact the school office well before your appointment time. The office is staffed until 4pm and we would be unable to respond to any difficulties after this time. Due to the limited number of external telephone lines, we are unfortunately unable to offer routine telephone appointments. Thank you.

## **School Meals**

We would like to remind parents we are now able to offer a weekly meal deal, meaning that if children order a meal of any kind—hot meal, jacket potato, sandwich option for the full week Monday—Friday, you will receive one of the meals free —effectively a 20% discount on the week.



## **Test and Trace Payments**

We have been asked to make families aware of the following information regarding Test and Trace Payments:

From 8 March 2021, parents or guardians who are not legally required to self-isolate can apply for a Test and Trace Support Payment or discretionary payment if they need to take time off work to care for a child or young person who :-

- is aged 15 or under (or 25 or under with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC)) and normally attends an education or childcare setting
- has been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or by their education or childcare setting because they have been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19

The Local Authority is responsible for verifying the self-declared information provided in the parent or guardian's application. . This includes checking the following:-

- the child's name, age and main address
- the child's first day of self-isolation
- that the child didn't continue to attend the education or care setting when they should have been self-isolating
- whether the communication from the education or care setting is genuine (if this has been submitted by the applicant)

Full details of the scheme and eligibility please call Benefits contact centre on 01482 394799.

## **Parking**

Could we please stress to parents the importance of parking responsibly at the start and end of the school day. We receive a significant number of complaints from parents and residents highlighting how unsafe the situation is becoming. We are in contact with the LA regarding the matter, and while the presence of the police or traffic wardens improves the situation on that day, there are a minority of parents who continue to park irresponsibly.

If parents have any further or specific concerns with traffic management issues such as parking and speed, please do not hesitate to contact traffic management by email - [traffic.management@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:traffic.management@eastriding.gov.uk).