

# WESTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## June 2021

It is hard to believe that the end of this academic year is already looming on the horizon. Where has the year gone? This time last year we had experienced our first lockdown and were in the process of reopening school. Now twelve months on, although still in the clutches of the pandemic, it's great to know that so many of us have received our first vaccine, and some their second dose.

Many of you will be looking forward to announcements regarding the 21st June or "Freedom Day" as it is now being called. Whatever the Government decision may be, as a school we are urged to proceed with extreme caution and limit social contacts as much as possible. This is due to contact tracing and self isolation requirements. Should all restrictions be lifted in school and a pupil test positive for Covid-19, it could potentially force a full school or key stage closure and disrupt the education for many children. For this reason pupils and staff will remain in bubbles and contacts limited. This situation will remain in place until the end of the academic year and we are currently being advised that such restrictions could still be in place for schools in September.

We are working to remove restrictions as soon as possible, but would politely remind all parents of the need to observe the one-way system. Recently there have been a number of families arriving and entering the site earlier than 8.55am or 3.15pm, meaning children and families are congregating at the start and end of the day. Please could we ask parents and carers to respect these timings.

We are currently working hard to ensure that, despite these restrictions, the children still enjoy the Summer Term as much as possible. Children are now limited to year group rather than class bubbles, which has allowed a limited number of extra curricular activities to take place. Thank you to those staff who have given up time to offer activities either during or after the school day.

We are planning to run Sport's Day, but in a much different format this year. Year groups will compete separately—one year group per afternoon and the equipment cleaned and sanitized after use. Unfortunately, due to restrictions, and like many other local schools, we are unable to safely accommodate parents and carers to the event this year. We understand that this will be disappointing. However, our decision is based on school guidance, health and safety, the volume of potential adults on the site and the potential impact on the education of pupils in the event of a positive case. We would be unable to meet the requirements of appropriate toilet facilities, the requirement to socially distance households and the volume of contact tracing requirements.

The end of the academic year is always a special time for Year Six as it marks the end of an era and brings to a close their time with us at Westfield. I know that the staff are working hard and looking at how they can safely celebrate the end of term with Year Six. They already have plans for a number of events such as a trip to Let Loose, the much anticipated leavers video and a few other surprises!

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## **Pupil Lockdown Survey**

The COVID-19 pandemic has had an impact on everyone, not least children and young people. The Local Authority are keen to gather their views and perspectives directly and find out more about what living through the pandemic has been like for them and how the transition back into school has been.

We have been asked to ensure all parents and carers are aware of an online survey organised by the East Riding Psychology Group. If you would like your child to take part in the survey, please click on the link below before June 18th, 2021.

[Click here to take part.](#)

## **Staffing News**

We were all really excited to hear that Mrs Taylor will shortly start her adoption leave and I am sure you will want to join with Y3 and all of us at Westfield in wishing her all the very best as she starts this new and exciting journey. Mrs Taylor's last day with us will be Tuesday 15th June. Miss Hobson will be joining the Y3 TA team and will be working with the class on Monday and Thursday for the remainder of the term.

We are also delighted to announce the appointment of Miss Pendleton from September 2021. Miss Pendleton is an experienced teacher, currently working in Liverpool. She will be joining the teaching team as a permanent replacement for Mr Robinson who left us at the end of the Autumn term. In addition to her teaching commitment, Miss Pendleton will also be a full-time member of the School Leadership Team. We are hoping that she will be able to visit school towards the end of the term, so that she can meet both the staff and children.

## **Y6 Bikeability**

Well done to all our Year Six pupils who took part in the Local Authority's Bikeability training. To ensure the children were safe, this took part in much smaller groups this year. We hope that they will put their new skills to good use and ensure they remain safe while out and about on their bikes!



## **Class Change Over**

You may remember that class change over last year was a short video message from staff! This year we are aiming to arrange meeting where pupils can meet their new teachers for a short time—preferable outside if possible. This will give a chance for the children to ask questions and find out about new routines for the next year. We anticipate that this will take place in early July

## **EYFS Updates**

Huge congratulations to our EYFS staff who have successfully completed the Basic Skills Quality Mark for Early Years. The school has held the Basic Skills Award for many years but this is a separate accreditation which specifically recognises the fantastic curriculum, promotion of literacy and numeracy and progress for all pupils in EYFS and is testimony to the hard work of all the staff in the unit.



We are also making good progress with our plans to open a Foundation Stage One unit from January 2022. We have now secured funding from the Local Authority and our proposal will be put to formal public consultation from 16th June to 16th July.

## **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.

