



# West End Primary School

## Newsletter

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## Friday 25 September 2020

### Social Distancing in and Around the School Site

Once again I would like to thank parents and carers for supporting all of our arrangements to try to maintain social distance in and around the school site. We have been fortunate so far that none of the children or staff has tested positive for Covid 19. A number of Bedlington schools have had positive cases and have had to close down bubbles as a result.



Even with face coverings, if you are in close face to face contact (within 1 metre for 1 minute or within 2 metres for 15 minutes) with someone who tests positive for Covid 19 you will be expected to self-isolate for 14 days. To help us avoid this as much as possible we are asking you to do the following:

- Wear a face covering whenever you are on the school site and whilst waiting to enter the site, unless you are medically exempt.
- Socially distance as much as possible whilst waiting to enter the site - 2 metres apart.
- Only one adult to drop off and pick up your child.
- Arrive promptly (not too early as you will just be waiting around in the cold) and leave promptly. Don't stop for a chat with other parents either on the site or outside of school.
- Don't approach other parents or staff at a distance of less than two metres and don't be offended if staff ask you to step back or they move away.
- Inform us immediately if your child has symptoms or has had close contact (as above) with someone who has symptoms of Covid 19 and self-isolate until that person has had a test and received a result - if negative your child can return to school, if positive your household must self-isolate for 14 days.

### Harvest Collection

Normally at this time of year we would collect tins and packets of food to donate to local food banks to celebrate Harvest festival. This year we would still like to support this cause but we cannot receive actual food donations. We are therefore asking for cash donations which we will then give to the Co-op who will use it to support the Bedlington Food bank.



They do this by providing items that the food bank is short of. Your donation can be as big or as small as you like - a tin of beans costs 40p. If you would like to help please send your donation in next week. We will let you know how much we raise. Thank you.

## Walk to School Week

The week beginning Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October is Walk to school week. We will be encouraging the children to walk to school every day to support their physical and mental well-being - and yours. If you already walk every day you're good to go. If you normally drive or come on the bus you could park a little further away (which will also help with congestion around the school at this difficult time) or get off the bus a stop earlier. We will send out more information about this project next week.



## It's Getting Cold



Please make sure your child is well prepared for the weather. We play outside in most weathers, including light rain, so your child needs to have a coat in school every day.

## Remote Learning

Today we are sending out information with your child about Class Dojo to parents of children in Key Stage 1 and 2, this will be our remote learning platform in case of closure of a bubble.



Yours sincerely

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