

Whitdale Primary School and ELC Parent/Carer Overview— OCTOBER 2020





RETURN AFTER OCTOBER HOLIDAYS

In order to ensure our school is a safe environment for both pupils and staff, we have a number of measures in place to minimise/mitigate risks. These follow current guidance and we regularly review them. This document provides an overview of many of the key measures in place.

A key part of this is enhanced cleaning. We have additional cleaners allocated to the school to support with cleaning and during the holidays, the school was electrostatically cleaned again. This is an environmental cleaning product that attacks and kills 99.99% of all germs and viruses and works for up to 28 days on all surfaces — hard and soft. This will continue to be repeated regularly.

Areas that are touched often e.g. door handles, desks, are cleaned at least twice additionally during the school day by our janitors/staff. All rooms have been provided with cleaning products to ensure that staff are able to clean areas if they feel this is required in addition. All classes have a supply of soap, tissues, handtowels, sanitiser, gloves, masks and aprons. These are regularly topped up.

We continue to appreciate the assistance and support of our parents/carers with our staggered school start and finish times and by observing 2m social distancing in and around the school gates. We know this is hard but an important part of keeping us all safe.

If you have any questions regarding the measures in place in school then please get in touch either via the school email or by phone, where we are happy to discuss these.

The safety of everyone remains a priority.

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SCHOOL MEALS/BREAKFAST CLUB/PLAYTIMES

- Breakfast club will continue on Wednesday 21st
 October from 8.15am.
- Children will sit in broad class groups during this.
- Playtimes are split and playground areas are allocated to different year groups
- There are 2 sittings for lunch to further minimise mixing of groups of children
- All tables and seating are cleaned between lunch sittings. Supervising staff were aprons and gloves at all times.
- Playtime snacks are eaten within the classroom



CLASSROOM

- 2m SOCIAL DISTANCING will be observed by all adults
- Children will be kept in their class groups as much as possible and use the one way systems in place for the stairs.
- There will be no assemblies or large gatherings, these will be conducted virtually
- Children and adults will wash their hands on entering and exiting the classroom and regularly throughout the day. Sanitiser is readily available in all rooms and throughout the school.
- We will follow track and trace measures and record which adults are interacting with which groups of children and where they are in the building
- Classrooms are well ventilated throughout the school day.



UNIFORM

- Children should wear full school uniform
- School bags are allowed. Please discourage your child from bringing in items/toys from home
- All Children have been allocated with individual stationery packs to minimise the need for any sharing of items
- PE remains outside
- Please ensure children are dressed appropriately for the weather and have a warm, waterproof coat with them each day. We hope to be outside as much as possible



VISITORS

- Only external visitors that are core to learning and teaching are able to attend school, this is risk assessed each time and are very limited in numbers
- Unfortunately parents/carers cannot enter school/school grounds without a prior appointment – please email the school to arrange this if this is required
- When in the school grounds, face coverings must now be worn by all parents/carers
- Anyone with symptoms should not enter the school building at any time