

Whitehouse Newsletter

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School Changes – Covid Briefing.

The Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, has written to all Headteachers to thank schools for the huge effort we have put into providing face to face and remote education this year. He has also shared some guidance for schools as we move to Step 4 of the Roadmap, the headlines of which, I will share:

- Separate bubbles will no longer be required
- Enhanced hygiene and ventilation will remain in place
- Face coverings will no longer be required for pupils or staff.
- Schools will no longer be required to do contact tracing over weekends and holidays. From 19th July, NHS Test and Trace will take on this role of contact tracing from schools.
- From August 16th. Children under 18 years will no longer have to self isolate if contacted through Test and Trace/close contact. They will be required to take a PCR test. Negative PCR tests will mean that students and staff can remain in school.
- We know that rates of transmission are very high and we do not know what the picture will be in September. However, many parents have told us that they appreciate the protective measures that we have put in place

Start of the New Academic Year at Whitehouse

As you all know, there will be some changes at the start of the new school year as Mrs White will be starting her role as incoming Headteacher. We have had several meetings to discuss transition, systems and plans in school and have decided to keep some of the positive features that have worked well, initially, so that every parent knows the procedures at the start of the new term.

Year Group	Arrival Time	Home Time
2 Year Olds	12:30 pm	3:30pm
Nursery	8:30am	11:30am
Reception	8:50am	3:05pm
Year 1	8:55am	3:10 pm
Year 2	9:00am	3:15pm
Year 3	9:00am	3:15pm
Year 4	8:55am	3:10pm
Year 5	8:50am	3:05pm
Year 6	8:45am	3:00pm
ARP	9:00am	3:15pm

Year Group	Teacher	Teacher	TA
Nursery and 2 YO	Miss Eager		Miss Currie Mrs Attrill
Reception	Mrs Mann		Mrs King
Year One	Miss Melody	Miss Whitmore	Mrs AvisonWall
Year 2	Mrs Lewis	Miss Currie Wed,Th, Fri	Ms Stansfield
Year 3	Miss Watts	Mrs Hanna (MonThurs)	
Year 4	Miss Mothersdale		Mr Young Mrs James
Year 5	Mr Rawsthorne	Mrs Kerr (Wed to Fri)	Ms English M/T
Year 6	Mr GillQuirke		Mrs Marsden
ARP	Miss Ogden		Mrs Haggie Ms Maddison Mrs Kinsey

These will be reviewed after 2 weeks in September:

- Staggered starts and finishes to the school day will remain in place for all classes as they are now for at least 2 weeks.
- Assemblies are now permitted (we have had them continuously via Zoom to all classes)
- Playtime bubbles can be suspended.

The After School Club will initially open to the same 15 children but an early review will be held to aim to open more widely. The Breakfast Club reopening will be reviewed within the first 2 weeks.

Transition Picnic

We are holding a Book Picnic, known as a BookNip, outdoors on Wed 14th July. This will be a time to relax, read books, talk about books, to eat and meet your child's new teacher- see chart above.

School closes for summer on Fri 16th July. Call 07464022983 to book a place at the YMCA Holiday Club for Whitehouse families!

Food Vouchers - Holidays

FSM vouchers for supermarkets will be issued to cover the summer holidays. They will be emailed to you as two separate vouchers- one at the start of the holidays and one in the middle. They are for £105 in total to cover the 7 weeks per child. You will receive them by email so you need to make sure that your email address is correct, and check your inbox and junk mail regularly. If you have changed your email address, it is your responsibility to notify school by the end of next week. Email office@whitehouseprimary.org.uk with any changes- please do not phone.

Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a fantastic author event with Rob Biddulph this week and enjoyed taking part in Art master classes afterwards