

Issue 3
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Supporting a Safe and Happy Return for All

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this week's bulletin finds you all safe and well. Thank you so much for your ongoing support around drop off in the morning and pick up in the afternoon. The change to times for the year three children this week is having a positive impact on safety and lessening the amount of time that you all spend on the playground, particularly for those of you with more than one child in school. I hope it has made things a little easier as well. You are all arriving as punctually as possible to the allocated times, this is also helping to minimise risk. It is much appreciated that you are all distancing appropriately from one another, please do continue to keep the entrances on Westdale Lane and Digby Avenue clear. Thank you again.

We are now just over two weeks into the term and the children are very settled. The atmosphere in school is excellent and learning is progressing well. We are all very proud of the efforts the children are making to ensure a positive start.

In last week's bulletin, mention was made about parents' meetings this term. As we cannot meet in the traditional face to face manner, all teachers will be preparing a short report for each child to provide the information normally shared during the autumn parents' evenings. We will let you know in due course when this report will be sent to you via email.

The good weather looks set to continue through the weekend; I hope you all enjoy the sunshine with your families.

Best wishes,

Mr R Slater
Head of School

Creating a Tidier Environment for All

A big thank you to our year 6 pupils May and Amaia who went out of their way to volunteer to do a litter pick on the playground. They did a fantastic job picking up the litter that blows through the fence onto the playground.



A Message from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parents/Carers

We were so pleased to welcome the children back into school on September 3rd. What a strange year it has been - some children in school, some home learning with parents trying to cope with home schooling, working, furlough etc. We pass our thanks on to all the staff for their hard work in preparing lessons etc. during the lockdown and ensuring that the school site was, and remains, COVID safe. Thanks also to you, our parents and carers, for rising to the challenges we have faced. We have now come to a 'new normal' – how long this will last we cannot be sure – all of the staff at Westdale Juniors, backed by the Governors will ensure that our children remain as safe as possible within the school environment and return to the fullest learning experience we can offer. Our children's education and safety is important to us all, as is our partnership with parents and carers.

Many thanks.

Mrs A Yates

Identifying Covid 19 Symptoms

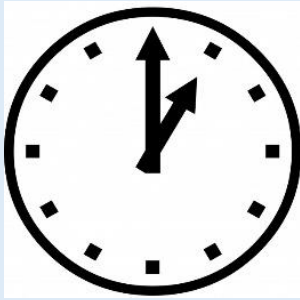
The symptoms of Covid19 are one or more of the following:

- A high temperature, a 'normal' temperature for babies and children is around 36.4°C but this can vary from child to child. A high temperature is 38°C or more.
- A new and continuous cough, this means coughing a lot for an hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.
- A loss or change to your sense of taste or smell.

What happens if there is a Covid 19 outbreak in school?

- If there is an outbreak at the school, local health protection teams will work with the school to agree what action is needed.
- Usually, the school will not need to close, but in the event it does need to close for some or all children, the school will have a contingency plan in place so that your child's education can continue.
- If our local area sees a spike in infection rates that is resulting in localised community spread, the government will decide what actions need to be taken.

Covid 19 School Rules



Be on time & line up in the correct place



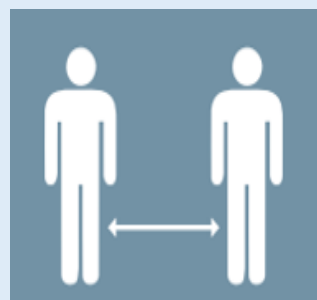
Bring your own water-bottle each day



Follow our hygiene expectations



No school if there are ANY symptoms in your home



Be Smart – Stay Apart



Parents/Carers please wear a face covering in the school building