

Issue 9
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Supporting a Safe and Happy Return for All

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new half term. The children have returned with energy and enthusiasm and have made a great start to the second half of the autumn term. It is so pleasing and uplifting to see the positive attitudes towards learning that are present in all the classrooms, despite the difficulties we are facing.

We have now entered a second national lockdown and with Nottingham currently classed as Tier 3 and Gedling known to be a Covid hotspot, it is absolutely vital that, as a school community, we continue to work together closely and collaboratively to ensure we keep risk to an absolute minimum. The most important goal we currently have is to keep school open to all our pupils, all of the time, and so any measures we put in place always have this aim as their motivation.

Your support on the playground with the wearing of face masks this week has been tremendous and I am deeply appreciative. The reduction in numbers of adults on the playground at drop off in the morning and collection in the afternoon has also been noted, as has the clear social distancing you are all continuing to adhere to. Your efforts, along with that of the entire staff team and children, has undoubtedly contributed to the exceptional attendance we have seen so far this academic year.

Thank you also for your support and understanding around the wearing of PE kits on PE days and with ensuring your children are coming to school well wrapped up in appropriate clothing, together with coats. We are ensuring that windows are open in all areas of school to aid ventilation. As a result, the school building is colder than usual, but with appropriate layering, it is absolutely fine.

Finally, please continue to inform the school immediately if any member of your household develops symptoms, receives a positive test result or is self-isolating. It is very important that any pupil who has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive self isolates for 14 days.

You can leave a voice message on the school's answering service on 01159534707 at any time or email the school office – office@westdalejuniors.co.uk. Again, this can be done at any time.

Best wishes to you all,

Mr Slater

Remembrance Day 11/11/2020



On Wednesday 11th November we will be observing a 2 minute silence at 11am in honour of Remembrance day. The teachers will speak to the children about this beforehand.

We usually help to raise money for the British Legion by selling Poppies in school, however we are unable to do so this year due to covid restrictions. To make a donation or for more information please visit <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/>

Children in Need



Friday 13th November

Spotty non-uniform

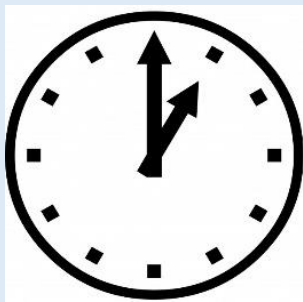
and make a donation to
Children in Need.



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



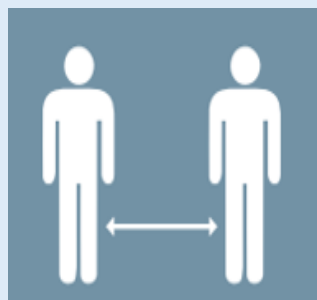
Bring your own water-bottle each day



Follow our hygiene expectations



No school if there are ANY symptoms in your home or you have been told to self-isolate due to contact with someone who has tested positive



Be Smart – Stay Apart



Parents/Carers please wear a face covering on the school site, including the playground