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Newsletter Friday 6th November 2020

Whinfield Right of the Week is: Article 29 - Goals for Education

National Lockdown for COVID:

As the country has now entered the higher level of Lockdown we remind you that school is still open and attendance of pupils is a statutory requirement. We kindly ask that you help us to help you to keep everyone safe by:

- Coming to school at your allotted time - in order to reduce the waiting for parents/carers from Monday 9th November we have revised the timeslots to:

Year Group	Start time	Finish time
Reception	8.50am	3.00pm
Year 1 (including 1-2A)	8.55am	3.05pm
Year 2	8.50am	3.00pm
Year 3	8.55am	3.05pm
Year 4	8.50am	3.00pm
Year 5	9.00am	3.10pm
Year 6	8.50am	3.00pm

- Please follow Government guidance while you are waiting outside of school and remain 2m apart from other parents/carers.
- Keep 2 meters apart and wearing a face covering when coming inside the green fence for whatever reason.
- Only send essential items to school. If your child forgets something, please do not bring it to the office as staff are unable to cross contaminate bubbles with items from across the school.
- Only visit the school office if absolutely essential, please contact us by email, admin@whinfield.net, telephone 01325 240499 or School Gateway App for all enquiries/ reporting absences.
- Contact the year group home learning email addresses for passwords and questions around Showbie and remote learning.

Receptionhomelearning@whinfield.net

year1homelearning@whinfield.net

Year2homelearning@whinfield.net

Year3homelearning@whinfield.net

Year4homelearning@whinfield.net

Year5homelearning@whinfield.net

Year6homelearning@whinfield.net

Showbie Parental codes:

Individual parent/carer codes have been generated and will be distributed next week. Should your child need to isolate the student log-in they have been given is still valid. Home Learning will move to Showbie from Monday 9th.November.



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Parents Evening:

A reminder that Virtual Parents Evening appointments for Tuesday 10th or Thursday 12th November 2020 are available to book on the Parents Evening System.

To book an appointment please visit: <https://whinfield.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/> If you experience difficulties booking an appointment, please contact the school office.

This is the first time we have carried out virtual appointments. We have tested the system and it appears very simple to use. However, please do not panic if something goes wrong on the day. The appointment is 10 minutes long and a clock will be visible counting down so you will be able to finish your conversation before the system automatically ends the call. Please take some time over the weekend to read the attached instructions on how to access your parents evening meeting through the App or website.

Flu Immunisation:

A reminder that the last date of submission for your child to receive the flu immunisation in school is **midnight on 10th November 2020**. If you do not have internet access please contact 0300 003 2554.

To give consent for your child to receive the flu immunisation in on school on 13th November 2020 please visit: www.hdft.nhs.uk/electronic-consent before midnight on 10th November 2020.

School Name: Whinfield

School Code: 134719

Children in Need is Friday 13th November 2020.

Children can wear their own clothes/Pudsey clothing if they have it or anything with spots on Friday 13th November to support Children in Need. Please DO NOT spend money buying outfits as all children can wear their own clothes. This year we ask that you make your donations directly to Children in Need

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/> please do not send any monies into school.

Anti- Bullying Week 2020:

Monday 16th November marks the start of Anti- Bullying week. On that Monday, your child can come to school wearing odd socks as it is a fun way to mark the start of the week for the children. This is a great opportunity to remind children that all pupils at Whinfield are special and unique. As a school, the children will be participating in a whole range of activities based around this year's theme 'United against Bullying'. It is also a brilliant way for us to reinforce diversity and remind children we are all the same *but different*. We hope the children will enjoy the week and find it valuable.

And finally, some great news to celebrate! Greggs Foundation

We are delighted to inform you we have been successfully awarded a grant to offer FREE Breakfast to pupils. As we are currently forced to operate in year group bubbles, we will in the short-term, be delivering jam sandwiches to classrooms each morning to enable all the pupils who wish to, to access free food as they come into school. This will be in addition to any breakfast they have at home or in childcare. We are currently exploring with our meal's provider a small reduction in cost for families who access our Childcare provision. You will receive a separate letter next week which will detail the reduction you will receive.