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Newsletter - Friday 2nd July 2021

Annual reports:

Everyone should have received their annual reports today. For children who are absent or isolating we have posted them. If you wish to discuss your child's report with the class teacher, please book a virtual appointment for Tuesday 6th July. To book an appointment please visit: <https://whinfield.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Please continue to follow COVID-19 procedures:

As you will be aware, there has been a larger than expected increase in positive cases of Covid-19 in Darlington over the past week. We are seeing the greatest proportion of cases in children and young people of school/college age who have not been protected by the vaccination programme, and these rates are continuing to rise.

The main variant circulating nationally and locally is the Delta variant. The evidence is that this variant is very easily transmitted. This means that it spreads much more easily in families, friendship groups and in any other situation where people are mixing, both indoors and outdoors. This also means that the risk of transmission in school is increased.

It is important to reinforce to everyone that the more robust people are in following the control measures, all of the time, the better protection for everyone there is.

We would like to encourage everyone to continue to follow our procedures:

- Maintain social distancing within the school grounds.
- Adults to wear face coverings within the school grounds.
- Contact the school via telephone where possible to avoid any face to face discussions.
- Contact the school immediately if your child has any of the recognised symptoms and arrange for a test.
- Adhere to the allocated pick up and drop off times for your child's year group

Thank you for your continued support in helping keep our community as safe as we possibly can.

Transition/new classes:

We had hoped to complete our internal transition activities and children meeting their new teachers next week but, with the closure of bubbles we will be amending that activity. However, just to reassure you, there will be the opportunity for your child to meet their new teacher before the end of term.

Summer holidays:

School closes at the end of the day on Friday 16th July and the children return to school on Monday 6th September.

Road Safety:

We cannot emphasise enough how important it is that cars drive and park SAFELY. Please do not park across driveways. You must ensure you drive at a sensible speed and be vigilant as you are driving and parking so that you are always watching where children are walking. **Do NOT park in the bus lane. The safety of our children is paramount.**



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Free Courses at Darlington College

Over the summer holidays, Darlington College will be running several one day workshops in a number of subjects within the Health and Childcare sectors. These courses are completely free to anybody over the age of 19, and learners will receive a Darlington College certificate upon completion.

Anyone who wishes to sign up can do so through the 'Free Courses' section of the college website, or by using this link: <https://darlington.ac.uk/courses/free-courses/>

Outdoor Activities:

Darlington Borough Council are working in partnership with Outdoor Ambition Ltd to provide free outdoor activities during the summer holidays for children aged 8 to 12. Please see attached flyer for more details.

Raincoats:

As the weather continues to be unpredictable, please continue to send your child to school with a waterproof coat/jacket.

COVID Reminder:

Please can we remind you that if an adult or other member of the household is going for a COVID test you must not send your child into school while you wait for the results. Please all stay at home until you receive your results.

LFD Tests:

A reminder that the LFD test kit which can be used at home **should only be used when you have NO symptoms**. If you have symptoms, you must book an PCR test.

Safeguarding:

If you have any safeguarding concerns about any of our children, please contact Mrs Murray on 07469 402630.