

Walkergate Community School

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TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Once again we would like to say thank you for your patience, support and co-operation in helping us to improve the system in the yard at the end of the day. I hope everyone is finding it much better with less people in the yard when you are collecting children. Thank you for sticking to the timings given and for being patient while we matched up families for pick ups. Please remember you can contact the school office to inform us of changes to pick ups if one child is off or you need to pick up extra children. We hope this system will avoid the yard being crowded and avoid you standing around in bad weather. We will continue to monitor the situation. Please do not be offended if staff ask you to wait to come into the yard and please be respectful when speaking to staff. Keeping everyone safe is our number one priority.

We have printed the home time plan onto the back of the newsletter to remind you of the times and entry/exit points.

Unfortunately we are now in a local lockdown situation and we rely on all of you to help keep everyone in our school safe by following the guidance given. In particular, it is important that children are not doing activities such as sleep overs at the weekend as this can help to spread infection between families.

**This week's
attendance
winners are:**

Whole school
attendance is

95.7%



Coats, Jumpers & Cardigans

We are at that time of year where the weather is very changeable. It is important to ensure that your child has something warm to put on during the day for playtimes but also in classrooms where we have all the windows open for ventilation even if it isn't hot.

Please ensure that you put your child's name on their coat etc as we often have children with the same coats in school.

Visits to school office

Please remember to wear a mask if you are coming into the school building. Only one family in the reception area at a time.

Please do not be offended if staff ask you to wait outside. They are following the guidance given to help keep all our children, families and staff safe.

#Stay safe Stay healthy

Coughs, colds and flu symptoms

We do appreciate it is frustrating when school are ringing up to discuss your child's symptoms and we may be asking you to keep them at a home. Our staff are working to the guidance and no one wants to put other children or adults at risk. This is new to everyone and school staff are not medical experts. As we gain more experience of managing this situation, we will hopefully find it easier to distinguish between usual winter bugs and COVID symptoms. Please be patient. Our aim is to have everyone in school as much as possible but we also have to keep everyone safe.

House captains, Vice captains and school counsellors

Elections will be taking place over the next couple of weeks as we were unable to do these before the summer holidays. The children who take on these roles play an important role in our school and despite COVID restrictions we hope that over the year they will still have the opportunity to be involved in school activities, be able to share opinions of their house/class with staff in school and help to make decisions where appropriate.

What's On

Due to COVID restrictions, you will appreciate that there will be very little in this section of the newsletter for the foreseeable future.

19th October - Flu immunisation day - information will be sent out next week.

23rd October - break up for Half term

26th - 30th October - half term week

11th November - School Photo day on both sites

27th November - Training Day

Isolation

If your family have to isolate due to symptoms or contact with a positive COVID case then please remember that all of the children in your household should be isolating.

If your children are off, school will arrange to drop off some work and the children can access on line learning such as Mathletics & Purple Mash for years 1-6.

If you are entitled to FSM, we can also drop off a school packed lunch.

Next week it is Main Hall for Year 1,3 & 5—hot dinner or own packed lunch and Y2,4 & 6 are packed lunches in class.