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Happy Easter to one and all. It does feel that there are signs of new life partly due to the governments roadmap progressing.

I am sure that many of you were pleased about the changes this week with additional businesses able to open. I am also sure that there are also many of us who still remain apprehensive about the opening up of places. Again we are in a time of change and we need to be mindful of all of our community and how they are coping in the uncertain times.

It has been lovely to welcome back all of the children this week and there is an air of positivity around school. Spring is definitely here and the sunshine this week is a welcomed addition.

Attendance this week has been good but especially good in Year 3 – well done Year 3!

Whole School	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98.23%	99.35%	99.26%	98.15%	98%	100%	95.52%	97.81%	97.74%

This Easter time in Church again was disrupted although I was really pleased to be able to attend services in Holy Week and the Easter Vigil in my parish. It was different but it was wonderful to share in the celebration of Easter with the parish community in a safe manner.

St Bede's Church is open and if you wish to attend Mass and Church is a 'covid-safe' environment so please do book when you would like to join the parish. There are 35 spaces at St Bede's. To book your place for the Saturday Vigil Mass (5.30pm) at St Bede's Church please call St Bede's Presbytery 01670 823 258 any evening from 6.30pm - 8.30pm Booking is not necessary for weekday Masses, but you are asked to give your details to the steward on arrival.



### School Lunches

For children who have school lunches it would be appreciated if they could order these from home. The teachers of the younger children feel that sometimes when the children have to make a quick choice they are choosing the easiest option without thinking of a variety across the week. It would be nice if the children could spend some time at home choosing new dishes so they could try new things. This would also mean that you as parents would know what they are picking.

The kitchen staff are offering the younger children some tasters when they have additional servings. This has had a positive effect this week as children have been pleasantly surprised that they like the alternative choices.





As we are back to school fully following the lockdown and now that non-essential shops are open we are again reinforcing the school uniform requirements.

Children are expected to wear school uniform and also have the correct PE kit in school on their PE days.

School uniform consists of:

- Red sweatshirt or sweat-cardigan
- White shirt
- School Tie (clip on or elastic)
- Black or grey trousers or shorts, skirt or pinafore dress or red and white checked dress.
- Sensible black school shoes
- PE kit is required consisting of a white T shirt, black shorts and gym shoes.
- **No jewellery is to be worn in school earrings MUST be removed before your child comes to school, wristwatches may be worn.**
- **St Bede's also discourages extreme hairstyles and parents are requested to use simple hair accessories to tie children's hair back when needed. Please leave the decorative bows for home time.**

## *how we are keeping* **YOU SAFE**

Thank you for continuing to follow the measures in place to keep our school site safe. We appreciate that it can be inconvenient to have to walk around the one way system but this has kept us safe so far and we will be continuing with this for the rest of the school term and perhaps into the new school year.

Face coverings are also an expectation for all parents and carers on the school site.

Also please do not arrive at school before 3.30pm as there is a 15minute window for collections. Arriving before 3.30pm will mean that adults need to walk through the students from St Benet Biscop leaving school.

**Friday afternoon arrangements** for the remainder of this academic year are as follows.

Children are collected between 2pm-2.15pm

Those parents who are unable to collect the children due to work commitments are asked to contact [admin@st-bedes.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-bedes.northumberland.sch.uk) a week in advance to let us know what time before 3.45pm their child will need to remain at school.

### **B 'n' T Club**

We recently altered the notice period for B 'n' T club booking so that we can ensure that we have the adequate staffing. Bookings must be made and paid for 48hrs before the session required and also there is no availability on a Friday afternoon for afterschool care.

It is lovely to see that more and more children are using the club and if the demand rises then will hopefully will be able to meet it with additional staffing.

Thank you for your understanding.