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Dear parent/carers,

Well, here we are on the last Friday of the school year. It has been a great to welcome parents to the sports days and feel like things are beginning to return to 'normal'. The lifting of the restrictions on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July brings with it further change and some level of apprehension. Whenever there have been any changes to the restrictions this has been reported through the media and then schools receive their own guidance set within the context of a school setting which we use to make decisions to keep our children, staff and families safe and well.

As we only have two days left of the school year, and taking into account we have had a positive case in one of our families this week resulting in Year Three isolating and working from home, we have decided to keep the current protocols we have in place until we finish on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Therefore, please could we ask you to continue to wear a mask when entering the school grounds and observe social distancing as much as possible. COVID-19 is still out there!

Based on the government guidance and initial feedback from the Warrington School Covid Task Force, schools are expected to revert back to more 'normal' school practice in September, removing measures such as bubbles, face coverings, staggered starts and restricted mixing of pupils for assemblies and lunchtimes that were put in place in response to Covid19 during 2020/21. However, schools are being advised to still ensure that the following control measures are put in place:

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated
- Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19
- A risk assessment which documents proportionate control measure and which is reviewed regularly

If you would like to read the operational guidance, please see this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-coronavirus-covid-19-operational-guidance>

At this point we wish we had a crystal ball and could see what the situation will be in September to give you more details of arrangements. Over the school holidays, we will keep abreast of developments and give details of how we will operate prior to returning in September.



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## September start and finish times

Many of our parents have informed us that the staggered drop off and collection procedure is working well. We are very much in agreement. We have seen an increase in the number of children coming to school on their bikes and scooters; a reduction in traffic congestion outside school and also the children are calmer and more settled when transitioning into school in the morning. Therefore, we have decided to maintain the staggering of drop off and collection times but have needed to make some changes. The times for September 2021 are as follows:

Start Time	KS1	KS2	Finish time
8:45am		<b>Year 6</b>	3:00pm
8:50am	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	3:05pm
8:55am	<b>Reception</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	3:10pm
9:00am	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	3:15pm

You will notice that we have reduced the amount of time between drop off and collection times; there is now a five minute window rather than ten minutes. This allows for the return to the usual school times we had before the pandemic.

We have looked at the siblings across school and aimed to ensure that they are able to be dropped off and collected at the same time as each other, or with in a five minute period. Of course, there will be some families who we have not been able to accommodate within the timings and they will be contacted to explain the drop off and collection arrangements for their children. We will send out a reminder text of your times the week before we return to school.

## Uniform

On 29<sup>th</sup> April, an act was passed in Parliament which required schools to follow new statutory guidance on uniform costs, instructing them to keep prices down. We very much support this as uniform can be very costly. We have tried to negotiate with our uniform providers, Cactus, regarding the cost of the uniform they supply but there is no leeway in price without there being an impact on the quality of the product.

The PTA met last week and considered ways we can support our families. Our Newchurch robins grow so fast and can often grow out of school uniform which looks nearly new. Often this is donated to the school which is very kind but difficult to store. However, we have an alternative plan. The charity shop in the village has agreed to accept donations of school uniform. We are sure you agree that this is a great idea!

Just to confirm the uniform for September:

School Uniform	PE uniform
White polo shirt Red jumper/cardigan/fleece Grey pinafore/skirt/trousers/shorts Black shoes Grey, black, white or red socks/tights Summer term: red gingham dresses etc	Plain black hoodie Black leggings/joggers <b>Red polo shirt (not a crew neck t-shirt)</b> Trainers

The red polo shirt does not need to have a logo on it and are readily available in packs of two in many supermarkets for a very good price. Should you wish to have a logoed polo shirt, then our regular supplier Cactus (<http://www.cactusclothing.co.uk/>), are the one stop shop for all our uniform.

## Summer Camps

Further to our correspondence a few weeks ago regarding holiday clubs in the Warrington, we are able to provide further details of clubs that are happening over the summer:



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## Warrington Wolves

The below camps are 2 days, children should come with lunch, a refillable bottle of water and a coat.

**27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> July** – 10am-2:30pm @ Culcheth Primary School – £40

<https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/SummerHolidayCampWeek1>

**29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> July** – 10am-2:30pm, Girls Only Camp @ Culcheth Primary School - £40

<https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/GirlsCampWeek1>

The below camps are 4 day camps, working in partnership with Warrington Borough Council to deliver free lunches to all children who attend but still advised that children bring a refillable bottle of water and a coat.

**2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> August** – 10am-2:30pm @ Dallam Primary School - £60

<https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/SummerHolidayCampWeek2>

**9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> August** – 10am-2@30pm @ Victoria Park, Latchford - £60

<https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/SummerHolidayCampWeek3>

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this summer for new beginners  
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In our New Dance Studio  
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- Dance Games
- Learn the basics to Irish Dance
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10am – 3pm

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## Local Support Grant

The government has provided additional financial support for food and utility bills for any child of a family on benefits (full eligibility is included in the below link). All families that have successfully claimed funding under the Winter Grant Support fund and Local Support Grant up to the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and who are still eligible will be paid this additional money - they do not need to claim again. Only new Free School Meals claimants since the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021 will need to make a claim for this extended Local Support Fund. The closing date for new claims is the 30<sup>th</sup> September and the funding will cover food for eligible children over the summer holidays (split into three payments over the period). Here is the link for the application form: [Summer 2021 School Holidays LSG | warrington.gov.uk](https://warrington.gov.uk). If you have any questions on this please email [education@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:education@warrington.gov.uk)



Healthwatch Warrington are running a 12 month research project looking at Children and Young People's mental health experiences. Following on from the results of Healthwatch's Young People's survey/research in 2020 it was recommended by the Warrington Clinical Commissioning Group to commission a project to get a better understanding of the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people in Warrington.

There are 2 phases to the project:

- Phase 1: To understand what impact the current pandemic has had on children and Young People and their emotional and mental health.
- Phase 2: In conjunction with provider services undertake targeted engagement with children, young people and families/carers to understand the experience and impact of specific services.

If you would like to be part of the research, please click on the link to open the survey. It should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete, but the impact could last for a long time.

<https://engagingcommunities.researchfeedback.net/s.asp?k=162619533629>

## Reports

As you are aware, your child's end of year report was sent home on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. A lot of time is spent writing the reports in the school holidays and I must admit to shedding a few tears reading some of the heartfelt comments the staff have made before adding my headteacher's comment. As mentioned in the letter accompanying the report, there is an opportunity to respond to your child's report using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/vZj14NDxpPC7xdfq6> Please could we ask that you take a few minutes to respond to the report as we would love to hear from you. Thank you.

Many thanks for your continued and valued support.

Take care and keep safe,

Mrs Jayne Narraway

Headteacher



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