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Dear Parent/Carers,

It is wonderful to be settled back in from our Easter holidays. I hope that you have all enjoyed a happy and holy Easter break with your loved ones. It has certainly been a busy start to the term so far and we are very much looking forward to an exciting summer term.

I would like to thank parents for their ongoing cooperation as we continue to follow government guidance and adhere to our school COVID-19 risk assessments in order to keep our school community as safe as possible. In order to ensure that we limit the risk of transmission of COVID-19, the following updated guidelines have been established for all Schools within the Trust.

Where your child is;

1. displaying COVID-19 symptoms - if displaying any symptoms of COVID-19, children are advised to try to stay at home for three days. The child can return to school after this providing they do not have a high temperature. There is no requirement to complete LFT or PCR tests.
2. tests positive for COVID-19 on an LFT or PCR test - they are advised to stay at home for three days. The child can return to school after this providing they do not have a high temperature. There is no requirement to complete further LFT or PCR tests.

Additional measures

We will continue to put voluntary additional measures in place to minimise the risk of transmission within the school setting. These include:

- Ensuring good hygiene for everyone by encouraging pupils sanitise their hands regularly throughout the day
- Maintaining proper cleaning regimes
- Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated
- Following Public Health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

We will continue to work closely with the local Public Health team and in the event of a local outbreak we may need to put additional, temporary measures in place.

Attendance

Attendance will continue to be a whole school target for every child across school. Thank you to those parents and carers who have supported us in ensuring their child attends school. Our attendance is still not above national but is improving and our persistent absence figures in school have started to reduce. Please continue to support us in ensuring your child attends school and arrives on time. Remember all children are offered breakfast when they come in at 8:45am and they very much enjoy this time sharing a book with their friends!

We have had a lot of requests recently for holidays. Unfortunately, all holidays will be unauthorised as children need to be in school during term time.

No Absence	10 days absence	12 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence
190 days of education	180 days of education	178 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education
100%	95%	94%	90%	85%	80%
Very Good		Worrying		Serious Concern	
Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start!		Less chance of success. Makes it harder for your child to make progress.		Your child will find it very difficult to make progress. May result in court action!	

Absence

If your child is absent, **please ring the school office and leave a message** (0191 5862264).

You do not need to speak to a member of staff or email your child’s teacher.

If you have a new mobile number or you have changes such as addresses, home numbers etc, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Uniform

Children must come to school wearing the correct uniform and black school shoes not trainers. Skirts must be of a suitable length and appropriate. Jogging bottoms may not be worn unless it is a PE day. Please note that we allow children to wear a watch if they wish. Smart watches may only be used as a time device and not for any other purpose. This may be revisited if smart watches are used for anything other than telling the time. No other items of jewellery are to be worn, including ear-rings. In addition, false nails, haircuts of an extreme nature, ie tramlines, or any hair colouring are not allowed.

Please make sure your child attends school in their correct uniform and on PE days they have their sports jogging trousers on, their white round necked t-shirt and their school cardigan or sweatshirt. Tracksuit tops or alternative hoodies must not be worn on PE days. We have started to see an array of coloured hoodies or tops appearing on PE days so feel this needed a gentle reminder.

Coffee Morning Friday 20th May 9 am

Please come to our coffee morning if you can. This is an event we are hoping to hold each month to give parents and carers a chance to sit down for a chat after dropping off their children at school or Nursery. This is an opportunity to meet new friends or old and chat with members of staff about how we can best support our children. We look forward to seeing you there!



Pyjamarama Day

On Friday 13th May, children in school and Nursery will spend the day reading, enjoying, and sharing stories all in the comfort of their pyjamas, to raising funds for books in school.



Thursday 26th May

The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Holiday celebration-picnic in school. Further details to follow.



Y6 Residential Stay – Dukeshouse Wood, Hexham 27th-29th June 2022

A Parents’ guide to Kingswood is available to view or download from [Parents | Knowledge Hub | Kingswood](#)

From sample menus to safety information and Q&As to packing lists, it contains everything you might want to know before your child’s visit to Kingswood.



Good Luck Year 6!

We know that you will be amazing and all we ask is that you try your best.

Save the date:

Monday 13 th June	Sports’ Day
Friday 15 th July	Leavers’ Assembly Y6
Tuesday 19 th July	Wizard of Oz Performance Y6

Sun Smart = Sun Safe

As the temperature rises and Summer arrives, please help us to be sun smart:

- Children should bring sun hats/caps to school to wear at playtimes.
- Sun screen use is encouraged and parents are asked to apply long lasting sun screen to children before school.
- Children are permitted to bring their own named sun screen to school to be kept in their bag for their own individual use.

However, parents are asked to teach their children how to sensibly use and apply this sunscreen. Staff will not apply sun screen to any children and children must only use their own sun screen.

PLEASE CHECK bottles of suncream before application as some sun creams have almond oil as an active ingredient which could affect nut allergy sufferers in school.

Fundraising Thank you

You may remember in March this year we held a non uniform day to raise money for Comic Relief and the Ukraine. Funds raised for the Ukraine were passed onto CAFOD to support their Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. We have recently received a letter of thanks for our donation from CAFOD who say in their letter – “Your donation will provide food, clean water, healthcare and travel onto safe areas or into neighbouring countries. On behalf of the families you are reaching out to with kindness and compassion, thank you.” The school would also like to thank families for their kind donations for these two worthy causes.

Additional Dates

Holiday	Closing Date	Re-opening Date
Summer half term	Thursday 26 th May 2022	Monday 6 th June 2022
Summer Holiday	Thursday 21 st July 2022	Tuesday 6 th September 2022

School will be closed for two further Professional Development days this school year:

Friday 1st July and Friday 22nd July 2022.

Friday 27th May 2022 school will be closed to all children for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Public holiday.

A prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.

Amen.



As always, if you have any questions or concerns please contact the school office or your child's teacher on ClassDojo.

Thank you for all the support you continue to provide to both your child/children and the school.

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Acting Executive Headteacher

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