



The re-opening of Hawes Primary School in September 2021

As we have gone through these unprecedented times, there have been many routines and procedures which we have employed with the aim of keeping your children and families, our staff, and their families as safe as possible.

The current guidance from the DFE informs us that we need to keep certain measures such as increased cleaning, hand washing and good ventilation.

There are also certain routines and procedures that we feel have benefited the children or made things safer which we are choosing to keep.

Start and finish to the day

- ALL pupils can arrive between 8:45 and 9:00 – School lessons will start at 9:00 and the register will officially close at 9:16am.
- All pupils will finish at 3:15pm and they will exit on to the playground through their 'own' doors. (As they do now)
- We are therefore going to maintain the one-way system at drop off and pick up times to reduce the 'bottle necks' at the gates.
- We do not require parents or visitors to wear face masks on site – however, should you wish to do so that will be fine.
- If we are advised to make changes to this, due to infections rising locally, we will let you know accordingly.

Breaks

- Classes will continue to have their playtimes and lunchtimes and initially these will be in separate key stages. So, Class 1 will have their time at a different time from Class 2 and 3 who will all be out together.
- However, we will have a time when we are all out together so that children can learn to play games in a larger group and mix with other children.
- Children have benefitted from having an afternoon break so this is something that we are going to keep.

Lunchtimes

- We will return to using the canteen to eat our lunches.
- Lunches will be staggered so that not all the children will be in the canteen at the same time.
- Children who bring in pack lunches need to put their lunches on the designated shelf in the canteen and take their water bottle into the classroom.

PE days

- You will be informed of your child's PE days in September (Friday being one of them). We have decided to keep the come to school in your PE kit on PE days. It means that children do not lose time getting changed and we do not have to accommodate large bulky bags.
- Please remember that PE kit is a white t-shirt, navy or black shorts/ navy or black jogging bottoms/leggings and Plimsolls/ trainers. Children are asked to wear their school jumper no other sports tops/hoodies.

Hygiene

- We will continue with the increased cleaning of touch points.
- Pupils will also continue to wash their hands regularly.

Ventilation

- We will continue to keep the classrooms well ventilated.
- As the winter months come upon us it may be necessary to send children to school with additional layers of clothing.

Bringing in things from home

- Children are provided with all the necessary resources for their schoolwork so please leave all pencil cases and toys at home.
- We ask that as children are not required to bring in a PE bag that you send your child in with a book bag/ something which enables them to carry their reading book, spelling book and any homework.
- Children in Class 1 are asked to send in a set of spare clothes for any accidents. This can be kept in a bag on the child's peg.

Welcoming Parents and families back into school

- We will aim to start our Friday Celebration assemblies again.
- Our first one is planned for **Friday 25th September 2021 at 9:10am – SAVE THE DATE!**
- Also, as you have not been in school for a long time, we would like to invite you to come in and see us. Children and families can visit the school and see in every classroom.
- We will ask our new Y6 pupils to be our 'Pupil Ambassadors' and take you on a guided tour.
- We are planning to do this on **Wednesday 29th September 2021 from 3:45 – 5pm**. We hope you can join us!