
NORTHUMBERLAND County Council

The Federation of Longhorsley and Whalton Church of England Aided Schools

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24th February 2021

Dear Parents,

Following on from the Government's announcement on Monday that all pupils will be returning to school on Monday 8th March, I would just like to confirm and clarify what this will look like.

- All year groups, except for home learner Nursery children at Longhorsley will return on Monday 8th March (Nursery from Wednesday 10th March please)
- Children to come to school in full school uniform daily and winter PE kits on Thursdays
- We will continue the staggered drop off and collection times below but please help us to minimise queues by only dropping off at the allotted time unless agreed by school to help with siblings in other schools, or with younger siblings (please can this be relayed to any childminders/grandparents etc in your childcare bubble too)
- We will continue to have the control measure - only one parent/carer to drop off/pick up please
- Any packed lunch boxes at Longhorsley to be inside the red school bags please, not carried separately
- Children to have their red school bags on their backs to have free hands to sanitise on entry to school
- Where possible, the minimising of mixing of bubbles with other organisations to help limit transmission of the COVID virus would be greatly appreciated

Whalton Staggered Times: these are all the same as before to help!

Classes	Times
Reception and Year 1	9.05 - 3.15
Year 2, 3, 4	8.55 - 3.10
Year 5, 6	8.45 - 3.00



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Longhorsley Staggered Times:

Morning Nursery	8.45 - 11.45
Afternoon Nursery	12.30 - 3.30
Reception	9.05 - 3.20
Year 1	8.45 - 3.00
Year 2,3	8.55 - 3.10
Year 4	9.05 - 3.20

We will continue to have children in their class bubbles, staggered playtimes and lunchtimes and coordinated movement around school for toilet breaks with lots of handwashing and sanitising!

The return to on-site provision for all our children will continue to be supported by these above control measures and our updated risk assessments designed to minimise the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). We have worked hard to implement these measures and this continues to be vital. Both schools were again deep cleaned in the February half term by a professional company and all classrooms have their own cleaning tool kits with additional cleaning being carried on all touch points and toilets throughout the school, throughout the day. We will continue to use the updated government guidance which you can read here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/963541/Schools_coronavirus_operational_guidance.pdf to plan for this reopening,

We have had a small number of pretty poorly staff from COVID, who continue to give their all, and I know how much you will want to support our school communities to keep everyone as safe as possible and to keep the schools open, so please do keep helping by continuing to follow all of the government guidelines and our own school control measures.



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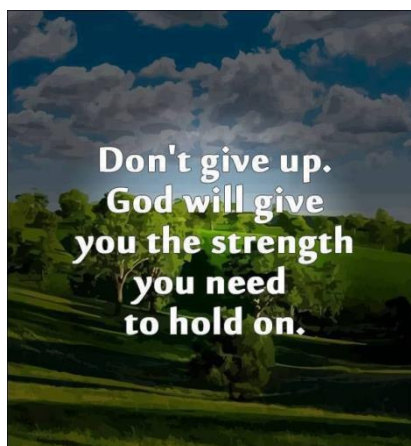
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We are very much looking forward to all of the children returning to school and look forward to seeing you; we have missed you! In the meantime, please continue to survive home learning and know that we are here for you still over the next couple of weeks. We really do appreciate all of your hard work too!



Kind regards,

Mrs Brannen
Executive Head Teacher



