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Friday 21st January 2022,

Dear Parents and Carers,

COVID Update

We have seen an increase in numbers this week with 4 confirmed cases across the school. Please remain vigilant and follow the advice sent to you in the separate emails. Thank you.

Height and Weight Checks - Reception & Year 6

The school health team will be coming into school next Thursday, 27th January, at 9am to undertake the height and weight checks for children in Reception and Year 6. This is part of the National Child Measurement Programme. Parents of the children involved will have received details via email on 16th December last year. If you are happy for your child to take part then you do not need to do anything. If, however, you do not want your child's height and weight to be checked, or your child has a medical condition that affects their height or weight, please let the school health team know using the contact details provided below:

HDFT 0 – 19 Children's Services Single point of Contact: 0300 3030916

Email: hdft.nyorksdton@nhs.net

Children will not be made to take part on the day if they do not want to.

Indoor Sporting Events

Sadly due to covid risk assessments at both Eskdale and Caedmon College, their Head Teachers have made the difficult decision to cancel any indoor events where groups from different schools are mixing. Both schools have been impacted by staff absence recently so as to safeguard their own staff, pupils and taking into consideration the safety of those who attend. This means that the planned Gymnastics and Multi Skills will not take place this half term. The situation will be monitored for post half term events and we will let you know as soon as we have any further details.

Forest School - Infant Class

The Infant Class will be taking part in Forest School this coming Thursday, 27th January. Children will need to bring their forest school clothes, something old which you don't mind them getting dirty in, with suitable footwear such as wellingtons or sturdy boots and a waterproof coat. As the weather turns increasingly cold, please also send them with a warm hat and gloves if possible. Please also make sure that any items sent into school are labelled with their names, it makes sending them home with the right clothes and shoes a lot easier. The Junior class will be having lessons in school as normal. Thank you.

Free School Meal Eligibility

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals for your child, please use the application form which can be found on the NYCC website -<u>Free school meals | North Yorkshire County Council</u>.

Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and currently receives universal free school meals, please check your entitlement. Being eligible will mean that the school receives additional funding for your child which will go towards their learning and any additional support they may need.

To qualify for free school meals you must fulfil one of the following criteria:

- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods (£616.67 per month);
- Income Support;
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit;
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC); or
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit. Please note that contributions-based benefits, including contribution-related Jobseekers' Allowance do not entitle you to claim free school meals.

If you need any help or further clarification, please contact the school office.

Diary Dates

Please note that our calendar can be found on the school website <u>HERE</u>. This is updated regularly throughout the term.

Swimming	Thursdays 3rd & 17th February
Forest School - Infants	Thursday 27th January
Break up for Half term	Friday 18th February at 3.15pm
Return to School	Monday 28th February at 9.00am

Next week I will be at Danby on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and Egton on Tuesday and Thursday.

With best wishes,

Liz Orland

Headteacher

The information below has not changed but is still relevant.

Tea Towels

We still have a number of tea towels featuring the pupils' artwork for sale in school. They are priced at £5 for 1, £9 for 2 or £12 for 3. If you would like to purchase any of these please send money into the school office in a named envelope.

Reminder of Snow policy and arrangements

Please find our Snow and Severe Weather Policy HERE.

Please watch your emails and school facebook page on icy and snowy mornings for any key messages. Thank you.

Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that breakfast club is available daily from 8am. Bookings are not always necessary. £2.50 per child including breakfast.

Covid-19 current rules on self isolation

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead NHS Test and Trace will make contact and advise that a PCR test is taken.

Therefore, children are allowed to come to school even if someone in their household has tested positive but only if they have no symptoms themselves.

Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine).

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be <u>reported to NHS Test</u> and Trace.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Further information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19 is available.

Contacting the teaching staff

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Please note that staff emails are only monitored during the hours of 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday. For anything urgent outside of these hours please contact the admin email. admin@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk

Attendance

Just a little reminder that if your child is ill and will be absent from school, we ask that you contact school to let us know on each day that they will be absent, by 9.30am. This can be by telephone on **01947 895369** or by email to admin@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk . If we do not hear anything from you we will give you a call to check everything is okay as part of our safeguarding procedures. Thank you

Contacting the School Office

Mrs Harland works 9am - 2.30pm Monday to Friday. She can be contacted on 01947 895369 or by emailing admin@egton.n-vorks.sch.uk during those hours.

Recycle 4 Charity

We have a recycling box set up in the school reception for printer ink cartridges. Please send your old cartridges into school and help us fill the box. Once full we will send it off and raise money for school. Please note this is for ink cartridges only **NOT** toner and laser cartridges.

Music Lessons

If your child is interested in learning to play either piano, guitar, drums, voice, flute, harp, accordion, recorder, clarinet, saxophone, ukulele or penny whistle, Alex Lillie has places available. Please do contact Alex on 07837042246 or alixhoste@hotmail.com to discuss.

Piano Lessons

One of our music teachers, Shirley smith, currently has places for more students to learn Piano. If your child is interested please contact the county music hub on 01609 532783 or by emailing countyhall.music@northyorks.gov.uk. They will be able to give you more information about costs and how to book.