



West Heath Primary News

(6th November 2020)

One Way System

Thank you for your patience and cooperation with the new road layout on Rednal Rd, which the local authority has decided to put in place.

Unfortunately, we have been made aware of inconsiderate, and in some cases illegal, parking around school at pick up time. Some residents have found it extremely difficult to enter their properties in the surrounding area.



It is **vital** for the safety of our children, parents and local residents that you follow the rules of the road when collecting your child from school.

COVID UPDATE

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| Confirmed Cases – parents | 3 |
| Confirmed cases – children | 0 |
| Children self-isolating with symptoms | 1 |
| Children self-isolating because of a confirmed case of Covid in a class bubble. | 11 |

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| Confirmed Cases – staff | 1 |
| Staff self-isolating with symptoms | 0 |
| Staff self-isolating due to contact with a confirmed case of Covid. | 0 |
| Staff self-isolating due to family members | 0 |
| Staff shielding | 1 |

Please be assured that the safety of the whole community will be at the forefront of our minds when making all decisions about managing the pandemic in school.

Please see the letter attached from the Director of Public Health.

SCHOOL VALUES

Congratulations to **all of our Values Champions from last half term** we will find out who they are in Monday's assembly.

This week's focus has been

'RESPECT'
'RESPECT YOU, RESPECT ME,
RESPECT COMMUNITY



Follow us on Twitter to see more of our excellent work.

@westheathprim

Next week's values focus is
COLLABORATION
'WORK TOGETHER, LEARN TOGETHER'

PING Messages

Please check this week's PING messages.

- Welcome Back Letter from Mrs Hooper

Diary Dates

Friday 13th November

Children in Need Non-Uniform Day

Let's make school spotty for Children in Need!

£1 will be added to Parent Pay.

Thank you for your donations.

Tuesday 10th November

Nasal Flu Vaccine

Late Collection Fines

Late collections will continue to incur a charge of £5 for parents who are late collecting their child. This applies to all parents.

To date, 15 parents have paid their late collection fines through Parent Pay.

We must limit the number of people in contact with others outside their own class bubble!

Who's Who?

Let's meet . . .

Year 4



Miss Andrews



Mrs Sullivan



Mr Kendall



Mrs Elms

Hello everyone!! We are so proud of how Year 4 have settled in this year! They have been a credit to themselves and to you! Even though it has been a strange time, the children have all come back with a fantastic attitude and are all working really hard!

Keep checking Twitter to see your children in action! We really appreciate all of your support and we look forward to having a brilliant rest of the year!

Take care of yourselves, The Year 4 Team!

Christmas

Christmas at West Heath will look very different this year. Unfortunately, some of our much-loved events will not be able to take place. Rest assured that we are working on our Christmas schedule at the moment and we hope to have some great alternative events for the children to take part in.

We will share these with you soon, as soon as we finalise our plans.

Santa Claus

Some of the children may be worried that Father Christmas won't be able to travel this year due to current restrictions.

They may have been asking questions at home, as some of them are in school.

Please see the document at the bottom of the Newsletter; you may wish to share it with your children to put their minds at rest. ☺



Fundraising

Thank you to those parents/carers who donated £1 for their children for our Autumn 1 Non-Uniform Day. The total raised towards our school fundraising was **£153.**

Waterproofs

Thank you for the interest in purchasing these. The cost will be added to PING, if we have your size available.

Capes

Still available. A great alternative to waterproofs for rainy day lessons. Please pay on PING.



HM Government



NATIONAL RESTRICTIONS

5 NOV - 2 DEC

- ▶ You must stay at home
- ▶ Only leave home for food, medical reasons, exercise, education or work
- ▶ You must work from home if you can
- ▶ Avoid travel unless essential
- ▶ Schools and essential shops will remain open
- ▶ Remember: wash hands, cover face, make space

For the latest guidance, visit [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

06th November 2020

Dear parent/carers

I hope this finds you well and you and your family are keeping safe in these restricted times.

As children return to school after the half term break it is important to remember the threat posed by the pandemic and that we must all remain vigilant.

Rates of infection are still increasing and the government has now implemented further restrictions across England. Although schools will remain open it is vital that we all stick to the rules and be aware of our surroundings when we do leave the house – such as when taking children to school.

Staff have worked really hard to make schools Covid-safe, ensuring no over-crowding during breaktimes but that children can socialise within their bubbles. This has resulted in little evidence of transmission of the virus within classrooms.

However, while the school building itself maybe safe, it is also important for parents and carers to keep their distance while dropping off and collecting children. Schools have made arrangements so that there are not too many people outside the school gates, such as staggered arrival and collection times and only one adult accompanying children.

I can't emphasise enough how important it is to stick to these rules. Please help school and staff by maintaining distance from other parents and leaving the area as soon as you have dropped off or collected your child. It is also important to avoid car sharing on the school run. Walk if you can, but if you need to drive, don't share with others as the virus can easily be passed within that confined space.

If you have any concerns speak to your head teacher. We will get through this, but we must all think of each other and work together.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear children of West Heath Primary,

Ho ho ho, hello! How are you? My elves have been keeping me updated on the news. They told me about the germs that are spreading fast, all over the world! Some children have written me letters, telling me that they can't go to school right now or go out and see their friends and family. I know that can cause some sadness and worry, but don't worry about us here at the North Pole. The magic inside us keeps us safe from the germs. I have an important job for you to do now, to keep everyone else safe too.

I need you and your family to stay inside while we send our elves to clean the world and get rid of all the germs. It's okay to go outside for some fresh air and exercise, or if you need to go to the shop to get something important. But remember when you come inside you need to wash your hands. This helps wash the germs away. We have lots of heroes out there helping us through us this. I am so excited for when the world is clean again. Sadly, Mrs Claus is at her parent's house right now, so she has to stay there for a while. I phone her every night and we talk for hours on the phone. I can't wait to see her again and give her a jolly good hug! Is there anyone you can't wait to see again? Oh, it will be so exciting when the world seems a bit more normal!

There are lots of things you can do at home to make the most of this time. You can make up games to play, read story books, listen to music and watch movies. It makes me happy to see children helping with the cooking and cleaning around the house too. Remember to tidy away your toys and say please and thank you. Don't forget about my Nice List! I check it every day.

Everyone here at the North Pole is sending our love and best wishes to you all. The Reindeer are getting so excited for Christmas already and the Elves have started making toys and presents too. I can't wait to see what you have on your Christmas list this year!

Love,

Santa Claus

