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# The Market Weighton School

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## Parent Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Update

I am pleased to report that the vast majority of students have returned to school and with a very positive attitude towards learning and all the new COVID-19 procedures we have introduced. Attendance in the first week was 97.3%, well above the England average of 88% and as high as a usual first week of term.

Parents are doing the right think by keeping their children off school if they display any symptoms. If the symptoms persist you should organise a test for your child and self isolate until you have the test result. I have tried to cover all possibilities in the newsletter but do call the school if you are unsure of what to do.

As you will be aware a number of schools have already had to close fully or partially to a Year Group in the past week. It seems inevitable that we will also have a confirmed positive case at some point and when we do it is highly likely that the full Year Group will need to isolate for 14 days. I will aim to communicate this with parents as soon as possible as I appreciate you may have to arrange childcare.

We are maintaining our on-line learning provision with all subjects setting up Google Classrooms for all lessons. This will allow your child to keep up with their learning should it be necessary to self isolate.

I can assure parents we are doing all we can to minimize the risks of COVID-19 spread in school and thank you for your support in making sure your child has a face covering and encouraging them to follow the new 'rules'. Updated school policies including Behaviour for Learning and a COVID-19 Risk Assessment document are available on the school website.

We are also determined to offer access to the full curriculum and experiences that students have missed during lockdown. After school sport and clubs will start again in week 4 and the School Walk will go ahead on Friday 2nd October subject to on-going risk assessment and the weather! If you have not purchased the additional equipment pack via the school gateway please do so to support us deliver practical subjects.

Finally I would like to thank all our staff, especially those who have gone the extra mile in preparing for the return of students. Risk assessments and procedures have been written and revised as guidance changed, the curriculum has been reviewed in line with changes to GCSE assessment for 2021, we have new hand washing facilities and the school is the cleanest it has ever been!

Richard Harrison  
Headteacher



## Keeping us all safe

### Reducing the Risks of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in school

The advice on keeping students safe in school is based on prevention and responding effectively to any infection or suspected infection. Public health advice to minimize the risks of COVID-19 outlines essential measures that all schools must follow:

- a requirement that people who are ill stay at home
- robust hand and respiratory hygiene
- enhanced cleaning arrangements
- active engagement with NHS Test and Trace

and

Formal consideration of how to reduce contacts and maximize distancing between those in school wherever possible and minimize potential for contamination so far as reasonably practicable. This will be achieved by:

- Grouping students together - we operate Year Group bubbles
- Avoiding contact between groups - introducing split lunches, year group break areas
- Arranging classrooms with forward facing desks
- Staff maintaining distance from students and other staff as much as possible

The procedures are outlined in an updated Risk Assessment published on the school website and included in this Newsletter. In deciding the steps we are taking, all staff have been consulted and had opportunity to contribute views along with the school based NEU reps and the joint NEU, GMB, Unison and Unite Checklist for September. We believe we have made sensible changes based on reducing risk whilst maintaining high quality curriculum and teaching provision.

### If your child or anyone in your household has symptoms they must stay at home

Any student who has coronavirus symptoms; a new or continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss/change in your normal sense of taste or smell, should not attend school and you should arrange a test as soon as possible. If you are not able to travel to a test facility we have some home testing kits in school that we can issue.

Your child should remain at home until you have received test results. This also applies if anyone in your household also develop symptoms.

If anyone in school becomes unwell with coronavirus symptoms we will contact you to collect them to go home and arrange a test. Whilst waiting to be collected students will be asked to sit outside if the weather is good or in the school hall on a single chair allowing a 2m distance from others to be maintained. The area will be cleaned thoroughly once the student has left along with any other areas the student has visited including toilets.

Other staff or students who have been in close contact with the individual do not need to go home unless they too develop symptoms.

# Arranging a Coronavirus Test

Any member of staff or student with coronavirus symptoms must call 119 and arrange a test on line at:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

You should self isolate along with other members of your household until the test results are received.

If staff or students subsequently receive a negative test result they can return to school if they feel well enough to do so. Members of the household without symptoms no longer need to isolate.

If a member of staff or student tests positive the school should be informed immediately to allow us to communicate with public health and determine if other staff or students will need to self isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms. Follow the medical advice on self isolation. Other members of the household need to self isolate for 14 days and get tested if they too develop symptoms.

See the latest government advice at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

## What happens to other students when someone tests positive?

If one student or member of staff tests positive the school must be informed and you should cooperate with the NHS test and trace system. We would contact East Riding Public Health who will advise if any other students or staff need to self isolate. This will depend on the close contacts of the individual who has tested positive. Close contact re defined as any person who has been within 1m for any period of time, or those between 1 and 2m for more than 15 minutes.

We will be able to identify all those individuals through seating plans for lessons, school transport and changing rooms. We would also ask the individual who they had spent time with outside of these formal times in school, ie break, lunch and walking to school etc.

Those staff/students sent home to isolate do not need to get tested unless they also develop symptoms. If the test is positive you should inform the school immediately and isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of symptoms.

**Household members of those who are sent home do not need to self isolate unless they too develop symptoms.** If you have a child in another school who has been asked to self isolate as a precaution and they DO NOT have symptoms you can still send your other children to TMWS.

If we do have a positive case we will communicate this with all parents and staff without naming the individuals involved. This will be for assurance that all precautions have been taken and confirm any actions that should be taken. We will communicate as soon as possible to allow for any childcare arrangements to be made but please be aware we could become aware of positive cases at any time.

## Hand washing / sanitising procedures

Increased hand washing facilities and sanitising points have been placed throughout the school and in every classroom. Students are encouraged to carry their own personal sanitiser for convenience.

Students will wash/sanitise their hands as often as possible and as a minimum when they:

- Enter the building
- Before they eat
- After using the toilet
- After using a tissue
- At the start and end of each lesson

Students are supervised washing or sanitising hands on entry to the building and in every lesson.

Students enter the school building and wash hands as follows:

- Year 11 - PE door to playground - PE changing rooms
- Year 8 - Side doors to main corridor - main girls and boys toilets
- Year 7, 9 and 10 - Fire door into canteen quad area - Main hand washing zone

If time does not allow sanitiser can be used. If students prefer to use their own sanitise they can but they will be monitored to ensure it has been done.

Students will be expected to take responsibility for handwashing after using the toilet and before they eat.

Sanitising points are available in the canteen, reception and around the school.

## Maintaining good respiratory hygiene:

### Catch it, bin it, kill it!

Students should try to avoid touching their face unnecessarily

Coughs and sneezes must be caught in tissues or if none available in hands or arms/elbows. Tissues are available in every room.

Tissues must be disposed of in lidded bins available in each room. Bins will be checked and emptied throughout the day.

Hands should be washed/sanitised after tissue has been used.

If students sneeze or cough over a desk or area spreading droplets the area will be cleaned with anti-viral spray or disinfectant. All rooms will have anti-viral spray, cloths and paper towels for cleaning.



## Enhanced cleaning routines

A day time cleaner has been appointed to work throughout the school day cleaning frequently used surfaces and toilets. This includes staff and student areas. Along with caretaking staff this will give increased capacity to respond to cleaning requests throughout the day. All classrooms will be thoroughly cleaned each evening.

Each room has a anti-viral spray, cloth and blue roll. At the end of each lesson staff / students will wipe the desks with anti-viral spray along with any other shared equipment. Each practical subject has developed their own routines for shared equipment using technician support to ensure all items are cleaned between lessons.

ICT rooms will have anti-viral wipes in addition to the items above so that students can wipe down keyboards and mice at the end of each lesson.

## Student organisation

We are operating a Year Group Bubble system

However in Years 7 and 8 students are almost totally in the same teaching groups for all lessons and half year groups in PE so the group size is smaller in those years most of the time.

We recognise that students will travel to school together and socialise out of school outside of these groups, so what we do in school must be realistic yet minimize the risk of spreading coronavirus as much as practically possible. Briefly passing on the corridor is considered a low risk but this will be further reduced if all staff and students wear face coverings whilst moving around the building during the changeover of lessons.

Year groups will have separate breaks and lunches with areas allocated to use at break and lunchtime

- Year 7 and 9 have early break and Lunch, periods 2A and 4A on the timetable
- Year 8, 10 and 11 have the later break and lunch, periods 2C and 4C on the timetable

*This was clearly explained to students on their first day back in school together with the areas they should use for breaks.*

Students have separate entrances to the school to reduce crowding

We will NOT have bells at the ends of some lessons and ask staff to manage the departure and arrival times by allowing one group out a minute before the scheduled end of a lesson so that the area is clear for the next group's arrival.

Tutors will practice corridor movement with students during the first week in September

Some students will move earlier than others as they do now to reduce their anxiety.

Consequences for failure to follow corridor movement and social distancing expectations will be made clear in assemblies and enforced rigorously by all staff.

At the end of the school day students should leave through their nearest exit to reduce overcrowding.

# A new school day with split break and lunch

In order to allow more space for students to maintain social distancing at break and lunch times we have introduced the day structure shown. We now have a break either side of period 2 and lunch before and after period 4. Year 7 and 9 always have the earlier break and lunch with Years 8, 10 and 11 having the later breaks. In lessons students sit in rows facing the front.

The canteen has a zone for each year group and will be thoroughly cleaned between breaks. Each year group has their own social area with Year 11 having use of the Library at lunchtime. Outside the playground is zoned with additional seating so each area has space for students to enjoy the fresh air in good weather.



Students need to observe social distancing whilst queuing but with half the students to serve at each break the queues will move quickly! The students have quickly adapted to these new routines and their conduct has been exemplary. Sadly one or two students have not yet managed to follow our expectations and have received sanctions as a result. These are initially C3, break time detentions but will be escalated to periods working away from peers to maintain a safe environment for all.



I am sure parents will continue to support us by stressing the importance of maintaining all COVID-19 procedures when discussing things at home.



School Day structure for split breaks		
Year 7 & 9	Year 8, 10 & 11	
Activity		
8:30am Doors open for hand washing, students to Tutor Group		
Gates Close		Registration 8:45-9:05
Lesson 1 9:05 - 10:05		Lesson 1 9:05 - 10:05
Break A 15mins		
Lesson 2 10:25 - 11:25		Lesson 2 10:05 - 11:05
		Break C 15mins
Lesson 3 11:25 - 12:25		Lesson 3 11:25 - 12:25
LUNCH A 40 mins		Lesson 4 12:25 - 1:25
		LUNCH C 40 mins
Lesson 4 1:10 - 2:10		
Lesson 5 2:10 - 3:10		Lesson 5 2:10 - 3:10



## School Transport

Updated guidance from ERYC has been placed on the school website explaining that the buses will run as normal with **students required to wear face coverings**.

We have allocated seats on each bus to all students. Students must sit in the same seat and remain seated throughout the journey. Failure to follow these rules could result in the loss of school transport for the safety of others. Again the vast majority have followed all these expectations.

If possible please consider dropping your child at school or encouraging them to cycle as this will limit the spread between students as it will not be possible to maintain social distancing on the buses.

Once students have arrived they may remove face coverings and should have a plastic bag to keep it clean. Students will also need their face covering in all public spaces within school, corridors, social areas and whilst queuing. Face coverings can be removed in lessons and outside.



## Canteen open as usual Breaks and Lunch times

### 3 Steps To Safety

**Prevent. Notice. Act.**

Your **East Riding**... creating a **safe place to live, work, shop, learn, play, invest and visit**



Request a test - [nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test](https://nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test) or call **119**.

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#### Prevent

Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly  
Respect social distancing

**1**



#### Notice

Be aware of COVID-19 symptoms

**2**



#### Act

Get tested ASAP if you have symptoms  
Stay home if advised to self-isolate

**3**

# Personal equipment to reduce COVID-19 risks

We want to ensure all our students can continue to study the full curriculum. With practical subjects this presents a challenge as all equipment and resources need to be cleaned between groups. We are asking parents to buy a number of additional items to support learning in practical subjects;

- Apron for art, DT and science practical £5:00
- Safety glasses for DT and science £3:00
- Year 7 and 8 Art resources pack (remains in school) £10:00
- Headphones for computer science and other computer use £2:15
- Maths equipment set £1:20
- Mini white board set £1:50
- Glue stick 90p
- **All items bought together ideal for Year 7,8 and 9 £23:00**

We have sourced these items at the best possible prices and will sell them through the school gateway. Please make your payment in the usual way when this goes live and the items will be issued the following day through Form Tutors. Items can be bought separately or together at a small discount. I would also recommend students to have their own sanitiser to reduce queuing.

All students should have basic equipment such as pens, pencils, ruler, rubber and calculator. The calculator we recommend is the **Casio fx83gtx** or **Casio fx85gtx** and are also available through the school gateway at a competitive price.

We understand that some families will have difficulty paying for additional items so please contact us if that is the case and we can agree a subsidised price to ensure all have access to the full curriculum.

The school is not receiving any extra funding for costs related to COVID-19 so contributions from parents are very much appreciated. Due to the generosity of members of our community supporting us with the visitor project we do have some surplus funds which we can use to support families with the costs of getting children back to school.

## Keeping up to date with events in school

As we look forward to September and the return of all students we have changed the front page of the website back to the usual format with links to information for our new Year 7 students and the most recent letters to parents.

All the coronavirus support information is still accessible if you need to refer to it. It will also have the new school day and routines updated.



# Attendance at School

The government have made it clear that all students are expected to attend school from September other than those with medical advice not to attend.

Attendance in the first week of term was 97.3%, higher than we expected and indicating that students were ready to return after such a long time at home. If your child is ill they will now be able to keep up with their learning, if they are well enough, by accessing all lessons via Google Classroom. All homework will still be logged on E-Praise which has also added additional features to allow students to submit work on line.

It is inevitable that there will be times when groups or individuals have to self isolate and work at home. It is vital that they also keep up with their learning over these periods.

## Face Coverings

Since my last Newsletter the advice from East Riding Public Health has changed and face coverings are now recommended on corridors and social spaces in the school building where social distancing between Year Groups is difficult.

It is less practical to wear a face covering all day and will inhibit learning to some extent so we are not suggesting students wear face coverings in lessons although if you want them to that will be OK. All students should have a plastic bag in which to place their face covering when not in use so that it can be kept as clean as possible. Hand sanitiser is available throughout the building to be used as required and students are recommended to have their own small bottle for ease of use.

### Face coverings must be worn on school transport

Staff will be recommended to wear face coverings where 2m social distancing can't be maintained. This is likely to be when teaching assistants are supporting students for example. Generally teachers will teach from the front with a 2 m distance between them and the students. If a student is having work checked or receiving support from a member of staff it is likely they will be asked to wear their face covering.

**ALL students should carry a face covering in school for these reasons.**



Stay safe on your journey to school or college, and walk or cycle where you can.  
Find out more about returning to school safely at [gov.uk/backtoschool](https://www.gov.uk/backtoschool)

STAY ALERT  
CONTROL  
THE VIRUS  
SAVE LIVES

# School Walk 2020

We are keen to ensure the School Walk can go ahead despite the current COVID restrictions. As students are outside all day and can be organised to walk in Year Group Bubbles we have been given the go ahead for the event.

The School Walk is our biggest fundraiser and this year raising money for charities is even more crucial with so many losing out over lockdown. It is always hard to select 4 charities but this year's have special significance for some staff, students and families as well as supporting those locally who have been impacted financially by Coronavirus. I hope you can get behind the students and support them in collecting sponsors. Half the money raised is split between the 4 House Charities with the remaining money going to TMWS School Fund which is used to purchase items that we would not be able to buy from our annual funding. Currently we are raising funds for a Laser Cutter for the DT department and supporting families with school uniform and equipment.



Year 11 will lead the walk this year in traditional fancy dress! Other year groups will follow at 15 minute intervals with a shorter break and lunch to allow groups to be kept apart throughout the day. Toilets will be cleaned between groups. Students should still bring their face covering in case they need transporting back to school and hand sanitiser, although this will be available at regular intervals. Watch out for the letter giving full details next week.



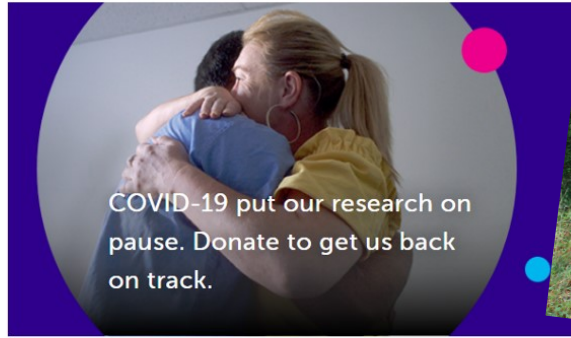
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# House Charities 2020—21

## Burlington



CANCER RESEARCH UK



COVID-19 put our research on pause. Donate to get us back on track.



We are facing one of the biggest challenges in our history. But with your help, we will still beat cancer.



## Langdale

We are Anthony Nolan

Every day, we match incredible individuals willing to donate their blood stem cells or bone marrow to people with blood cancer and blood disorders who desperately need lifesaving transplants.

It all began in 1974. With her three-year-old son Anthony in urgent need of a bone marrow transplant, Shirley Nolan set up the world's first register to match donors with people in desperate need.

Now, our charity helps three people each day find that lifesaving match. But without you, there is no cure.



## Londesborough

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/peoplespantry/>



### Description

The People's Pantry is open to anyone who is struggling to feed themselves or their family and enables anyone to buy food and other essentials for very little money, in most cases a few pence. If fresh produce donated, it is given away on the day. Visit Facebook for details.

## Wicstun

### What we do

Our vision is a world free from the fear of heart and circulatory diseases. We raise money to research cures and treatments, so we can beat heartbreak forever.



British Heart Foundation

## Duke of Edinburgh Award: Update

Silver and Bronze sessions are back on every week 2, Tuesday and Thursday respectively. A Bronze expedition is planned for the weekend of 26th and 27th September which will allow this group to complete their Awards and progress to Silver in Year 10. We will be recruiting from Year 9 for our next Bronze cohort in October.

## New Senior Students Needed

Due to the school closure we were unable to elect a new Head Boy and Head Girl last term.

We will be asking for nominations when we return with hustings scheduled for the week beginning 29th September and elections on Monday 5th October. Josh and Abbie did a fantastic job last year making a real impact on what happened in school for the benefit of all students. Abbie wanted to give students the chance to take part in a school musical and Josh was an inspiration to all with his enthusiasm for the role. We also appoint a deputy Head Boy and Girl following the elections.

We also need nominations for House Captains, an organisation role for inter house sport competitions and member of the student sports council. Both posts are open to all students.



Senior students receiving a defibrillator after Year 11 students were inspired to raise funds to give something back to the school

Additionally each Tutor Group will need to elect new representatives for the Year Group Councils from which the whole School Council is selected. Great opportunities for students to develop leadership skills and make a positive contribution to life at The Market Weighton School.

## Social Media Reminder



TMWS now has both Twitter and Facebook pages, please like and follow us to get our web updates straight to your phone. We will send any updates on the wider opening in September through our social media platforms.



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES.....

## Planned Term Dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term	7 September to 18 December
Staff Training Day	7 September
Year 7 and 11 Return	8 September
Year 8 and 10 Return	9 September
Year 9 Return (All back in)	10 September
Staff Training Day ( <i>Students not in</i> )	23 October
Half Term	26 October to 30 October
Spring Term	4 January to 26 March
Staff Training Day	4 January
Half Term	15 February to 19 February
Easter	29 March to 9 April
Summer Term	12 April to 26 July
Staff Training Day	12 April
Half Term	31 May to 4 June
Staff Training ( <i>Students not in</i> )	26 July

To note students are not in school on staff training days.

### Year 11 GCSE Examinations Summer 2021

We are awaiting final confirmation of the dates of next summer's exams. It has been proposed that they are delayed by 2 weeks to run throughout June and the first week of July. Please keep this in mind if re-arranging or booking summer holidays.

We will have only one set of mock exams this year, which will take place after Christmas to allow more time to cover the curriculum. In light of teachers setting grades this summer based on mock results it is essential Year 11 students are working hard towards these exams. An additional Period 6 timetable starts from Tuesday 22nd September with a late bus running on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday leaving school at 4:30pm.

