



Helmsley Community Primary School

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Welcome Back

Welcome back to everyone connected to Helmsley Community Primary School after the longest period of school closure in British history.

I have enjoyed seeing each and every one of our pupils return this week. The school has regained the buzz of laughter and learning which we have missed for such a long time. All our children have adapted well to the new routines, environment and procedures and are getting used to their timetables and bubbles.

As you will have seen through our communication we have worked hard to put measures in place to get our pupils back into learning and structure. Procedures will be different this year such as staggered arrival and collection times as well as locations, how teachers and parents communicate instead of face to face, there will be more virtual connections and at playtimes and lunchtimes children will remain in bubble groups at staggered times. But whilst there are differences in order to be safe and negate the threat of Covid-19, our passion and commitment to giving our children and community the best educational experiences will not change. Our curriculum will still be implemented, our children's boundless potential exploited and our desire to constantly improve and find those marginal gains to improve performance and experience continued. We will still continue to ask for your support in developing children's Reading and Phonic abilities by requesting that you read with your child as much as you can and remind your child that their behavioural standards need to be the best it can possibly be.

Reminders

Start and finish times

GROUP A. Your start time is 8:45 and end time is 3:10

GROUP B. Your start time is 9:00 and end time is 3:20

Please can you ensure that your child is brought to the school gate at the allocated time by one parent. Once your child enters school, please leave promptly.

Pre-school children should enter and leave school via the EYFS gate and Reception – Y6 through the pupil gate **on a morning**.

Mrs Rookes Class should leave by the EYFS gate at the end of the day.

Year 3 meals

Children in Year 3 are now not entitled to Universal Free School Meals so if your child would like a school meal you will be charged through Parentpay.

Payments

We are trying to avoid cash handling in school, so it would be helpful if you need to pay for anything for your child you do so via Parentpay. If you require your log on details please contact the school office.

Food and drink

- ◆ Children need to have their own water bottles in school at all times.
- ◆ We are unable to provide spoons for children having their own packed so if they require one please make sure there is one in their lunch box.





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Staffing News

We have a number of new additions to our team. We would like to welcome Mrs Lucinda Ward who will be joining the Rowan teaching team, Mr Nathan Konya who will be joining Silver Birch, Mr James Smith who will be supporting classes across the Federation, Mrs Beth Turnbull our new Pre-school leader and Mr Liam Jackson our PE teacher.

Illness

If your child displays symptoms of Covid-19 they should not attend school and you should seek a test for them. Please inform the school about their absence in these circumstances. If there is a positive outcome to the test then it is vital you inform the school immediately. The school will then be informed how to proceed by the local public Health Board. If your child becomes ill during their time in school and displays Covid type symptoms they will be placed in isolation and you will be contacted to collect them as soon as possible and arrange for testing. Additionally, if you display symptoms, then please notify the school as soon as possible.

Updates

Policies

- ◆ We have put a walking to and from school policy on the website for your information. Year 6 will receive a paper copy and if you wish them to walk to or from school on their own please complete the slip and return to school.
- ◆ The school new Privacy Notice is available on the school website.

Both policies can be found at: <https://www.helmsley.n-yorks.sch.uk/key-information/policies>

Clubs

We are starting clubs but are being very aware of trying to keep children grouped in their bubbles. Please see below how clubs will run up until 25th September then we will move to larger groups when the children move into their classes for the academic year 20/21.

Club	Run BY	Year group till Week ending 25th September	Class from Week beginning 28 th September	Day & Time
Football	Nigel Carson (2x groups)	Year 6 Year 4	Year 5&6 Year 3&4	Wednesday 3:20 – 4:30pm
Tri Golf	Liam Jackson	Year 4 (max15)	Years 3&4 (max15)	Tuesday 3:20 – 4:20
Multi-Skills	Liam Jackson	Year 2 (max15)	Years 1&2 (max15)	Thursday 3:20- 4:20

If you would like your child to join any of the clubs, please email Mrs Feather admin@helmsley.n-yorks.sch.uk stating which club and when they will start. It will be on a first come first served basis.

Clubs and PE - will take place outside so Track suits / sweatshirts will be required.





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Kirkbymoorside Junior football club

Kirkbymoorside Junior football club are looking for new players to join their U11 (Year 6 pupils) and U9 (Year 4 pupils). Training is every Saturday 9am - 10am at Kirkbymoorside Sports Field (YO62 6DY) and games are played every other week on a Sunday morning. If you are interested please just come along to training and chat with one of the coaches or email kirkbymoorsidejuniorfc@gmail.com.

