

WHITLEY MEMORIAL C of E AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL



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'Let your light shine' – Matthew 5:16
Our Current Core Value: Perseverance

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Dear Whitley Family,

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday and were able to enjoy family time together. We are all really excited to have the children back in school and they have come back so happy and positive. We have talked about our new core value of perseverance and how we are all going to work really hard this term.



Unfortunately, we are returning to school at another time of uncertainty and changing regulations. We have been advised by Public Health Northumberland and Northumberland County Council to retain the measures that we had in school prior to the holiday. We thank you in advance for your support with this.

COVID

I hope this will clarify some of the changes the government have made to Covid guidance.

The new main changes are that if your child has tested positive for Covid-19, then they may take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. So if, for example, your child's isolation period started on a Friday and on Day 6 they had a negative LFD test at 8am and then on day 7 also had no symptoms and a negative LFD test at 8am (24 hours later), they could return to school on the Thursday.

If their LFD test was positive on day 6, they could try again for two negative tests on day 7 and 8 and return on day 8. If they continued to have positive lateral flow tests, they would need to self isolate until the end of day 10.

Face Masks

Please wear a facemask in the school building eg reception area, and if talking to a teacher at the classroom doors, unless you are medically exempt.

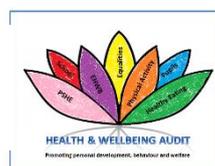
Uniform/ Earrings

A lot of children have returned to school wearing the incorrect uniform, especially for PE, footwear, and earrings. Please can I remind you of the uniform policy. (On reverse). Children who are not in the correct uniform will be asked to change into spare uniform in school and be asked to remove earrings.

Please remember that it is also very cold so children must be bringing in warm coats.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Gray



UNIFORM

Children should not wear any clothing that is branded with anything other than the school logo. (EG No Nike/ Adidas etc)

Years Nursery –Y4

- Grey/black trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- White polo shirt or shirt
- Red jumper or hoodie
- Black shoe/ trainers
- Red summer dress



Year 5 and 6

- White shirt
- Grey/black trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- Grey jumper or hoodie
- School tie
- Black shoes/ trainers
- Yellow summer dress



PE Kit

- White t-shirt (not vest)
- Black Shorts.
- Plimsolls / trainers
- Pair of socks if tights are worn
- Hairband / clips to tie back long hair
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms and black or red (grey Y5&6) hoodie.
- PE kit should be in a named draw string bag



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Footwear

We do not permit children to wear shoes that have platform soles or heels that are more than 1.5 inches in height because we believe that these are dangerous.

Jewellery

We do not allow children to wear any jewellery in school on health and safety grounds. Children **should not** wear earrings except for flat, clear, plastic retainers. Children will be asked to remove jewellery, including earrings.

Inappropriate Hairstyles

The school does not permit children to have inappropriate hairstyles or haircuts that serve as a distraction to the child or to other children. This includes dyed or coloured hair. Long hair should be tied back.

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