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Coronavirus

Thank you to everyone for supporting our measures to return the children to school in as safe a way as possible. The children have worked really well with the new routines and are enjoying being back together and working hard.

Thank you as well to parents who are social distancing while dropping the children off and collecting them and avoiding gathering at the gate.

We know that there is a lot on the news at the moment about the increase in COVID cases, particularly in the north east. We want to remind parents not to send their children into school if your child or anyone in your household has the below symptoms:

- A fever (temperature of 37.8° or higher)
- A cough
- A change in sense of taste or smell

If you, your child or anyone in your household has symptoms they should book a test.

Local Restrictions

You will all be aware of the new restrictions introduced in the North East.

We know that it is difficult to return to additional restrictions, but we would ask that all our families observe these for the benefit of everyone in our community.

What's new?

Mandatory wearing of face coverings in education settings for Year 7 and above

- All staff, students and visitors (unless exempt) will be required to wear face coverings when moving around in corridors and communal areas.

Changes to rules around households mixing

- Other households cannot visit you in your home or garden, unless they're in your support bubble.
- You cannot meet people you don't live with in their home or garden, whether it is in the affected areas or not, unless they're in your support bubble.

Childcare

- Childcare settings including childminders, before/after school clubs and nannies can still be used
- Children of parents who are separated can continue to move between households

- Childcare arrangements can continue – this does not include social meetings or parties

Travel

- Pupils are advised to walk, cycle or scoot to and from school where possible. If this is not possible you can use your own car or public transport, rather than car sharing etc

Awards

Our stars of the week for last week ad this are:

EYFS

Lincoln – for gaining confidence in all areas.

Josh – for doing really well in Maths and English and for being very caring towards others.

Team Marble

Qwinton – He has settled in so well and made friends and did some great writing.

Georgia – She is supportive of others and has a good attitude – she has been working really hard.

Team Amethyst

Mirryn – For fantastic effort, a positive and mature attitude and producing loads of fantastic work.

Caoimhe – For trying hard with everything she does and producing beautifully presented work.

Keeping children safe online

With children spending more time on line for work and pleasure, and the fact that technology moves on so quickly, it is important that we monitor our children's online behaviour. <https://www.internetmatters.org/> is a useful site for parents that has been recommended by the Local Authority and is worth visiting.

What to do if you are concerned for the safety of a child

Child abuse can have major long-term effects on all aspects of a child's health and well-being. Children and young people are dependent on others for their survival and have a right to be protected and to have someone who will act on their behalf.

If you have a concern about a child or young person or are having difficulties in your own family First Contact is the service to call.

First Contact brings together staff from Children's' Services with partners such as Durham Constabulary and Health practitioners. Call **First Contact on 03000 26 79 79**

You can find more information about this and other services to protect and support children and families on the [First Contact](#) webpage.

Remember that if you suspect a child or young person is at immediate risk of harm then phone the police on 999.

