

West Pelton Primary School & Nursery



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Dear Parents,

As we move towards the end of our first half term I would like to thank everyone for their support and patience over the last few weeks. We have had to implement new systems throughout the school and our pupils have taken all the new procedures in their stride. We are incredibly proud of them!

I had hoped that as we approached the October half term we would be able to ease some of our current restrictions however that is not looking likely. Therefore, we will be continuing next half term as we have done this half term with our staggered start and end times, separate break times and unfortunately no before or after school provision. The safety of our community is paramount and if we were to have a positive case in school the smaller the 'bubble' affected then the lower the numbers this will impact on.

As you know we are continually reviewing our systems in place and although the staggered times are helping to ease numbers at the start and end of the day we are still concerned about social distancing around the school gate. Therefore please could we once again ask that you arrive in your child's allocated time frame and in order to help with social distancing, please remember that pupils and/or their parents must leave the school gate at the end of the day immediately and must not gather with other families, thank you.

Collection / drop off times:

Class	Drop off time	Location	Collection time	Location
Nursery	8:45am – 8:55am	Bottom playground gate	12 noon	Main gate at the school entrance
Reception / Year 1 / Year 2	8:55am – 9:05am	Bottom playground gate	3:00pm – 3:10pm	Bottom playground gate
Year 3 / Year 4	8:55am – 9:05am	Bottom playground gate	3:10pm – 3:20pm	Bottom playground gate
Year 5 / Year 6	9:05am – 9:15am	Bottom playground gate	3:20pm – 3:30pm	Bottom playground gate

Further information : Our current local Covid alert level is high (Tier 2)

The poster is titled 'LOCAL COVID ALERT LEVEL HIGH' and features the NHS logo and HM Government crest. It lists various activities and their restrictions under the 'HIGH' alert level. The activities are arranged in a grid with icons and brief descriptions.

Social Contact 1 household / bubble indoors. Rule of six outdoors.	Weddings and Funerals Up to 15 guests for weddings and up to 30 guests for funerals. 15 for receptions, wakes and related ceremonies.	Overnight Stays Overnight stays permitted subject to social contact rules.	Working from home guidance Work from home where possible.
Shopping and Retail Open.	Leisure and gyms Open.	Hospitality Open with some restrictions including 10pm closing time and table-service only.	Entertainment and tourist attractions Open, except nightclubs and adult entertainment.
Education Schools, FE colleges open. Universities must reflect wider restrictions.	Healthcare Services Open.	Residential Care Closed to external visitors other than in exceptional circumstances.	Travel and Transport May continue to travel to open venues, but reduce number of journeys where possible. Avoid travel into Local COVID Alert Level Very High areas where possible.
Sporting Activity Organised sport / licensed physical activity allowed in outdoor settings. Indoor organised sport must follow social contact rules (other than youth or disabled sport).	Worship Open, subject to social contact rules.	Childcare Registered and wraparound childcare. Supervised activities permitted in private homes. Children's groups permitted. Childcare bubbles for under 14s.	Youth Clubs and Activities Permitted.

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other:

- Wash hands** keep washing your hands regularly
- Cover face** wear a face covering in enclosed spaces
- Make space** stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

For more information and detailed guidance visit: [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

We will share with you any further information as we receive it.

We look forward to seeing you all after half term – please note our first day back is **Monday 2nd November.**

As always, your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

V. Hewison

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