

# West Pelton Primary School & Nursery



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Dear Parents / carers,

## Important update

As we have come to the end of our first month back in school I would like to thank you for your continued support, patience and understanding in these unusual times. We have been continually reviewing the systems we have in place and making adjustments where needed. In light of this we have made some changes to our cloakroom / pegs and lockers and we are pleased to tell you that from Monday 5th October children can bring in wellies and waterproofs to use on the school field. These will be stored in different locations, depending on which class your child is in and to avoid a 'shared, communal area.'

We have also listened to your feedback and we understand that you may not want them to have dirty or wet waterproofs in their lockers or on their pegs for a sustained period of time therefore we are giving you the option to tell your child whether they need to bring them home each night or just at the end of the week.

We also have some exciting developments with our online learning – we have purchased an online reading platform which children can access both at home and school and we are in the process of creating an online learning platform where work can be shared. More details will follow shortly about both of these.

## **Please see below the latest restrictions for the North East.**

Indoor inter-household mixing restricted in parts of the North East

Measures have been brought into law restricting inter-household mixing in indoor settings, including pubs and restaurants, in Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Tyneside, South Tyneside, Northumberland and Sunderland, Middlesbrough and Hartlepool.

COVID-secure schools and workplaces are not affected by this update.

The changes are in addition to existing regulations prohibiting household mixing in private homes and gardens, and have been agreed in response to high and increasing infection rates in these areas, with incidence rates over 100 per 100,000 in 6 of the 7 areas last week.

As announced last week, childcare bubbles will be able to form in areas of intervention to allow families to share caring responsibilities with another household, as long as they are consistent. This includes formal and informal childcare arrangements. People in support bubbles in these areas can also continue to meet in any setting.

Once again your support with all the procedures we have put into place are greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "V. Hewison".

Ms V Hewison & staff

