

West Pelton Primary School & Nursery



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Dear Parents/Carers

On 6 April 2021, the DfE updated their operational guidance for schools in line with the next steps of the Covid roadmap.

Reading this document, we are very pleased to share with you some of the changes:

Educational day visits

In line with the roadmap, schools can resume educational day visits from 12 April 2021.

School uniform

We would encourage all schools to maintain their usual uniform policies. Uniform can play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone.

Uniforms do not need to be cleaned:

- more often than usual
- using different methods

***In light of this change please could children now bring book bags, reading diaries and books to school daily. If you have any school reading books at home please could they be returned as our shelves are looking quite sparse, thank you*. If you have misplaced your child's bookbag a new one can be purchased from school at a cost of £5.**

Wraparound provision and extra-curricular activity

In line with the government [roadmap](#), from 12 April 2021 all parents may access wraparound and extra-curricular provision, without any restrictions on the reasons for which they may attend.

If the provision is taking place indoors and it is not possible to group children in the same bubble as they are in during the school day, providers should try to keep them in consistent groups of no more than 15 children and at least one staff member.

Therefore, we will be looking to reinstate our breakfast **from Tuesday 4th May**. This will be limited to 15 children (Further information to follow).



Please note that breakfast club will run as an additional bubble and should a confirmed Covid case be identified from breakfast club it may result in your child self-isolating and working remotely whilst their class remains in school.

Performances

You should not host any performances with an audience.

Physical activity in schools

From 12 April 2021, indoor competition between different schools can take place. You can work with external coaches, clubs and organisations for curricular and extra-curricular activities. You must be satisfied that it is safe to do.

Activities such as active miles, making break times and lessons active and encouraging active travel can help pupils to be physically active while encouraging physical distancing.

As we were only made aware of these changes during the Easter holidays, we please ask for your continued patience whilst we implement the new guidance. However, I am certain you will be as pleased as we are with these developments.

Yours faithfully

Ms V Hewison
Headteacher

