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Dear Families,

Happy New year to all of our wonderful families. I hope that you have all had a fabulous Christmas break and are ready for the start of the new term. It was wonderful to welcome everyone back and see all of the enthusiastic children coming rushing through the door on Wednesday - we have loved hearing about all of your festive fun. We appreciate that the festive season has brought challenges for lots of our families who have been hit by Covid, but we really hope that everyone in our Federation family can have a healthy and Covid free new year so the all of our school community can live out our vision to 'flourish, succeed and let their light shine'.

The end of this weeks' newsletter sets out the latest Covid guidance (At the time of writing) to try and give some clarity for our families.

Weekly Flood Update

We are delighted to say that the drying equipment was finally removed during the Christmas holiday period and the site has now been declared dry. We have liaised with the reinstatement company again and we have agreed the scope of the reinstatement works. We have a site meeting next week, which may give us some updates on the anticipated timescales for the works. We know that there is still a long way to go, but this feels like the next big step towards the works being completed.

Good Luck to Mrs Porteus

We are very sad to announce that Mrs Porteus will be moving to pastures new at the end of next week. Mrs P, as she is affectionately known by the children, has been a valuable member of the Hawsker Team for nearly 6 years. She has served thousands of meals with incredible efficiency, played and refereed endless football games and happily braved the inclement weather to ensure that our children have a fabulous lunchtime experience. I know that she will be greatly missed by our Federation family, but I am sure that you would all like to wish Mrs Porteus every happiness as she moves to her new role.

We are advertising for a new midday supervisor to start as soon as possible, so if you know anyone who may be interested in the role, you will be able to find the details on the following link – <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers>, and application packs can be sourced by contacting the school office.

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Reading Suitcases

We have a new ERA for reading in the Heritage Coast Federation. Our new ERA stands for 'Enjoy, Read Achieve' and our vision is to inspire our children to have a lifelong love of reading. As part of our new ERA, we are really excited to tell you about our brand new weekly reading award. Each week, our readers of the week will be announced in our Friday celebration collective worship. The recipients will get a certificate, but will also be able to bring home a really exciting little suitcase, which they can keep at home until Wednesday of the following week. These cases include some really engaging texts, and other goodies for you to look at together. Each class will have one 'Reader of the Week' and the award will be for areas such as increased effort in reading, showing a positive attitude to reading, sharing information about reading with others or for their individual progress. We hope that you will all be really inspired by these and we look forward to hearing your feedback. Our first recipients will be announced next Friday – I wonder who it will be?

We would like to thank Adele Duffield from Whitby Library who has visited school today and has delivered an amazing story session with the children and will be back in a couple of weeks to work with another class. We are starting to build a partnership with the library and they will be bringing in books for children to borrow and take home, returning within timescales per the library operate.

If you would like to join the library, please below contact details –

Email: whitby.library@northyorks.gov.uk

Telephone: [01609 534350](tel:01609534350)

Before and After School

We would like to remind families that it is vital that families book places in advance for both our before and after school club sessions. We have a limited number of places at these sessions to comply with safeguarding and staffing ratios. Whilst we are always happy to accommodate occasional ad hoc sessions, where there is a sudden / unexpected need for childcare, we cannot manage this on a daily basis. We have seen an increasing number of instances where children are being dropped at the Before School Club session without being booked or where families have not informed school that they will not need a booked place which results in the staff looking for the children. As we also have the bus service running it is vital that we are kept fully informed so that we can ensure that every child goes to the correct place at the end of the day.

In order to make the system easier, all sessions need to be booked by 3.15pm each Friday afternoon for the following week. If you do have an unexpected change during the week please phone the school office and speak to a member of staff, as we cannot guarantee that Dojo messages will be seen when staff are in class.

Costs for our Before and After School Club are as follows:-

Breakfast Club from 8am (including breakfast) £3.00 per child

Breakfast Club from 8.30am (no breakfast included) £1.50 per child

After School Club until 4.15pm £3.00

After School Club until 5pm £5.00

After School Club from 4.15-5pm (after other clubs) £3.00

Please could we politely remind families that the school doors will open at 8.45am for children to come into classes and will close at 8.55am. If you need to drop your child before this time they must have a place booked at the Before School Club.

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School Meals

We have received a letter from the Local Authority catering team outlining that the start of the year has seen an increase in Covid-19 cases, which has led to increased work absences. The team are working diligently to reduce the impact that this has upon our school meals service, and they are putting contingency plans in place so they can limit any disruption. However, in certain circumstances, the short-term disruption to staffing may unfortunately cause them to alter our menu offering, and there may be occasions where they are only able to provide our children with a packed lunch. Although this is a last resort, we would like to reassure you that the packed lunch alternative has been developed by a team of development chefs to ensure that it is able to fulfil the nutritional standards and requirements needed for our children, including if they have special dietary requirements. The team have used this option previously and the feedback from pupils has been that it has been a tasty, short-term alternative. We will keep parents informed wherever possible if there are any changes to our weekly menu.

The cost of a school meal is £2.73 per day, which works out at £13.65 per week. If you prefer to pay for the full half-term, this totals £90.09. All children in EYFS/KS1 are entitled to a universal free school meal.

The menu for next week will be as follows -

	Main Meal	Dessert
Monday	Packed lunch	Traybake
Tuesday	Chicken pie with potatoes and seasonal vegetables	Cheese & Crackers
Wednesday	Roast Pork, Gravy and Apple Sauce served with potatoes, broccoli and carrots	Creamy Rice Pudding & Peaches
Thursday	Pasta Bolognese served with loaded potato skins	Sponge & Custard
Friday	Crunchy Breaded (Salmon) Fish with chips, green beans and carrots	Flapjack

Covid Update

We are definitely in uncertain times again and updated guidance came out to schools on Sunday 2nd January and then a further update came in yesterday. Our aim is to maintain face to face education for all children, as we know that being in school is the best way for our children to learn. Schools are able to move to a mixed model at the beginning of term if we do not have enough staff to safely manage the school or following the advice of PHE where there are rising cases, but we will keep parents fully informed if difficult decisions need to be taken. We thought it would be useful to give parents the most up to date guidance.

PCR Tests

Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. If your child has a positive lateral flow result, please inform school and their isolation period will start from the day of the test.

Close Contacts

Children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

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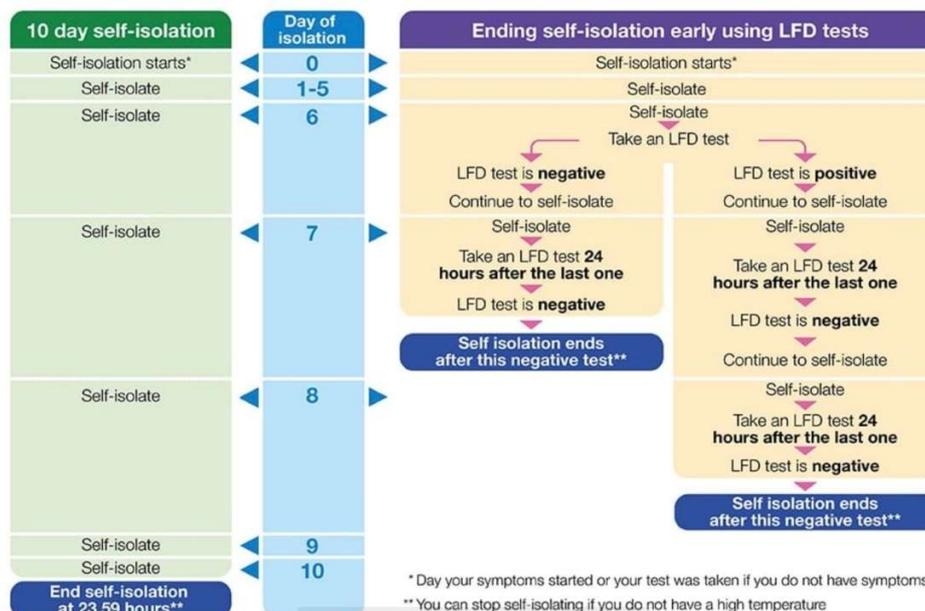
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Children under 5 are not being advised to take part in daily testing of close contacts. If a child under 5 is a contact of a confirmed case, they are not required to self-isolate and should not start daily testing. If they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 they should limit their contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19, and arrange to take a PCR test as soon as possible. They can continue to attend an education or childcare setting while waiting for the PCR result. If the test is positive, they should follow the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#).

Self isolation

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals may now 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. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education setting from day 8. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation. Further information is available in the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#).



Free School Meal Eligibility

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals for your child, please use the application form which can be found on the NYCC website - <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and currently receives universal free school meals, please check your entitlement. Being eligible will mean that the school receives additional funding for your child which will go towards their learning and any additional support they may need.

To qualify for free school meals you must fulfil one of the following criteria:

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- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods (£616.67 per month);
- Income Support;
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit;
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC); or
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Please note that contributions-based benefits, including contribution-related Jobseekers' Allowance do not entitle you to claim free school meals.

If you need any help or further clarification, please contact the school office.

I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes



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