

Goathland Primary School

Home/School Covid Agreement



At Goathland School, throughout this pandemic, we have strived to minimise the impact to your child's learning. As we move forward and restrictions are gradually lifted, we will continue to maximise the educational opportunities that we can offer. Due to the restrictions that are still in place, your child will have to act responsibly and follow rules for the health and safety of all. To alleviate as many of your concerns as possible, below is an explanation of what steps and measures we have taken. These measures will take effect from June 1st until further notice following government guidance.

The School Day

School will be open between 8.45am and 2:45pm. Families will be allocated a specific arrival and collection time within those hours, which must be strictly adhered to. It should be noted that this will mean provision of approximately 4.5 hours within those times. This shorter day will facilitate staggered arrivals and departures, and will provide staff with the time to complete additional cleaning necessary. The school week will run from Monday to Wednesday only, to allow staff the time to continue providing distance learning and to make welfare calls to families.

The Classroom

We are limiting the number of pupils in each classroom. In Base 2, many desks have been rearranged to enable us to achieve social distancing. This means a maximum of 7 pupils in each classroom. Children will stay within the classroom they are allocated for most of the day, except for any outdoor activities. They will not be able to mix with other groups.

In Base 1, social distancing is not possible. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be grouped into a so-called 'bubble' of no more than 8 children. and these groups will not be able to mix with other groups.

The impact of this is that we cannot physically accommodate all pupils in the school at once under the current health and safety guidelines.

Uniform

Pupils do not need to wear school uniform. **This is because their clothing must be washed before it can be worn again.** Clothing should be appropriate for PE and outdoor activities, as well as indoor use as children will not be able to change clothing. PE kits will not be allowed in school. Children will not be able to wear face coverings or masks without prior arrangement, as government guidance states that this is not suitable for most children.

Personal Belongings

Children must not bring pencil cases, bags or any other personal belongings. The only exceptions are:

- Packed lunches. (Lunch boxes must be cleaned thoroughly every day).

Hygiene

In the classroom we are following national guidelines around hygiene – regular hand washing will be compulsory. Hand sanitiser will be available to be used at the start and end of each day. This has a drying effect and families are strongly advised to provide children with hand moisturiser when they return home. Door handles and equipment will be cleaned on a regular basis and bins will be emptied more frequently.

Behaviour and Positive Physical Intervention

If your child does not comply with staff requests and the situation could potentially lead to a physical intervention, we will be sending him/her home on health and safety grounds. They will be allowed to return the next day once school has received assurances from parents regarding behaviour.

If an incident leads to any form of physical intervention being needed, school will regard this as a very serious matter and this may result in fixed term exclusion followed by a re-admission meeting.

We cannot allow pupils to put themselves and staff at risk through behaviour that results in staff having to break social distancing rules. This response to inappropriate behaviour will remain until government guidelines withdraw the social distancing regulations.

Dinner time

Pupils will adhere to the social distancing regulations by eating lunch in their classrooms, with tables being sanitised before and after eating.

Break times and movement around school

Break times will be staggered. Activities will be planned to accommodate social distancing. Pupils will use specific routes to move around school to ensure space for social distancing. Only one person will be allowed in the toilet at any one time.

PE

These lessons will be adjusted accordingly, with outdoor areas being used wherever possible. Children will not change for PE.

Home Time

Children should be collected by one parent/carer. Please indicate below who this will be.

Reception/Office

The school office will not be permanently staffed. Parents should contact school via telephone or email (admin@goathland.n-yorks.sch.uk). It should be noted that the headteacher will not be available for face to face meetings, except for urgent matters. It will not be possible to see the headteacher or other staff members without an appointment. 2-metre markings are on the floor outside reception for queueing purposes, primarily for deliveries.

Suspected cases

In the unlikely event that a pupil or a member of staff presents with symptoms whilst in school, they will be sent home immediately. Whilst waiting to be collected, a child will be kept isolated from others with one member of staff. Following government guidance, that member of staff will wear PPE. Families should therefore discuss this with children to minimise any possible distress. School will notify families of any suspected case. Government guidance states that other members of the 'bubble' can continue to attend school, but families may prefer to keep children at home until school has further information about the suspected case. We will inform all pupils/staff of the outcome of the suspected case and respond accordingly.

If in future our practices are amended in any way in light of government guidance, we will make changes as appropriate and pass this information onto you.

Please sign the form below and return to school during week commencing Monday 1st June so that you understand the new expectations and that you accept that we have to employ the new behavioural expectations for the safety of pupils and staff. Pupils will not be able to return without this form.

Name of pupil _____

Relationship to pupil _____

My child will be collected by: _____

I have read and understood the agreement above, signed _____

Date _____

Helen Isaac, Headteacher