



Whitehead

Primary School
& Nursery Unit

Friday 17 September

'LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER'

School Development Day (Staff Training)

Just a reminder that school will be closed for all pupils on Friday 24 September in order to facilitate staff training.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is up and running, 7.45 – 8.45am. **Canteen will serve breakfast from 8.00-8.30am, therefore your child must arrive by then in order to get their breakfast.** Children will be allowed to sit in their class bubbles or family groups in order to facilitate younger children who wish to attend.

From a canteen point of view, they require 20 children per day in order to make Breakfast Club feasible. **Therefore, we do need a greater uptake.** You may be working from home at the moment but you are aware that you will be required to return to your place of work more regularly and would therefore want to avail of Breakfast Club. If that is the case could I encourage you to make use of Breakfast Club now? Canteen will review the numbers in December.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu Vaccinations will take place in school on Thursday 14 & Friday 15 October. Consent forms have been sent home today with your child and **must be returned by Tuesday 21 September. Your child will not be able to have their flu vaccination unless parental consent has been given.** Please use the following link to access information about the flu vaccination.

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/publications/protecting-your-child-against-flu-vaccination-your-primary-school-child-english-and-tra>

Below you will find information about the Covid-19 protocols, when the flu vaccinations are being administered.

If your child tests positive for Covid-19

1. Please text our school Covid-19 number - 07359 015420 with your child's name and class

This will allow me to arrange for the classroom to be deep cleaned and to inform the staff and parents that there has been a positive case in school. Staff will be informed specifically of which child has tested positive. For information purposes only, parents will be informed through Seesaw, that there has been a positive case in a particular class.

2. For contact tracing purposes, please expect a call from PHA (0289536888,) although on occasions the calls that I have received from PHA have been 'No Caller ID'.

This will allow PHA to identify any close contacts of your child. PHA have changed the definition of a close contact in a school context. A close contact within a school context will be:

- Someone who stayed in the same household as an infected person overnight
- Someone who had intimate contact with an infected person overnight
- Someone who was on a school trip overnight with an infected person
- Someone who provided or received personal care from an infected person

Keeping Our School Safe

We will continue to make school as safe as we possibly can and it has never been more true to say that we are all in this together as pupils, parents, staff & governors. I believe that we all want children to be in school as much as possible and for school to be as safe as possible. We will continue with our existing mitigations, which be reviewed throughout the year and I am currently working on our 'Keeping School Safe' charter, which will be discussed at the Board of Governors on Thursday 30 September. The charter will clarify the role that we can all play to make WPSNU as safe as it can possibly be.

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School vaccination clinics and COVID-19 (coronavirus)

School vaccination clinics will continue and it is important that your child continues to receive the vaccines they need when invited.

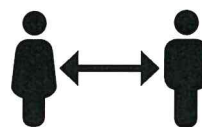
There may be changes to the usual processes at your child's school vaccination clinic in order to maintain social distance and to take all possible precautions to protect your child from COVID-19 (see next page).

Your child should attend for their vaccinations unless they are unwell or self-isolating because they have been in contact with someone with COVID-19.

If your child or anyone in your household has one or more symptoms of COVID-19 your child should not attend school. If your child has been invited to have a vaccination, you should phone the school nurse to find out what to do.

For more information on signs and symptoms, visit:
www.pha.site/coronavirus

Clinics will be arranged in order to maintain social distance.



In line with Infection Prevention and Control guidelines, staff may be wearing personal protective equipment (PPE), including:

- face mask;
- gloves;
- apron;
- eye protection.

Please continue to minimise the spread of COVID-19 by:

- washing your hands properly and regularly
- catching coughs and sneezes in a tissue
- maintaining social distance



The latest guidance for COVID-19 is available on the PHA website www.pha.site/coronavirus



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