



Friday 12th February 2021 (2 pages)



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to everyone-pupils, parents and staff for making it through this challenging half term. There have been highs and lows but everyone has shown great determination and resilience and battled on admirably. We are hopeful that the new guidance being released on Monday 22nd February will allow us to reopen fully by Week 3 of the Spring 2nd half term giving us three weeks to welcome the children back before the Easter break. Whatever the government has in store guidance wise, I can assure you that the staff and I will continue to provide remote education and support until we are fully open. Wishing you a happy, relaxing and peaceful half term.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are pleased to be able to resume our **after school Sports club and Zumba club** after half term (w/c 22nd Monday 22nd February) for children in **Years 1 to 4** who are currently attending school.

Both sets of club leaders are taking part in the Covid testing programme and will also implement their own risk assessments while in school.

If your child is in school on a Monday (Sports club) or a Thursday (Zumba) and are in Years 1, 2, 3 or 4, they are welcome to join in with the club.

Please email Mrs Long directly if you would like your child/ren to attend either or both of the after school clubs after half term.

DEVICES FOR REMOTE LEARNING

If at any point, your child/ren do not have access to a device such as a laptop, ipad or tablet, please let me know. Mobile phone screens are not suitable for children to use. We will do our best to provide you with a device if you need one.

EXTRA JUMPER

Following a mandatory check on our wall mounted fan heaters, we have been advised to ensure that at least one window remains open at all times in the classrooms and hall. Your child may bring an extra jumper to wear in class if they wish.

PE KITS

Please ensure children have returned their PE kits in school for Monday 22nd February 2021 if they are attending school on that day.

After half term, the children in Years 1 to 4 will be doing ball football and ball skills so are likely to be outside whenever possible.

Please ensure that PE kits include tracksuit bottoms/leggings, trainers and a jumper or hoody.

UNIFORM

Please ensure that ALL items of clothing and uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name.

We now have Humshaugh First School red hoodies available on www.schooltrends.co.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12 th February:	Teacher day
22 nd February:	Spring 2 nd term starts Sports club resumes- Y1-4 (Collect at 4.15pm at the front door)
25 th February:	Zumba resumes Y1-4 (Collect at 4.15pm at the front door)-please provide trainers
19 th March:	Red Nose Day

COVID GUIDELINES

Please ensure you are following the government guidelines to help protect your children, families and our staff and their families. We know that there have been several positive cases in the village recently, so it is vital that everyone is doing their part to reduce transmission.

Please try to keep your contact to a minimum and please be mindful of the risk that our teachers and support staff are taking to keep school open.



CORONAVIRUS TIER 4

STAY AT HOME

gov.uk/coronavirus

Around 1 in 3 people with Covid-19 have no symptoms so will be spreading the virus without realising. We must all take action to protect each other and our hospital capacity.

<p>MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY </p> <p>No household mixing, aside from support bubbles and two people meeting in public outdoor spaces.</p>	<p>BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS </p> <p>Hospitality closed, aside from sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery.</p>	<p>RETAIL </p> <p>Essential shops can open. Non-essential retail must close and can only open for click-and-collect and delivery.</p>	<p>WORK AND BUSINESS </p> <p>Everyone must work from home unless they are unable to do so.</p>
<p>EDUCATION </p> <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open during term time. Registered childcare, other supervised activities for childcare purposes, and childcare bubbles permitted</p>	<p>INDOOR LEISURE </p> <p>Closed.</p>	<p>ACCOMMODATION </p> <p>Closed (with limited exceptions)</p>	<p>PERSONAL CARE </p> <p>Closed.</p>
<p>OVERNIGHT STAYS </p> <p>You must not stay overnight away from home. Limited exceptions apply.</p>	<p>WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS </p> <p>Funerals of up to 30 people permitted. Wakes and other linked ceremonial events can continue in a group of up to six. Weddings of up to six can continue in exceptional circumstances.</p>	<p>ENTERTAINMENT </p> <p>Indoor entertainment closed. Some outdoor attractions may remain open.</p>	<p>PLACES OF WORSHIP </p> <p>Open for private prayer and communal worship, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
<p>TRAVELLING </p> <p>You must stay at home and only travel for work, education or other legally permitted reasons. If you must travel, you should stay local, and reduce the number of journeys you make. You must not leave a Tier 4 area or stay overnight away from home. Residents in Tiers 1 - 3 should not enter Tier 4 areas. Do not travel abroad if you live in a Tier 4 area unless an exemption applies.</p>	<p>EXERCISE </p> <p>You can leave your home to exercise by yourself, with your household or support bubble, or with one person from another household. Outdoor sport allowed but gatherings limit applies except for youth and disabled sport.</p>	<p>RESIDENTIAL CARE </p> <p>You can visit relatives in care homes with COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits.</p>	<p>CLINICALLY EXTREMELY VULNERABLE</p> <p>The Clinically Extremely Vulnerable are advised to stay at home as much as possible, except to go outdoors for exercise or to attend health appointments.</p>