

Wolsingham Primary Newsletter

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Student Voice Survey

Our school, as well as many others in County Durham, is participating in a survey for children and young people. This survey will inform the development of plans and services across County Durham and is designed to positively impact upon pupils as services can be directed to support where particular issues come to light. The survey has been designed in conjunction with children and young people and includes questions of a range of topics including:

Educational wellbeing – Homework and Lessons

Social wellbeing - Healthy relationships, Mental health and wellbeing, Behaviour and safety and Online safety

Health and physical wellbeing - Physical activity, Healthy eating, Smoking and alcohol **Community wellbeing** - Hobbies and interests and Access to community facilities

Children in Years 4-6 will carry out the questionnaire in school over the next month. Each response will be anonymous and confidential, and therefore no pupil will be identified when the data is analysed. The council's Research and Intelligence team will receive the results and data for use in further analysis at council and school level. The council and partners will then use this information to plan and target services, especially where improvement is required. Further information is available in Frequently Asked Questions, which can be found attached to this newsletter email. We hope you will agree with us that this is an exercise in which we wish to co-operate fully. We will assume you DO APPROVE unless we hear otherwise, and we look forward to working with you to support the best school life, health and wellbeing for our pupils.

Post Ofsted Parental Questionnaire

"Some parents believe that communication with the school could be better."

Following our recent Ofsted Inspection and identified priorities for improvement, we would like to ask for your help to fully understand one of the areas which focused on parental communication. We would be grateful if parents would take the time to complete a short questionnaire in which you can tell us about the areas of school life that you feel that need to be communicated better and offer suggestions as to what you think would be the best methods to communicate with you. Please use the link below to take you to the questionnaire.

https://forms.office.com/r/4TY5EiesGF

School Exits

We would like to take this opportunity to once again ask parents not to congregate at the gates. We have a few parents and grandparents who have mobility and health issues and are struggling to enter and exit the school grounds easily and feel unsafe doing so as adults are standing in the way. We would be grateful if conversations could take place away from the gates to the grounds to allow people to access the site easily.

Changes to the Self-isolation Period for Those Who Test Positive for COVID-19

As you may already be aware, self-isolation rules have changed again recently. From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 can **end their self-isolation after 5 full days** if they **test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature**. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be <u>reported to NHS Test</u> and <u>Trace</u>. If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation. Further <u>information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19</u> is available.

Dates for your diary...

Year 1 Visit to Locomotion	Wednesday 2 nd February
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 8 th February
School Closes	Friday 18 th February
School Reopens	Monday 28 th February
World Book Day	Thursday 3 rd March
Red Nose Day	Friday 18th March

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