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Withernsea Primary School



(‘Welcoming, Positive, Successful’)

February 2022 Newsletter

Parent’s Evening

Due to current covid infections parents evening will be held remotely this term. Hopefully this is the last time that we will do them in this way. We can contact you by phone, teams or zoom – class teachers will ask you what you prefer and will arrange times and dates, mostly over dojo, and we aim to have spoken to all our parents/carers by half term. If your child has special educational needs we will also discuss their targets and update our graduated response plans as well.

Covid

A huge thanks to all our parents as we battled through rising infection rates in January. As I’m writing (with fingers crossed) we seem to have got over a peak now and hopefully over the worst as we head into February and can move to greater normality with school attendance.

We are looking forward to getting things back to normal – re starting reading mornings, inviting parents in, going on trips and we will make tentative plans for March onwards to start to get back to normal as it looks like we might be able to do so. We are so looking forward to this for our children as covid has impinged on our lives now for two years. Hopefully the guidance and isolation rules will get eased so we are able to get the normality we all crave.

I have attached the parent code of conduct to the end of this newsletter as we have had some isolated incidents where staff have been verbally abused. Please remember we are here for your children and are trying to do the best for your children – it’s why we have chosen to work here. Occasionally mistakes get made (as in life everywhere) and we are always happy to work with parents/carers to resolve situations. I also know the covid guidelines are sometimes confusing and contradictory but please remember we didn’t write them and we ourselves have to make sense of them. The lack of lateral flow tests hasn’t helped either but again not a situation we have been able to control.

'The Breakfast Club'

7.45 to 8.45 am

£2.50 per child, per session

Please contact the school office for more details



Anti-Bullying and Cyberbullying

We want all our pupils to know how to use the internet safely and happily – however, they need our support to ensure that happens as sadly there are many people out there who abuse the internet and intend harm in some way.

Excellent websites for parent/guardians include:

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.internetmatters.org

www.saferinternet.org.uk

www.childnet.com

Staffing Updates

We would like to give a warm welcome to our new lunchtime assistant Jennifer Wood. She will be covering any sickness/absences within the school over lunchtimes.

HCAT policies

There are a variety of policies for school, some are specific for our school. Although the vast majority are policies that apply to all HCAT schools. They can be accessed from the school website and if you ask at the office we are happy to print out copies of any policies you need as well. There is a code of conduct for parents and adults on site. This is attached to the end of the newsletter.

School Starting Times

School starts at 8.50am- we open the doors from 8.35 – please do not arrive earlier than this- we cannot be responsible or supervise children earlier than this. Please be aware of times your children leave home for school – do not let them leave home unduly early to meet friends. Please do not arrive on site before 8.35 – staff are not paid earlier than this. Thank you for your help with this.

Online Payment System – Pay 360

School uniform can now be paid for on Pay360, the school's online payment system.

If you would like to register to pay for school meals, uniform, the breakfast club or music lessons online, please contact the school office, thank you.

Head lice



REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK

'Once a week – take a peek'

Can we please ask for your help by checking your child's hair on a regular basis.

Thank you for your continued support.

Term Dates for School year – 2021-2022

	Spring 2022	Summer 2022
Open		Tue 26th April
Close half term	Thurs 17th February	Thurs 26th May
Open	Tue 1st March	Wed 8th June
End of term	Fri 8th April	Fri 22nd July
May Day Bank Holiday		Please note the school will be closed Mon 2nd May for the bank holiday



Valentines Day Menu

14th February 2022

Main

Hot dog (2, 13) - Gluten free option
available

Vegetarian Hot dog (13)

Burger (2, 13) - Quorn burger (2)

Served with chips and beans

Desserts

Cooks valentines
delights

Vegan Biscuit

Allergens:

2 Cereals
containing gluten

13 Soya



Please note alternative menu will NOT be available



Hull Collaborative Academy Trust

Parent and Visitors Code of Conduct

Date issued: June 2022

Ratified by the Trust Board:

Review Date: June 2023

Other related academy policies that support this Policy include: complaints policy, staff code of conduct, Anti-Bullying, Child Protection, and Data Protection.

Hull Collaborative Academy Trust (HCAT) Ethos

HCAT's strapline is 'Children First'. This is central to the organisation's vision, ethos and culture and informs every decision we make. We are fully committed to ensuring pupils within the trust receive the highest quality education and acquire the necessary skills and characteristics to enable them to be happy and successful in life. We do not discriminate against any child or adult on the grounds of race, disability, gender, age, gender reassignment, pregnancy, maternity, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation. We embrace the individuality of all our community members and comply fully with the Equality Act 2010.

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1. Purpose and scope

At Hull Collaborative Academy Trust, we believe it is important to:

- Work in partnership with parents and carers to best support our 'children first' philosophy and builds community; both within school and as part of the wider HCAT Family.
- Create a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for pupils, staff and parents and work in a respectful manner which is underpinned by our restorative ethos.
- Model appropriate behaviour, which sets an example to the children.

To help us do this, we set clear expectations and guidelines on behaviour for all members of our community. This includes staff (through the staff code of conduct) and pupils (through our behaviour policy).

This code of conduct aims to help the school, work together with parents and visitors by setting guidelines on appropriate behaviour.

We use the term 'parents' to refer to:

- Anyone with parental responsibility for a pupil
- Anyone caring for a child (such as grandparents or child-minders)

2. Our expectations of parents and carers

We expect parents, carers and other visitors to:

- Respect the ethos, vision and values of our school and organisation.
- Work together with staff in the best interests of our pupils.
- Treat all members of the school community with respect – setting a good example with speech, general communication, and behaviour.
- Seek a peaceful solution to all issues.
- Correct their own child's behaviour (or those in their care), particularly in public, where it could lead to conflict, aggression or unsafe conduct.
- Approach the best placed member of school staff to help resolve any issues of concern.
- Abide by and respect school policies.
- Prioritise health and safety requirements including giving Covid-19 secure protocols full support.

3. Behaviour that will not be tolerated

- Disrupting, or threatening to disrupt, school operations (including events on the school grounds and sports team matches).
- Swearing, or using offensive language or behaviour.
- Displaying a temper, or shouting at members of staff, pupils, or other parents.
- Threatening another member of the school community.
- Sending abusive messages to another member of the school community, including via text,
 - Email or social media.
- Sending inappropriate messages to another member of the school community, including via
 - Text. Email or social media.
- Posting defamatory, offensive, or derogatory comments about the school, its staff or any member (including Facebook) of its community, on social media platforms.
- Any aggressive behaviour (including verbally or in writing) towards another child or adult.
- Disciplining another person's child – please bring any behaviour incidents to a member of staff's attention.
- Smoking or drinking alcohol whilst on the school premises.
- Possessing or taking drugs (including legal highs) or carrying any item that could potentially cause harm to others.
- Bringing dogs onto the school premises (other than guide dogs).

4. Breaching the code of conduct

If a school suspects, or becomes aware, that a parent has breached the code of conduct, the school will gather information from those involved and speak to the parent and any witnesses about the incident. **In all cases the CEO of the Trust, or person with appropriate seniority, will be informed of any incident which may potentially breached the code of conduct to enable the school to make an appropriate decision about what action needs to be taken.** All decisions will be taken to ensure the safety and well-being of staff, children, and other parents. This may include:

- Inviting the parent into school to meet with a senior member of the Trust or school leadership team to work to resolve the situation in a restorative manner.
- Contacting the appropriate authorities (in cases of criminal behaviour or safeguarding)
- Seek advice from our legal team or other appropriate representative regarding further action (in cases of conduct that may be libellous or slanderous or involve data protection)
- Send a written warning letter.
- Ban the parent from the school site.
- Block or withdraw electronic communication.

The school will always respond to an incident in a proportional way and strive to maintain positive relationships with parents and carers.