



14th January 2022  
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Dear Families and Board Members,

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all. We hope that you had a lovely Christmas break and that your plans weren't too affected by Covid. We have all been reminded over Christmas and since our return that this virus is still very much at large and we must keep our existing measures in place to keep ourselves and others safe. With this in mind, can we kindly ask again that you continue to wear a face covering (unless exempt) at drop off/pick up time. We still ask that you communicate with your child's teacher via dojo or telephone wherever possible. If you do have to have a conversation on the yard, please do this from the parent drop off zone wherever possible. We know that Covid can be present without symptoms so social distancing is vital to avoid the potential for staff absence which could result in the partial closures we have been hearing about in other schools. Thank you for your continued cooperation and patience.

### Queries/Concerns

Despite our current restrictions, please be reassured that your child's teacher is available should you need to talk to them. Class dojo continues to be a great way for you all to communicate with your child's teacher and many of you do so. Thank you! Please be advised that social media is not the forum for sharing concerns and any untrue comments made about Walbottle Village Primary school may result in legal action being taken.

In happier news, we welcomed Mrs Smith back from maternity leave this week. She is teaching year 3 every Monday and year 2 every Tuesday.

### Educational Visits

We have secured some additional funding to support educational visits. We have always used visits out and visitors into school to support our curriculum and bring it to life. Covid restrictions have prevented us from being able to do this as much over the last couple of years but we are hopeful that we will be able to get the children out of school again soon. Keep an eye out for your child bringing information home over the course of this term.

### Curriculum

The children have all been enjoying starting their new topics since their return and you will have received a curriculum book last week outlining this term's learning. You can find more information on your child's class area on our school website. If you feel that you can contribute in any way to our learning in school, please do get in touch.



### Attendance

Our attendance figures this week are as follows:-

- Nursery – 98.2%
- Reception – 88.6%
- Year 1 – 84.3%
- Year 2 – 87.2%
- Year 3 – 91.4%
- Year 4 – 95.9%
- Year 5 – 93.6%
- Year 6 – 84.9%

### KEY DATES

- 28<sup>th</sup> Jan – GEM Education computing sessions with Year's 3 and 4
- 7<sup>th</sup> Feb – Healthy Active Lifestyles PE event – Year's 5 and 6. Please come to school in PE kit
- 15<sup>th</sup> Feb – Last swimming session for Year 4
- 17<sup>th</sup> Feb – GEM Education computing session for Year 5
- 18<sup>th</sup> Feb – Break up for half term
- 28<sup>th</sup> Feb – Return to school after half term break
- 29<sup>th</sup> Feb – Swimming lessons commence for Year 3

Kindest Regards  
Mrs A. Oliver  
Head Teacher