



Hathern C of E Primary School

School Update

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Living with Covid

As part of our 'Living with Covid' plan, we have allowed the children from different year groups to mix at playtime/lunchtime and gather together for acts of Collective Worship. This has made a huge difference to the atmosphere at school and it's beginning to feel like pre-Covid school life is returning—thank goodness! That said, Covid is still with us—in school and out in the wider community. Today we had 12 children absent from school with confirmed cases of Covid and 3 staff. It is present in every yeargroup except Year 6 - they had their turn last week! Whilst these numbers are not as bad as they have been, the impact is still felt very much by us all. Staff absence is the biggest disruptor, as we have to switch personnel around in order to maintain our core teaching and learning offer.

Could I ask that you remain vigilant and continue to monitor the wellness of your children for symptoms of Covid. If they do demonstrate the symptoms, then please test them and keep them off school until they have had two clear Covid tests after 5 days of isolation—this means returning around day 7. By doing this, we can try to prevent the further spread of Covid across the school population. Many thanks for your continued support.

Diary Dates

Spring/Summer Term 2022

March 2022

Fri 18th Comic Relief/Red Nose Day
Wear something red for £1

Mon 21st-
Fri 25th Bikeability—Year 6, Cross Street
Tues 22nd Ukelele & Guitar lessons resume

April 2022

Fri 8th School closes for Easter at 3.00pm
Mon 11th--
Fri 22nd Easter Holiday

May 2022

Mon 2nd Bank Holiday
Mon 9th-
Fri 13th KS2 SATs Week
Mon 16th Young Voices Concert!
Fri 27th-
Sat 28th Night under the stars—Year 6
Mon 30th-
Fri 3rd June May Half-term

June 2022

Mon 6th-
Wed 8th Year 4 Residential to Beaumanor

July 2022

Thur 7th School closes for summer at 3pm

Severn-Trent Water Roadworks

Roadworks will continue along Pasture Lane next week. Severn Trent are digging up the road adjacent to the workshop and so I would ask that you are extra careful when dropping off and picking up from school.

If possible, try to avoid driving down the Lane at all and park further away if you need to drive to school. Further guidance is provided on the next page in our attempts to improve road safety around school.

Getting to School Safely

With us having almost **190 pupils** now at Hathern, getting to school safely in the morning is becoming more and more challenging.



Pasture Lane and Cross Street are not designed for the amount of vehicular traffic they receive at

drop-off/collection times and consequently there is an increased risk of an accident taking place. I would ask parents to remind their children to **look both ways when crossing driveways and roads**, whether walking or cycling/scooting. Where children scoot or cycle, please ensure they do so with regard for others, scooting/riding carefully (slowly) to avoid pedestrians (if on the paths). Secure bike/scooter parking is available at Pasture Lane.

I would also request that, **whenever possible, the children should walk to school**—the exercise would be an added benefit! If walking is out of the question, then could I suggest that parents park a little further away and walk the last part of the journey.

If you must drive, then please consider the safety and wellbeing of other road users, our neighbours and more importantly, our pupils walking to school, by adhering to a few guidelines:

- *drive slowly (less than 20mph) along the roads—especially along Pasture Lane
- *do not mount or drive along the pavements
- *do not drive into, or reverse into the main gated entrance at Pasture Lane
- *do not park in the school car park
- *act with consideration for others, including our neighbours, at all times.

If you are concerned about a car being driven or parked without care or attention at either site, then I would suggest that you report it to the Police, as the school has no power beyond the gates to do anything about it other than to ask respectfully for consideration for all users.

We spend a lot of time teaching our children about our CARE Code (Cooperation,

Awareness, Respect and Enjoyment) and we would hope that parents would share our ethos, even in the most testing circumstances, such as at drop off and pick up after school!

The safety of our children is incredibly important and even if these strategies are only employed occasionally, it will make a great difference overall in improving the situation.

Thank you for your continued support.

