



Transition

We have been delighted with the way pupils have come into school in what is 'unofficially' the first week in their new year group. Although pupils move into their new year groups on the 6th September, this early start to their new class is a great opportunity for them to meet their new teacher, see where they have to line up and exit as well as adjust to new playtimes, dinner times and workload in class.

Although these changes might seem easy for an adult, to children, particularly our youngest children, these changes can seem huge. This is why we put in place an early start to the year group so that children know the routines before school starts again in September.

After walking around school this week, I can see that the transition has gone very well. Everyone has got into the new systems and routines very easily and there has been very little upset or anxiety with pupils.

Thank you to parents for supporting this transition.

2021 – 2022 PD Days

The PD days for next year will be as follows:

- *Thursday 2nd September - PD day 1 – First Aid*
- *Friday 3rd Sep – PD day 2 – School Development*
- *Friday 19th November – PD day 3*
- *Monday 24th January – PD day 4*
- *Friday 27th May – PD day 5 - Galileo Schools*
- *Friday 22nd July - extra bank holiday lieu day.*

Parents Survey

Thank you to the 144 parents who completed the parents' survey. The survey closed last Friday and upon an initial review of the results they are incredibly positive and show that parents are overwhelmingly pleased with the education provided at New Marske Primary School. Initial headlines include 100% of respondents saying that the behaviour of the children in school is good; 99% saying their children feel safe in school and 98% of respondents saying the school has taken appropriate steps when dealing with the pandemic.

Every survey provides some areas to work on and before the start of the autumn term, the survey will be looked at in more depth to see how we can further improve the educational experience all of our pupils have within school.

Local Infection Rates

There has been an alarming increase in the local COVID infection rate. 6 weeks ago the rate was around 18/100000, yesterday it was 777/100000 an increase of 476 from last week. I am sure that everyone knows someone who has tested positive or a family who are isolating. As we approach the end of this term, we will be maintaining the social distancing procedures we have within school. Even though some national restrictions will change on Monday the 19th of July, the procedures we have in school will stay the same. This means that parents and staff will be expected to wear face masks when on the school grounds and parents and pupils will be expected to stick the same entrance and exit times. The following procedures should also be continued to keep our pupils, parents and staff safe:

- ***If anyone has any of the three COVID symptoms, please book a COVID test. The whole household will have to isolate.***
- ***If anyone in the household tests positive with a lateral flow test, a PCR test must be booked.***
- ***If your child is ill with non COVID related issues, please keep them off school***