



Dear YA Families,

We've finally reached the summer and I am sure you will all be glad of the break, and looking forward to spending some quality time together with your little ones. I want to take this opportunity to share my sincerest thanks for your understanding, support and encouragement throughout what has been one of the most disrupted and challenging years for us all.

As you'll have heard in our GLO Mo shows, being part of Team YA means that we do what is right rather than what is easy and as such, I would also like to thank the many parents who have written to us and expressed their gratitude for the work the school has done throughout the pandemic, from making and delivering our Family Nurture boxes each week, to walking children to and from school when parents have been unable to, to our excellent remote learning offer and to setting up a food bank for those in need (to name but a few). Our staff have really gone over and above and pulled together to ensure our children are kept safe and well educated even when we were so short staffed and having to deal with our own family cases, isolations and child care problems. We are very lucky at Yarborough to have such an amazing team and I'm sure you will join me in thanking them for their dedication and love. Likewise, we are beyond grateful for the dedication of our parents who have supported us and their children through remote learning, something we know hasn't been easy.

Whilst we are excited for the summer break, I want you all to feel reassured that we are ready and looking forward to a new school year in September and below is the information for September. As has been the case throughout the year, please remember that the government often change their guidance to schools on a daily basis so our arrangements are subject to change but we will inform you as soon as we are made aware.

Term Dates for the whole year

Term	Open	Close
Autumn 1	Thursday 2 nd September 2021	Friday 22 nd October 2021
Autumn 2	Monday 1 st November 2021	Friday 17 th December 2021
Spring 1	Wednesday 5 th January 2022	Friday 11 th February 2022
Spring 2	Monday 21 st February 2022	Friday 1 st April 2022
Summer 1	Thursday 21 st April 2022	Friday 27 th May 2022
Summer 2	Tuesday 7 th June 2022	Thursday 21 st July 2022

School closed on Monday 2nd May - May Day Bank Holiday

Diary dates for Autumn Term set so far:

Date	Event
Wednesday 1 st September	INSET – school closed to children
Thursday 2 nd September	Children back to school
Tuesday 7 th September	Y3 Swimming begins (11 weeks)
Friday 17 th September	Individual School Photos
Friday 24 th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning
Monday 27 th September	Harvest week
Monday 11 th October	SEN parents meetings this week
Wednesday 13 th October	Parents Evening
Thursday 14 th October	Parents Evening
Friday 22 nd October	Break up
Monday 1 st November	Children back to school
Wednesday 3 rd November	Flu vaccinations
Monday 15 th November	Theme – Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 19 th November	Children in Need Fundraising
Monday 6 th December	Theme – Brains and Behaviour
Wednesday 15 th December	Christmas Fund Raiser
Friday 17 th December	Christmas Jumper day
	Break up

Projects and Curriculum (Years 1-6)

Next year we will be running two projects along with a mixture of mini themes and stand-alone lessons. The first three weeks in September are dedicated to transition and getting to know each other to develop the special relationships that will carry us through the year. The first project will begin on 27th September with the exhibitions and Christmas showcases happening in the last two weeks of the Autumn term (6th December to 17th December). Teachers will provide further details about the projects and exhibitions next term.

School Organisation

We are still very unsure what September will bring in terms of Government Covid restrictions. At present the Government are saying:

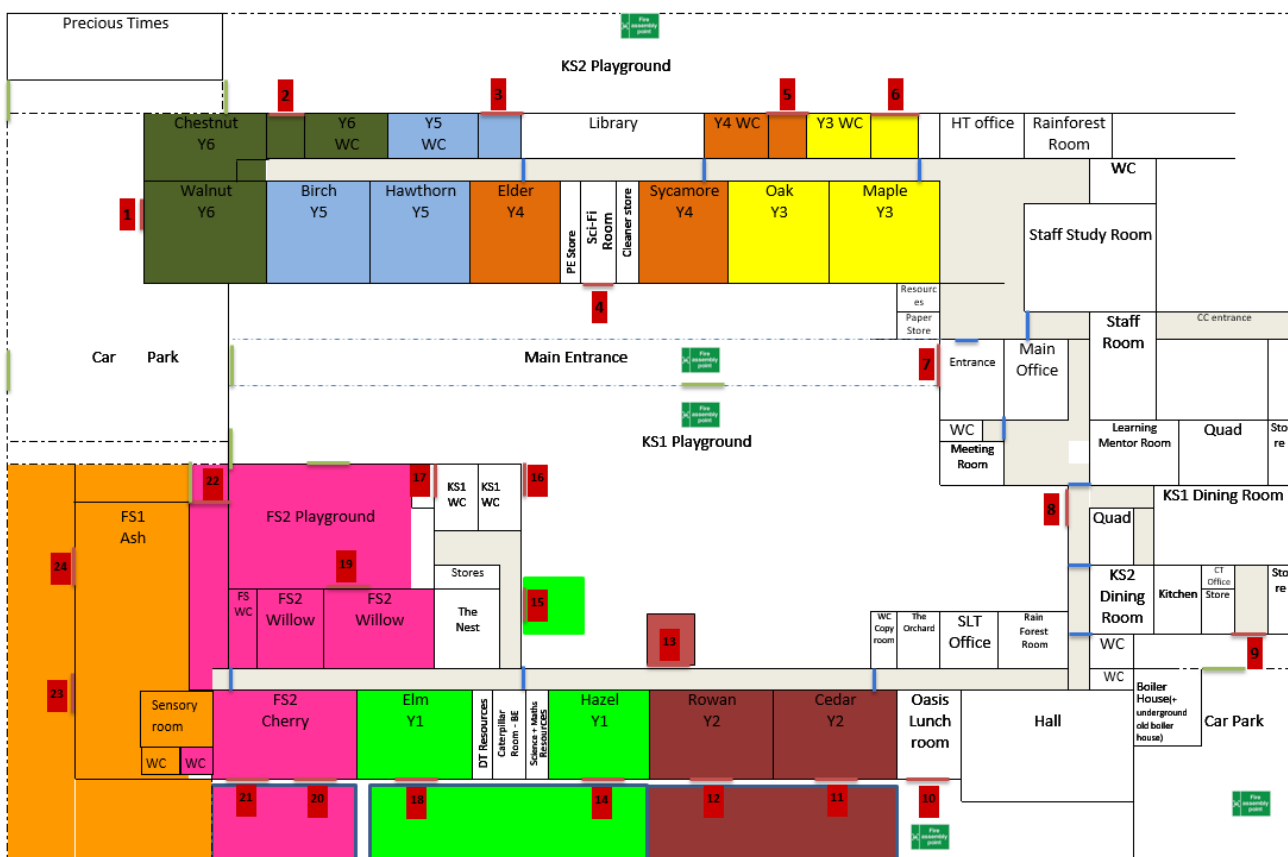
- Continue to promote good hygiene, including hand washing;
- Continue regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces;
- Continue to ensure good ventilation especially during activities such as singing, shouting or exercise;
- Continue to identify and isolate suspected and confirmed cases;
- Continue with the asymptomatic staff testing twice a week during term time.

- No longer need to keep children in consistent groups;
- Face coverings no longer required for staff;
- School will no longer identify close contacts of cases – this will be done by NHS test and trace.

However, we must have measures in place to step up the risk assessment if there are several positive cases within one school. The guidance is also under constant review and could change at any time. Therefore, we are keeping many aspects of our school organisation. This will make it easier if we have to go back to full restrictions and not cause a nuisance to our parents, children and staff if things are constantly having to change. Also some aspects have brought benefits to the smooth and calm running of the school. For example, the children eating lunch in their classrooms with their friends, each year group having their own entrance/exit to the school building.

Staggered Starts and Finishes – these have brought lots of benefits including safety outside school, traffic congestion, crowded and noisy corridors. We have, however, shortened the interval from 15 minutes to 10 minutes to ease the waiting time for parents with children with different start times.

	Classes	Entrance	Timings
Y6	Walnut + Chestnut	2	8.50am Start 3.15pm Finish
Y5	Birch + Hawthorn	3	8.40am Start 3.05pm Finish
Y4	Elder + Sycamore	5	8.50am Start 3.15pm Finish
Y3	Oak + Maple	6	8.40am Start 3.05pm Finish
Y2	Cedar + Rowan	13	8.50am Start 3.15pm Finish
Y1	Hazel + Elm	15	8.40am Start 3.05pm Finish
FS2	Cherry + Willow	19 - Willow 22 - Cherry	8.40am Start 3.05pm Finish
FS1	Ash	23 + 24	AM session-8.50am-11.50am PM session-12.10pm-3.10pm All day session-8.50am-3.10pm



P.E.

In terms of P.E. kit we have decided to have the children in Years 1-6 arriving in their kit on their allocated day. They will wear their P.E. kit in school all day. Your class teachers will communicate which day your child has P.E. on their newsletters via Parent Mail. EYFS will not get changed, as physical activity is part of their continuous provision every day.

Step up plan

If we do have to tighten restrictions, the way we have organised things will mean that any changes will hopefully not affect you as parents. We would go back to consistent bubbles and zoned playgrounds, but everything else covers us to easily move between the different scenarios.

As you can see, there are lots of potential changes and a need for flexibility, just as we have seen throughout this school year. I want to assure you that we are ready and have robust plans in place to welcome your children back. Thank you once again and we wish everyone a safe and happy summer and look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Love always
Mrs Cox