

English Hubs

St. Michael's English Hub

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you and your families are well and that you have had a lovely Christmas and a great New Year. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back on Thursday 6th January.

Once again, we are aware of a rise of COVID cases in the surrounding areas over the Christmas period and know that we have some families who have been affected or are still being affected.

The Senior Leadership Team have reviewed current procedures and believe some of the measures introduced last half term will remain for at least the next 6 weeks. We will continue with a 'bubble' system and will continue with staggered starts and finishes however the gaps between drop off and collections have been reduced. The same one way system will remain in place.

We have slightly altered the start and finish times for the school day. If parents can check the start and finish times to ensure the children arrive at the right time. If you have children in different year groups they should be dropped off at the earliest time and picked up at the latest time. We will do the register at the end of the end of the allocated year group time.

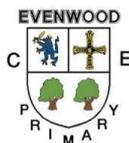
Year Group	Drop off time	Pick up time
Nursery and Reception	8.50am—8.55am	3.15pm
Year 1 /2	8.45am—8.50am	3.15pm
Year 3/4	8.40am—8.45am	3.20pm
Year 5/6	8.40am—8.45am	3.20pm

We have been asked to remind parents that when picking up they must try and maintain a two meter social distance. Once children have been collected, you must leave the school grounds as soon as possible. If parents can ensure the children do not climb on the railings or play on the grassed area to ensure their safety.

From next week, swimming will recommence for the children that were going in the Autumn term. If they can bring their swimming kits into school on the morning.

The timetable below shows the PE and forest school days. If the children come into school ready for the day.

Year Group	PE Day	Forest School Day
Nursery and Reception	Thursday	Wednesday
Year 1 /2	Monday	Tuesday
Year 3	Friday	Thursday
Year 4	Friday	Thursday
Year 5/6	Wednesday	Friday



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We continue to limit the number of visitors into school. If a parent needs to make an appointment with a member of staff, please contact the office to book a phone call.

Our wrapround care will continue from 8.00am on a morning and until 4pm on an evening. This can be booked via Parent Pay. The wrap around care should be booked by midday the Friday before the following week. This is to ensure that lists are updated. If you need childcare after this time, please e-mail or ring the school office.

As a school, we ask for parents and family members to:

- be extra vigilant and check your children for symptoms of Covid 19. If they are displaying any symptoms, we ask for the children to go for a PCR test. This should not be a lateral flow test, as per guidance.
- follow Government guidance if someone in your household or someone you have been in close contact to has Covid 19. If your child is a close contact, the government are asking children over the age of 5 to take a daily lateral flow for 7 days.
- isolate for 10 days if children have tested positive for Covid 19 on a PCR unless they have had 2 negative lateral flow tests in days 6 and 7 of isolation. The lateral flow tests must be 24 hours apart and must both be negative.

If your child has recently tested positive and they will not be in school on Thursday 6th January, could you please email the school (bishopmiddleham@durhamlearning.net) or phone and leave a message with the following information so we have an overview of the school's situation in relation to Covid:

- Child's name
- Class
- When they tested positive
- When their isolation period finishes.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs L. Vollans

Executive Headteacher

Mrs B. Dawson

Head of School

Mr D. Bowes

Chair of Governors