

# Cockton Hill Junior School Newsletter

## Week beginning 28th Sept 2020

As you are all aware the government have tightened lockdown restrictions in the North East these were put in place on Wednesday 30th September. The Local Authority have also updated their Risk Assessment for schools. As part of wider restrictions families must ensure that they are continuing with social distancing on the yard. We are glad that informal collection arrangements for families still stands meaning if a grandparent for example collects a child that is still allowed. **A very important reminder that if ANYONE in your household has symptoms the WHOLE household must isolate until a test result is returned.** Thank you to all our families who continue to work with the school during these challenging times.

### End of the school day

These are some questions that have been asked by parents this week—the answers we feel would be beneficial for all families.

### **Why can't everyone come out at the same time?**

In school each year group is in their own bubble and they do not mix on the yard or around school. By doing this we reduce the number of pupils who would need to self isolate if we have a confirmed case. Also we cannot have all 224 pupils and their families on site at the same time as families would not be able to socially distance.

### **Why can't you finish earlier?**

We are already finishing slightly early in order to be closer to the infant dismissal times. We cannot finish earlier as KS2 pupils have more teaching time to complete and for example if we lost 30 minutes a day over a term that builds up to over a whole week of school and learning time lost!

### **Can I collect my child early?**

At present if you have evidence of a medical appointment, for example, you could still collect your child early as is normal procedure. We cannot release pupils because another school is finishing early.

### **What about when the weather is bad?**

If the weather is bad and you have no shelter we will open the gates earlier so that the gazebo can be used whilst observing social distancing. We will be as prompt as possible in the worst weather so that you are not waiting any longer than needed.

### **Why are you dismissing in the order you are?**

Our oldest children are more likely to walk home so they can be offsite as quickly as possible reducing the number on the yard and this supports social distancing further. For our youngest we know how crowded the yard can be in normal times and by having them last the majority of adults and other pupils are offsite so we can safely pair them up with the adult who is collecting them. As the weeks have progressed we have become more efficient at this we now have a window of collection to support this. Pupils will be on the yard between these times. As always we will keep this under review.

Y6 + siblings	15:00-15:05
Y5 + siblings	15:05-15:10
Y4 + siblings	15:10- 15:15
Y3	15:15-15:20



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### Key dates this half term

23rd Oct School closes at the end of the school day for half term

# Rewards, Awards & Celebrations

Achieve and Believe assemblies are held on Monday mornings. This is a very special assembly as we celebrate the achievements and reward from the previous weeks learning.

**Self Belief:** Salem C 3C Benny W 3C Bobbie-Jo W 3H Tiana J 5C Kaitlyn P 6H

**Passion:**

**Respect:** Ruqayah R 3C Lacie Mae D 4C Grace N 4h Casey M 6C Kenzie D 6H

**Determination:** Lilly-Mae J 4H Aiden L 5C Hallie B 5H

**Teamwork:** Elliot H 3C Sophie H 3H Tallulah H 4C Savanna M 6C

## Team Points

1st Green 608    2nd Blue 347    3rd Red 320    4th Yellow 254

School Holidays 2020-2021	School closes at The end of the school	School reopens for all children at 8:55 a.m.
October half term	Friday 23 October 2020	Monday 2 November 2020
Christmas holiday	Friday 18 December 2020	Monday 4 January 2021
February half term holiday	Friday 12 February 2021	Monday 22 February 2021
Easter holiday	Friday 26 March 2021	Monday 12 April 2021
May Bank holiday	Friday 30 April 2021	Tuesday 4 May 2021
SATs week	Monday 10 May 2021	Thursday 13 May 2021
May half term holiday	Wednesday 26 May 2021	Monday 7 June 2021
Summer holiday	Friday 16 July 2021	To be confirmed.

### Governing Body

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