



September 17<sup>th</sup> 2021

### Reception School Places September 2022

The window for applying for Reception places opened on Monday and runs until January 15th 2022. If you would like to visit school, please contact the School Office who will arrange this with you. Parent/Carers of all children eligible to start Reception must submit an application. Further details on the process can be found [here](#).

### Secondary School Places September 2022

The application for secondary places is also open for the parents/carers of children in Year 6. Further information about the process can be found [here](#).

### Covid 19

It is really important that parents/carers do not send their child to school with any of the following symptoms. If you have COVID-19, you should not be bringing your child to school yourself and should arrange for others to bring and collect your child.

Please take a cautious approach at this time: -

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

The basic principles are if your child has COVID 19 or any of the COVID 19 symptoms they should not be attending school. A link for ordering PCR tests is [here](#) or you can also telephone 119. It is advisable to have the test as quickly as possible and report the outcome to school as soon as possible.

The guidance around close contacts and households has changed as have the rules around self-isolation. The link is [here](#) but it is advisable to contact the school as each case may be slightly different. Thank you.

### Dogs on site

Please be aware that we **do not allow dogs on site** (apart from assistance dogs).

### Year 3 visits

We were very fortunate with the weather for our visits to the river and the town this week. The Year 3 children behaved beautifully and learnt some new facts to complement their work in Geography and History. Well done Year 3!

### Year 6 visit to Babuls

To celebrate National Curry Week, the Year 6 children have been invited to Babuls in town to find out more about Indian cuisine. Perhaps I might be needed to help supervise this visit too! The visit is on the morning of October 4<sup>th</sup> and consents have been sent out today.

### Alternative meal

Unfortunately, today, Mrs Slater our school cook, reported a fault on the cooker and we were unable to provide hot meals. The children had sandwiches instead. We apologise for this and normal service will resume on Monday.

### **Morrisons It's Good to Grow**

We have registered with the Morrisons It's Good to Grow Scheme. From September, for every £10 spent in store or online, you'll get one Grow Token that your local school can then redeem for a wide range of gardening and growing equipment. Download the MyMorrisons app to donate tokens to our school, you can see how we are doing by visiting [here](#). Thank you to the families who have donated to date.

### **Barnard Castle Cricket Club (BCCC)**

Please see a message below from BCCC.

'Barney Cricket Juniors have had a fantastic summer of Friday Fun cricket training at our Vere Road ground.

We have seen close to 750 young players sign up to our summer sessions and we want to repeat this offer this winter to keep the local young people active.

Before and after the 2021 Christmas break we plan to deliver sessions at Teesdale Sports Centre every Friday as follows: -

Starting Friday 8th October

5-6pm Girls Only sessions 8 years +  
6-7pm Under 11 players  
7-8pm Under 13 players'

Some members of the cricket team will be coming to school next week so children can ask any questions then. Good luck for the big match this weekend.

### **TCR Hub Activities**

As usual, there are many great events happening at TCR Hub for children and families. More information on upcoming events can be found [here](#).

### **Online safety contracts**

As part of our procedures for online safety, we ask children and parents to sign an Acceptable Use contract. These have been sent out to the children who have started with us this year or have moved from one Key stage to another. Please sign and return these as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **Diary dates**

September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5 Swimming
September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Service and Police to visit school
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 to Babuls
October 25 <sup>th</sup> -October 29 <sup>th</sup>	Half term

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