



Head of School's Introduction

Welcome back one and all after what I hope was an enjoyable break for your children and yourselves. This first week back has flown by and children have once again settled in brilliantly. As we now enter another national lockdown, we are aiming to keep as much normality for the pupils in our care. Please look out for any potential changes on our Twitter feed and in our weekly newsletters. We do not envisage anything changing though.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr White

Weekly News Health and Safety

Covid Symptoms

Just a quick reminder to speak immediately to the office if your child comes down with any symptoms associated with Covid 19 or has to isolate if someone in the family has symptoms. This will allow us to keep track of any potential isolation periods as well as allowing us to send out work should you require it. If your child has to stay off school while you await a **Covid 19 test result** for him/her or a family member, please email the result to office@acomb.pmat.academy. We must receive this before your child can return to school. We have to request this and all messages are treated in confidence.

Parents on site

Please make sure that at drop off and pick up that only one parent or carer is on site during this time. This is to allow as few adults on site as possible.

Masks

Thank you so much for continuing to wear masks around the site.

Roundabout

Please remember to always drive or cycle clockwise round the roundabout at the main entrance to the school, as you would anywhere else. Cyclists should also wheel their cycles once in the school grounds. Thank you.

Dogs

Please do not bring dogs on site unless they are support dogs. This includes the parking area at the front of the school. Thank you

Times Tables Rock Stars

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, this November we are taking part in a competition for Maths Week England. It's called Rock Out 2020 and it's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com.

For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours). Winning classes in the school and in the country as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 7.30am and 7.30pm on Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th.





In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans. We suggest a limit of half an hour a day outside school hours – some will play more, some will play less.
Thanks for your support.

Mrs Stevens and Miss Bevins

Active Travel Day – Get It Bright

Get it bright day - Friday 20th November

To draw attention to the changing seasons and the need to remain visible when travelling to and from school, Friday 20th November will be a 'Get it bright' day. We are encouraging all the children to come in non-uniform clothes and wear their brightest clothing. Children will be completing work about road safety and keeping safe during winter, in their classes, throughout the day.

Best Vest design competition

With the clocks having gone back and the mornings and evenings drawing in, we are launching a competition to design an amazing, customised hi-vis jacket. The competition launches today and will be judged by Kallum Taylor, the local ward councillor for Holgate. The winning design will be turned into a real hi-vis jacket to be presented to the winner at school. If you would like to enter, please complete the attached template and return to your class teacher by November 13th.

T. Dennis

Adventure Photography

The proofs will be given out on Monday. All orders must be made online and you have until Thursday 19th November to take advantage of the free delivery to school option. After that time post and package charges will apply.

Coronavirus Support Line

The City of York's Education Psychology Service are offering telephone support to those of you who may have questions or concerns about this. See the attached flyer for more information.

Menu Change and Christmas lunch

The following change has been made to Week 3 of the menu cycle: On Mondays pulled pork will be replaced by breaded chicken fillet and on Wednesdays chicken and vegetable pie will be replaced by roast gammon. Christmas lunch will take place during the week commencing 7th December but will be served on two separate days this year. Look out for a letter next week giving dates and choices.

Reception Caricatures

A reminder that the caricatures are still available for those who haven't collected them. Donations can be made online via your child's account on ParentPay.

Regular Updates Change of Address

If you have changed your address, phone number or email address, please let us know by emailing office@acomb.pmat.academy and we will update our records. It is, however, your responsibility to update your details on ParentPay.



Pathfinder Newsletter

The Pathfinder newsletter can be found at <https://pathfinder.academy/news/>

Illness and Absence

We realise that there are a number of colds and sniffles going round the children and it is a difficult time knowing what to do about this. We have sent you a flowchart that should help you when making a decision about whether your child should attend school. You can also find a copy on our Twitter feed.

(<https://twitter.com/acombprimary>).

Flu Immunisation Date – Advanced Notice

Immunisations are still due to take place at school on Tuesday 24th November 2020. Please see the attached the online link <https://fx.hdfn.nhs.uk/FluConsent/Form1/#!/Page1> to the booking form which must be completed by parents/carers (not the school). Our school code 144265.

Holgate Windmill

The Holgate Windmill Preservation Society has produced a recipe book to raise funds. It costs £5 and can be purchased from the Windmill between 10am and midday on a Saturday. They accept cash or card payments. Two of the children's favourite recipes prepared by our kitchen staff are in the book too!

Contacting Teachers

During the past few weeks, many KS2 teachers have been receiving emails from pupils at the weekend. Could I please advise you to speak to your children about this and ask that they only send emails to staff during school time please or schedule such emails for Monday mornings.

Admissions Consultation for 2022-23 Entry

This year's Admissions Consultation is being jointly held by all admissions authorities in the City of York between 12 October and 29 November 2020. The consultation includes the admissions policies and planned number of places available at each school for entry in September 2022. For more information and to respond to the consultation, please visit the admissions page on our website or www.york.gov.uk/AdmissionsConsultation.