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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer term. Hopefully you managed to make the most of the weather in all its various forms, enjoying time with your family – away from screens!

As we move forward as a nation, slowly casting off some of the restrictions, the future is filled with excitement and positivity. It is likely that there will be adjustments over the forthcoming months, and we will keep you informed as they emerge.

The school day

We will continue to have a staggered timetable to enable groups to be kept apart. This includes the beginning and end of the day.

To reduce the amount of people entering and leaving the school site at the same time, children will have specified drop-off and pick-up times. Please make sure you are only on site during the allotted window.

You should maintain distancing and all times and leave the site swiftly.

The beginning of the day has been working really well as people have been waiting in cars until 8.45 to avoid waiting at the gate. Unfortunately, this has not been happening at the end of day, resulting in people congregating in the carpark. **Please avoid entering the site, including the school carpark, until 3.15.**

	Where
Class 1	Class 1 door
Class 2	Gate into Class 1 outside area
Class 3	External hall door (old large one on the left as you enter the school site)
Class 4	Staff car park
Class 5	Class 5 door onto the playground



A one-way system is in place where by entry at the start of the day is through the small metal gate and entry at the end of the day is through the staff car park.

Drop off and pick up windows	Drop off	Pick up
If the eldest's child's surname falls in the alphabet A-M inclusively	8.45-8.50	3.15-3.20
If the eldest's child's surname falls in the alphabet N-Z inclusively	8.50-8.55	3.20-3.25

If you are delayed and miss the allotted time, please telephone the school office to make alternative arrangements.

Please do not enter the school site if you are displaying any coronavirus symptoms.

- Please ensure that you maintain social distancing from others when dropping off and collecting your child from our school.
- Please follow any guidance issued by us to help with this e.g. only one adult per family should enter school grounds to drop off or collect.
- For those travelling by car we ask that you wait in your car until your specific drop off time. This will reduce the amount of people assembling in and around the school grounds and will help with social distancing.
- We recommend that all parents/carers entering the school premises (and in other congested areas around school premises) wear a face covering in addition to social distancing. This is an extra safeguard to reduce the transmission of the virus. Please note that this does not apply to those who are medically exempt. You must keep at least two metres apart from other parents/carers at all times.

If you or your child displays symptoms

Parents and carers must understand that they will need to be ready and willing to:

- [book a test](#) if they or their child are displaying symptoms. **Pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and will be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school.** All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit
- provide details of anyone they or their child have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace
- [self-isolate](#) if they have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), or if anyone in their household develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)

Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS [testing and tracing for coronavirus website](#), or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing.

Wraparound Care

Anyone who wishes to attend either breakfast club or 3.15 Club are welcome, provided there are places available.

Both clubs will operate in the dining room which can be found at the end of Class 1's outside area. Please do not touch anything as you pass through as it is kept clean for use by their class.

Breakfast Club Opening time: 7.30 a.m. till school begins Monday to Friday Available to: all children attending school	3.15 Club Opening times: end of the school day till 5.15 p.m. Monday to Thursday Available to: children 4 years and above
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Cost: £5 per session	Cost: £6 per session If children would like a snack, they should bring their own with them.
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Places are booked by contacting Mrs Colley by email at club@sharow.n-yorks.sch.uk

Educational Visits

We are delighted that non-residential educational visits are now permitted to take place. These will be thoroughly risk assessed, taking into account current government guidance. Look out for these taking place over the summer term.

Government guidance for parents and carers

Updated guidance on [what parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges](#) and [parents and carers of children attending out-of-school settings during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#).

Rapid Lateral Flow Tests

Tests are available to all adults in England.

[Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place during the week beginning 3rd May. These will take place remotely and further details will be shared soon.

Travelling to and from school

As the weather improves, we encourage you to walk or cycle to school where possible. Bikes can be stored near the school entrance.

Bike Shelter

You will see that we have had a fantastic bike shelter erected over the Easter break, that provides weatherproof storage. This has been made possible due to a contribution from North Yorkshire County Council. On Friday 16th April, County Councillor Mike Chambers will be joining the Butterfield family on their journey to school and officially opening the bike shelter on arrival.

Sustrans Big Pedal

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Peace Garden

The Peace Garden has been refreshed over the Easter break. The decking has been replaced with a cobbled area, making use of cobbles that were part of the old stables. It is hoped that this will provide a long lasting and interesting surface for children to move over when they spend quiet time in the garden.

Thank for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs Jacqui Palmer
Executive Headteacher



 We promise to flourish together 



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What do you need to do?

Encourage your child(ren) to take active journeys to school on as many days as possible during the event, and join them on their way.

Or, if your child(ren) are learning from home, take active journeys from home with them or encourage them to do physical activity on as many days as possible instead.

Tell us what you've done at home

If your child(ren) are taking part in Sustrans Big Pedal from home, you can let their teacher know if they have been on an active journey or completed a physical activity by emailing the class email address.

Please use this communication channel to let us know if other family members (including parents and siblings not at the school) have joined in as supporter activity counts in the competition too.

Why we are taking part

Sustrans Big Pedal is a great way to get children active, which is important for physical health and mental wellbeing.



Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. Covid-19 has made active travel to school is even more important. The Department for Education have said encouraging active travel to school helps “to enable pupils to be physically active while encouraging physical distancing.”

Plus there are some great prizes to be won every day if we get enough children taking part!

Cycle, walk, scoot and snap to win family prizes

You and your family can also win prizes during Sustrans Big Pedal. Simply post a photo of you and your child(ren) cycling, walking, wheeling or scooting to school on social media during the challenge using #BigPedalWin.

To be in with a chance of winning, you'll need to follow Sustrans on Instagram [instagram.com/sustrans](https://www.instagram.com/sustrans), Twitter twitter.com/sustrans or Facebook [facebook.com/Sustrans](https://www.facebook.com/Sustrans).

Be sure to check the terms and conditions found on the Big Pedal website prior to entering the competition.

The Big Pedal is For Everyone

We want to make sure that everyone can get involved Sustrans Big Pedal.

We know there may be things which make it more difficult for some pupils to take part than others. For example, some children may have different mobility needs or limited computer access for telling us about activity done at home. This should not stand in the way of your child(ren) taking part.

If you want to discuss more about your child(ren)'s specific needs, please contact the school office and we will make sure that there is a way for your child to take part.

Useful resources

To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a handy free guide packed with advice, games and challenges to help you have hassle-free cycle, walk or scoot to school.

[Download your free family guide](https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-family-guide/) using this link:
<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-family-guide/>

Please use the below link for tips on staying safe on the school run during lockdown:
<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/get-active/2020/everyday-walking-and-cycling/how-to-stay-safe-on-the-school-run-during-lockdown/>.

For more information about the event go to www.bigpedal.org.uk. Enjoy the challenge!