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Friday 12th February 2021,

Dear Parents, Carers & Friends,

Half Term Holiday

We will be breaking up today for half term **at 3.15pm**. We are not required to be open during half term to provide childcare provision for children of Critical workers. We will return to school on **Monday 22nd February at 8.00am** continuing with our remote learning for the majority of pupils and childcare provision for those of you who are Critical workers.

If you are a Critical Worker and need to book your child into school for the week commencing Monday 22nd February, please could you email admin@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk as soon as possible to let us know which days you require provision. Please remember that we do require at least **24 hours notice should you require a place for your child/children to enable us to organise appropriate staffing in school. Thank you.**

The government has said that schools will be given 2 weeks notice of any plans to reopen to more children and we will of course let you know when we receive any updates on this.

As always, should we experience any snow or adverse weather conditions after half term, we will do all we can to keep school open. However, this is not always possible if it puts our staff, parents or pupils at risk to their safety. We do ask that when the weather is bad, please do not set off to school until we can confirm that we have a teacher on site. Please keep an eye on Facebook and on your email for updates. Facebook link below:

- Facebook - [Egton CE VA Primary School - Home | Facebook](#)

Test and Trace in Half Term

We continue to be responsible for Test and Trace during the first part of half term. It is crucial that if your child has been in school during the week prior to half term and subsequently tests positive for Covid, that you contact us immediately on admin@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk. The admin emails will continue to be monitored for covid reporting purposes only over the half term holiday. Thank you.

St Hilda's Moorland Federation Consultation

Egton School has been working in a very positive partnership with Danby School since May 2017. The Governing Body are now seeking to cement the relationship between the two schools even further by uniting the schools from informal Collaboration to formal Federation. For further information please have a look on our website [HERE](#). We have also attached all the relevant documents to this email.

I am very happy to chat to anyone about this process and the reasons behind it and would like to reassure you that both schools will continue to work as they do now and retain their separate identities and names.

Have a lovely half term and stay safe!

Best wishes,

Liz

Liz Orland
Headteacher

The information below has not changed but is still relevant.

REMINDER - Key/Critical Worker Provision

The guidance now states that if you are able to keep your child at home then you should.

Please do understand that this is emergency provision for the times that you are not able to care for your child at home because of your critical work. It continues to be important that we have as few children and members of staff on site as possible to minimise the person to person contact.

- Please book ahead (preferably 24 hours notice) via email
- Let us know if you will need to use breakfast club
- Let us know if you require a school dinner, thank you
- If you will require your normal school transport

Please understand that if your child is in school they may not necessarily be with their own class teacher. We will be operating in one mixed bubble. Children will be accessing the same remote education as children working from home as duty staff will still need to be managing the remote education for the rest of the school.

REMINDER- Covid testing

If your children are attending or have attended school so far this term please do remember to let us know if they begin to show any symptoms of Covid or you have taken them for a Covid test. We are still required to report all cases of Covid linked to our school. Thank you.

REMINDER - Staff Contact

Please contact your class teacher via email in the first instance if you are experiencing difficulties with any aspect of the remote learning or google access. Thank you.

l.tokarski@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk

l.wardle@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk

p.seller@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk

g.robertson@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk

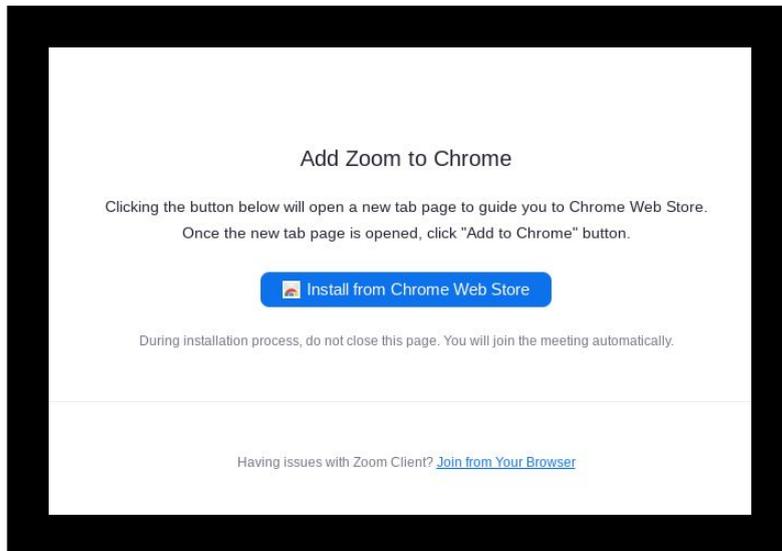
Please note that staff will only be responding to children's comments/questions and emails within school hours. They do need time to prepare and mark.

REMINDER - Daily Worship and Teacher Meets

We have a fantastic response to our daily get togethers with over 30 children joining us regularly. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible for our daily worship and teacher briefings which we are glad to hear are really useful.

Please contact the school for the link.

For those of you using one of the School Chromebooks, when you try to use Zoom for the first time you will need to click on **Join a Meeting** at the top right and enter the meeting ID in the box.



This will then take you to a screen like that shown above, which gives you the option to **Add Zoom to Chrome**. Please do not click on the blue box as this will try to add the Zoom app to the chromebook which cannot be done. Instead, at the bottom of the page there is a message which reads 'Having problems with Zoom Client? [Join from your Browser](#)'. Click on the blue [Join from your browser](#) and this will take you to the webpage to allow you to join the meeting.

Remote Learning Updates

We have created a new page on our website where you can find the school guidance and information for Remote Learning provision [HERE](#). This includes Pupil and Parent guidance for participating in live sessions.

Junior staff will be online through google meet from 10.15-10.45am for live Maths support and 11.30-12pm for live English support. This is to support the daily lessons which we would encourage the children to have accessed first. Then, at 2.45pm, there will be an End of Day Feedback and Debriefing session. All sessions can be accessed via the Stream in the classroom just before the session starts.

Please note that in line with the latest risk assessment we are now advised to record our live sessions. By allowing your child to take part it is assumed that you have given permission for this. Recordings are stored in line with Google Policy and are not used for any other purpose other than being available should a safeguarding issue arise.

As always, if you have any queries or require additional support with any aspect of remote learning, please email your child's class teacher.

Safeguarding during the Covid-19 Pandemic

As always we remain aware of our children's safety. Below you can find some information and links should you be concerned or feel that you need to access some support.

Children: [Click here to be taken to the Childline site if you have any worries](#)

Adults: You can:

1) **contact the school:** Safeguarding Lead Liz Orland (01287 660345;

headteacher@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk or 01947 895369;

headteacher@egton.n-yorks.sch.uk)

2) **contact the North Yorkshire safeguarding team on 01609 780780.** If it is outside office hours, ask to speak to the Emergency Duty Team.

3) **contact the NSPCC** to discuss your worries and report concerns-always report a concern, even if you are not certain.

4) If you have a concern about safety online, [click here to be taken to the CEOP website.](#)

5) If you have a concern about mental health, call the North Yorkshire mental health helpline: 0800 561 0076.

Police Safety Guidance

We would like to draw your attention to the following online safety guidance.

<https://northyorkshire.police.uk/news/top-tips-to-keep-children-safe-online-during-the-current-covid-19-lockdown/>