



HOUSEKEEPING NEWS



**NOVEMBER
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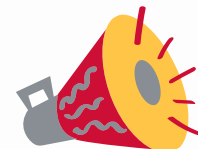
YOUR HALF TERMLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT DAY TO DAY MATTERS!

SCHOOL DROP OFF & PICK UP

IT SEEMS LIKE MORE PARENTS/CARERS THAN EVER DRIVE THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL OR PICK THEM UP AT THE END OF THE DAY. THIS CREATES CONGESTION AND WE ASK THAT ALL DRIVERS ARE PATIENT AND COURTEOUS DURING THESE TIMES. PLEASE DO NOT PARK OPPOSITE THE YELLOW LINES OUTSIDE SCHOOL. DRIVE SLOWLY AND WITH CONSPICUOUS CAUTION - WE HAVE SEEN SOME POOR DECISIONS AND IMPATIENT DRIVING IN RECENT WEEKS WHICH COULD INCREASE RISK TO CHILDREN. WE GIVE, AND CONTINUALLY REINFORCE, MESSAGES TO OUR STUDENTS ABOUT THEIR MOVEMENTS AND TRAFFIC AWARENESS AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY BUT CLEARLY THE SHEER VOLUME OF YOUNG PEOPLE DEMANDS THAT ADULTS DRIVING IN OR AROUND SCHOOL AT THOSE TIMES MUST EXERCISE CONSISTENT CARE AND ATTENTION. THANK YOU.

DAILY SPEND LIMITS

IF YOU WISH TO AMEND YOUR CHILD'S DAILY SPEND LIMIT, PLEASE EMAIL FINANCE@THIRSKSCHOOL.ORG STATING BOTH YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND THE VALUE YOU WISH TO CHANGE IT TO.



SCHOOL LUNCH ACCOUNTS

THANK YOU FOR ENSURING THAT YOUR CHILD HAS CREDIT ON THEIR LUNCH ACCOUNT IF THEY WISH TO PURCHASE ITEMS FROM THE SCHOOL KITCHEN. WE RECOGNISE THAT LIFE IS BUSY AND ON OCCASION THE ACCOUNT MAY SLIP INTO DEBT; PLEASE MAY WE REMIND YOU THAT CREDIT SHOULD BE ADDED READY FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL DAY. TEXT AND EMAIL REMINDERS ARE ISSUED REGULARLY TO THOSE WITH DEBT ON THEIR ACCOUNT, THANK YOU FOR ACTING UPON THESE AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL ISSUES AND NEED EXTRA TIME TO MAKE PAYMENTS, PLEASE CONTACT FINANCE@THIRSKSCHOOL.ORG.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

IF YOU GET CERTAIN BENEFITS, YOUR CHILD COULD ALSO QUALIFY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS DURING ALL SCHOOL YEARS. TO QUALIFY YOU MUST BE RECEIVING:

UNIVERSAL CREDIT, PROVIDED YOU HAVE AN ANNUAL NET EARNED INCOME OF NO MORE THAN £7,400, AS ASSESSED BY EARNINGS FROM UP TO THREE OF YOUR MOST RECENT ASSESSMENT PERIODS (£616.67 PER MONTH)

INCOME SUPPORT
INCOME-BASED JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE

INCOME-RELATED EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT ALLOWANCE
SUPPORT UNDER PART SIX OF THE IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM ACT 1999
THE GUARANTEE ELEMENT OF PENSION CREDIT

CHILD TAX CREDIT, PROVIDED YOU ARE ALSO NOT ENTITLED TO WORKING TAX CREDIT AND HAVE AN ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD GROSS INCOME THAT DOES NOT EXCEED £16,190 (AS ASSESSED BY HMRC)

WORKING TAX CREDIT RUN-ON, PAID FOR FOUR WEEKS AFTER YOU STOP QUALIFYING FOR WORKING TAX CREDIT
PLEASE NOTE THAT CONTRIBUTIONS-BASED BENEFITS, INCLUDING CONTRIBUTION-RELATED JOBSEEKERS' ALLOWANCE DO NOT ENTITLE YOU TO CLAIM FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

IF YOU WISH TO APPLY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS, YOU CAN DO SO AT: [FREE SCHOOL MEALS | NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL](#)



16-19 BURSARY SCHEME

THIS IS A FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME FOR STUDENTS WHEN HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS LESS THAN £30,000.

A SIMPLE APPLICATION FORM TOGETHER WITH EVIDENCE PROVIDED ALLOWS STUDENTS ACCESS TO SOME FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ACADEMIC PROGRESS. THE COULD INCLUDE TRIP'S OPEN DAYS, STATIONARY, COURSES, TRAVEL EXPENSES AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS. TO APPLY, PLEASE SEE THE BELOW FORMS AND INFORMATION.
BURSARY FUND POLICY STATEMENT 2024
FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT FORM 2024

SCHOOL TRIPS

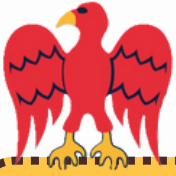
IF YOUR CHILD IS ATTENDING A SCHOOL TRIP THAT IS NOT IN THE LOCAL AREA (AS DEFINED IN PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS), THEN WE NEED TO COLLECT CONSENT FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE INCLUDED. CONSENT CAN BE GIVEN BY MAKING A PAYMENT VIA PARENTPAY OR BY COMPLETING THE CONSENT LINK WHICH CAN BE FOUND ON THE TRIP LETTER/EMAIL. WHICHEVER CONSENT OPTION YOU CHOOSE, THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING IT BY THE DEADLINE SHOWN ON THE COMMUNICATION TO ALLOW THE PAPERWORK TO BE COMPLETED IN A TIMELY MANNER. WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT CONSENTS THAT ARE RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE DATE.

UNIFORMERLY

UNIFORMERLY - OUR PRELOVED UNIFORM SELLING PLATFORM
A REMINDER THAT WE HAVE A LARGE NUMBER OF PRELOVED ITEMS LISTED ON - WWW.UNIFORMERLY.CO.UK
YOU MAY NOTICE THAT SOME OF THE PE KIT LISTED HERE IS 'OLD LOGO' - THESE CAN BE WORN IN PE WITHOUT ISSUE.
IF YOU FIND AN ITEM YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE OR SIMPLY ASK A QUESTION ABOUT, YOU CAN DO THIS FROM WITHIN ITEM LISTING. FOR ITEMS SOLD BY THIRSK SCHOOL, THESE MESSAGES WILL COME TO A SPECIFIC EMAIL ADDRESS RUN BY THE FINANCE OFFICE. ONCE A SALE HAS BEEN AGREED, THE ITEM CAN BE COLLECTED FROM THIRSK SCHOOL RECEPTION AT AN AGREED TIME; WE WOULD ASK THAT PAYMENT IS MADE IN CASH, AND CHANGE IS NOT REQUIRED PLEASE.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT PRELOVED.UNIFORM@THIRKSCHOOL.ORG
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DROP OFF ANY BRANDED UNIFORM ITEMS FOR US TO LIST ON THE SITE, PLEASE DROP THEM INTO THE BOX IN RECEPTION.

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IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT, PLEASE CALL THE ATTENDANCE LINE ON 01845 522024 OPTION 1 – PREFERABLY BEFORE 8.30AM – IT IS THE PARENT’S RESPONSIBILITY TO LET SCHOOL KNOW WHY THEIR CHILD IS NOT IN SCHOOL. ALTERNATIVELY, PLEASE E-MAIL ATTENDANCE.OFFICER@THIRSKSCHOOL.ORG

- **PLEASE REFRAIN FROM USING PHRASES SUCH AS “UNWELL” AND “POORLY” – BE AS SPECIFIC AS YOU CAN AND REMEMBER D&V BUGS NEED A 48-HOUR ABSENCE.**
- **PLEASE BE AS RESILIENT AS POSSIBLE WITH GENERAL ILLNESS, COUGHS/COLDS/SORE THROATS ETC – A CHILD CAN ATTEND SCHOOL WITH THESE.**
- **PLEASE SEE THIS LINK FROM THE NHS - [IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL? - NHS \(WWW.NHS.UK\)](https://www.nhs.uk)**
- **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CONTACT NUMBERS & E-MAIL ADDRESSES ARE UP TO DATE INCASE WE HAVE TO CONTACT YOU!**

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IF YOU HAVEN'T CONTACTED US FIRST, AN ABSENCE TEXT WILL BE SENT AT AROUND 9.30AM ONCE THE FIRST TWO REGISTERS ARE DONE. WE WILL THEN FOLLOW UP WITH A PHONE CALL IF WE DO NOT HEAR FROM YOU.

IF A REASON FOR ABSENCE IS NOT GIVEN, THIS CAN BE RECORDED AS UNAUTHORIZED, WHICH MAY LEAD TO UNFORTUNATE LEGAL ACTION IF THIS CONTINUES.

IF ABSENCE PERSISTS AND WE HAVE CONCERNS AND WANT TO CHECK EVERYTHING IS OK – OUR TEAM WILL ATTEMPT A HOME VISIT AND LEAVE A CALLING CARD ASKING YOU TO CONTACT US IF THIS IS NOT SUCCESSFUL.

IF THERE ARE ANY ISSUES AT SCHOOL OR YOUR CHILD IS STRUGGLING – PLEASE CONTACT SOMEONE AT SCHOOL TO DISCUSS THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE WITH ATTENDANCE.

SCHOOL MINIBUS

IF YOUR CHILD HAS A SEAT ON THE SCHOOL MINIBUS SERVICE, MAY WE DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE MINIBUS POLICY TRANSPORT. AMONGST OTHER THINGS, THIS DOCUMENT LETS YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO IN SCENARIO'S SUCH AS CHANGING YOUR BOOKING PATTERN ETC. ITS IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT PAYMENTS SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY THE DUE DATE ON PARENTPAY; FAILURE TO MAKE TIMELY PAYMENTS MAY RESULT IN YOUR CHILD'S SEAT BEING REALLOCATED.

MCAS

WE ARE WORKING HARD TO ENSURE ALL PARENTS ARE LOGGING IN TO AND USING THE MYCHILDATSCHOOL (MCAS) APP REGULARLY. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LOG IN PLEASE EMAIL JENNY.CRABTREE@THIRSKSCHOOL.ORG.

WE RECENTLY CONTACTED ALL PARENTS ABOUT LOCAL AREA TRIP CONSENTS. CAN YOU PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE TICKED THE CONSENTS ON MCAS, THIS SAVES A LOT OF ADMIN TIME FOR LOCAL AREA VISITS AND SPORTING FIXTURES. THANK YOU

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