

# NORTH HEATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 19

Dear Parent/s / Carer/s

### **Full Opening**

Full attendance of all pupils is mandatory from Monday 8 March 2021. From that date, all remote provision will stop unless pupils need to be isolated. We are in an excellent position to manage the change effectively as all of our classes have been open during the partial closure.

All of our effective systems of control will remain in place, as will our rigorous approach to test and trace and the opportunity all staff have to take a test twice a week at home. The risk assessment will be updated and on the website by the end of next week should you wish to take a view. We have received some updates from the local authority today, so it need cross checking first.

Pleasingly, there is very little change to the organisation we had in place before lockdown and we simply cannot wait to welcome all pupils back on to site!

### **Social Distancing Measures**

Children must be dropped off and collected by **one adult only**. Social distancing must be maintained at all times. We are not allowed to organise drop off and pick up to the detriment of learning time, so the following will be in place:

- Drop off will be from 8.30 – 9.00 for everyone
- Pick up will be from 2.50 – 3.05 for families with more than one child, picking up the youngest first
- Pick up will be from 3.00 – 3.15 for families with one child
- Children who walk home independently will be released at 3.00 PM
- Parents and Carers need to keep their distance from classroom doors at all times and everyone must leave the site as soon as possible

If you waited in the playgrounds for pick up before Christmas then please continue to do so. We will monitor Y5 pick up time as we were concerned at the lack of social distancing at times in that area of the school, especially as it is also the main pathway around school.

### **Organisation**

From Monday 8 March, the following organisation will be in place:

- Year group bubbles will continue

- Uniform is compulsory except on PE days, when PE kit should be worn
- On arrival, children will wash their hands at the classroom sink at the start of the day and then take all their possessions to their designated space where they will be kept (coat on back of chair, lunch box and drinking bottle on/under table)
- Free School Meals for our juniors that are entitled to them and Universal Infant Free School Meals will be delivered to classes, except for Y1 Oak who will eat in the hall. All other pupils will need to bring a packed lunch
- There will be no internal or external clubs/visits/visitors/supply staff/assemblies/performances or community access to internal rooms. It is clearly far too early to organise any events for the summer term.
- All belongings will be stored in the classroom – bags and a reading book are allowed
- Rocketeers will be operational
- Face masks for pupils are not required in school and need to be removed on entry to the site should they be worn for the journey
- All parent/s/carer/s must wear a face mask on site unless you have an exemption lanyard
- Windows, sky lights and internal/external doors will be open for ventilation, bearing in mind safeguarding
- Communication with teachers will continue through the year group e-mails

## **Year 6 Staffing**

Mrs Lowe will continue to work from home so in playing to our strengths, Mrs Chesshire will step in to teach Mulberry class for most of the week. Miss Vincent will return to teach Whitebeam after covering the Y6 bubble so admirably.

## **Protective Measures**

We are duty bound to continue to:

- vigilantly report possible Covid – 19 symptoms
- ensure that any pupil or member of staff with reasonably suspected symptoms of Covid-19 leaves the site and gets a test before returning if negative
- provide work in cases of self-isolation
- remain in our current bubbles
- promote hand cleaning, ensuring 'catch it, bin it, kill it'
- minimise contact on site, especially during drop off and pick up
- sit juniors side by side
- avoid public gatherings
- maintain ventilation
- engage in teacher testing, self-isolation and track and trace where necessary
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## **Attendance**

Whilst we return to our usual attendance policy, we are allowed to refuse a pupil access to site if in our reasonable judgement it is necessary to protect our pupils and staff from possible infection. We know this may be as frustrating for you as it is for us, but we all need to continue to play on the safe side. Do not bring your child to school if you think they are showing Covid – 19 symptoms.

## Behaviour

Although we do not expect this to be the case, where children are unable to follow the protocols that are put in place for the safety of everyone, we will invoke our Behaviour Management Appendix which is available on the website.

## Medication

Pupils that require prescribed medication in school must hand it to their teachers on their return, along with the necessary paperwork (attached).

## Spring Term Dates

Please update your diaries with the following dates:

<b>March</b>	
8	All Pupils Return to School
19	Red Nose Day
<b>April</b>	
1	Last Day of Spring Term
2 – 16	Easter Holiday – School Closed
19	Pupils Return – First day of Summer Term
30	Interim Reports to Parents
<b>May</b>	
3	Bank Holiday
10 – 13	Telephone Parent Consultation Week
31 – 4.June	Summer Half Term
<b>June</b>	
7	Inset Day – School Closed to Pupils
<b>July</b>	
23	Inset Day – School Closed to Pupils

You will be able to book a telephone consultation slot with teachers after you receive an Interim Progress Report at the end of April.

## Thank you

Thank you in advance for all of your efforts to come – this marathon is not over for any of us just yet. The way we approach this period, both individually and collectively, will impact directly on how successful we are. We all need to work together with our usual kindness and patience as we gear our systems up once again to manage a full school.

Kind regards

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