

NORTH HEATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/s / Carer/s

It has been such a busy couple of weeks back in school with so much excellent learning taking place, and it has been a pleasure to catch up with so many pupils during their lunch breaks outside. The children are certainly excited to be back in school with their friends!

Lateral Flow and PCR Tests

First, a reminder that lateral flow tests should only be taken by those without Covid – 19 symptoms. Following local authority and government guidance, anyone showing any symptoms of Covid should go straight to booking the gold standard PCR test to avoid gaining false reassurance from the lateral flow test, and must isolate while awaiting their result. As difficult as this may be, we all need to follow this guidance.

Drive Safely

Please take extra care when driving around the site at pick up time. Our lollipop lady was staggered when one of our community drove across the pedestrian crossing whilst she was in the road stopping traffic for children to cross.

Attendance

With lockdown not impacting on attendance, the current whole school percentage is a staggering 97.53%.

Please remember that any absence must be reported to the office, not the year group emails, as our admin staff maintain these records for us.

Maintain Social Distancing

Please think of how your use of the route around the school, especially opposite our year 5 classrooms, could impact on others – keep the path free and move on from this area to another immediately, where there will be plenty of safer space for you.

Free School Meal Easter Vouchers

Schools have just received information on the arrangements for ordering supermarket food vouchers for Free School Meal eligible children over the Easter holiday. As a result, we will be able to order and distribute one £30 voucher per FSM child to cover the Easter break.

Covid – 19 Reporting over Easter

Parents and carers only need to inform the school of a positive Covid – 19 case via the covid@northheathprimary.co.uk email where symptoms develop within 2 days of being in school (Good Friday and Easter Saturday).

After this (Easter Sunday onwards), you should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Please remember to continue to telephone or email the office next term instead of visiting them in person as we must all continue to minimise any possible transmission of Covid – 19.

Assessment

We have been using a range of methods to assess all pupils since full opening and will be providing interim reports for parent/s/carer/s on Friday 30 April.

After that, you will have an opportunity to book in a telephone consultation during the week beginning 10 May.

Subtitles

Reports suggest that using subtitles on the television can have a positive impact on children's literacy. If you're interested and feel like giving it a go over the holidays you may find this link of interest:

<https://turnonthesubtitles.org/>

Staffing

As Mrs Tasker moves on from the YR team after many years of exceptional service, we welcome Mrs Parkes as a YR Classroom Assistant after Easter as her replacement. We will also be joined by Mrs Jones, who will begin her induction as a Classroom Assistant in Y2 at the same time.

We also welcome back Brighton University students Mr Payne (Y4 Lime) and Miss Lee (Y6 Mulberry) to help them complete their training courses.

We wish Miss Chippett all of the very best as she returns after the break as Mrs Kennedy, and we must not forget Mrs Lowe, who is in our thoughts as she officially starts her maternity leave at the end of this term!

Finally a big thank you to all parent/s/carer/s for working with us so well over the last few months – we don't underestimate the resilience it has taken for us all to get this far together.

Make the most of your Easter and we look forward to welcoming everyone back fit, healthy and well rested, with no new changes to our current routines, on Monday 19 April.

Kind regards

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Headteacher