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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the Prime Ministers roadmap to gradually lifting restrictions, we are very excited; as I am sure you all are, to be welcoming ALL the children back to school on Monday 8th March 2021. I recognise that this is a long letter, but want to make sure we cover all aspects for the safe return of all pupils next week.

Pastoral support

Lockdown has been a difficult time for many of us, including our pupils.

Please let us know if you think your child(ren) might need extra support when returning to school, such as if they feel anxious about coming in or they have experienced a bereavement. You can get in touch with the school office or your child's class teacher to do this.

Our current plans to support your children's wellbeing during this time are:

- To provide wellbeing pastoral support, delivered by each class teacher, combining a whole school focus.
- We will specifically help pupils who are vulnerable or who have difficulty re-engaging in school.
- We will continue to work closely with families and children with SEND.

If you have any questions or concerns about the points we have set out above, please get in touch with the school office Email: office@northborough.peterborough.sch.uk or call us on 01733252204

Attendance

School attendance will be mandatory for all pupils from 8th March. The usual rules and policies on school attendance will apply, including parents' duty to secure their child's regular attendance at school.

However, if you have received clinical or public health advice that your children should remain at home, please let us know and continue to follow that guidance. We will work with you in offering remote education to these pupils.

Should your child not be able to attend school because they are unwell, you should follow the usual arrangements in reporting this. If you feel that your child is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms, you must follow the guidance in this letter.

In and around school

Children will continue to be grouped in their year group class bubbles.

Children will be provided with additional resources in school such as scissors, a glue stick and an individual whiteboard and pen. They will remain with the child and will not be shared with others.

Coming into school buildings without an appointment will not be possible. To make an appointment please contact the school office by phone or e-mail.

Please make sure children have everything they need at the start of the day, to avoid any avoidable drop offs at the school office.

We ask that medication to be given into the office in the usual way.

Asthma – Please provide us with an in-date inhaler on the 8th March.

After school clubs / music tuition

Clubs will resume after Easter. They will be as per government guidance; clubs will be provided to offer support for Critical workers, vulnerable pupils and supporting children's mental health.

Music tuition will continue with JMP and Dan. However, there will be no wind instruments or singing lessons at this point, until it is safe to do so and guidance changes.

Staggered start and end to the day

With the size of our grounds, the multiple entry and exit points situated around the site, as well as easy access to each class door, we are not opting to increase our staggered start and end to the school day. This is to also minimise waiting time if dropping off more than one child. We are aware that there were some issues with some congestion and some parents finding social distancing difficult at times, especially around the Year 4 classroom and EYFS pick up areas.

To alleviate any congestion we ask parents to collect children from the following locations:

- EYFS = Parents to wait and drop off / collect in the covered area and outside the class door
- Year 1,3,5,6 = Parents to wait and drop off / collect from class door as usual.
- Year 2 = Please wait at the Y2 gate side of the fencing, allowing other parents access to Year 1.
- Year 4 = Parents to wait and drop off / collect from Year 3 / 4 cloakroom doors and wait near KS2 play equipment.

We ask that only one adult drops off and picks up to minimise adults on site, also to respect social distancing whilst waiting. We request that parents and carers do not approach class doors keeping social distancing at all times.

IMPORTANT: We will be opening our class doors from 9:05am to allow for a staggered start to the day.

Drop off – Class doors open from 9:05am till 9:15am (Registers close at 9:15am)

Collection – Class doors open from 3:30pm

Arrival, drop-off and pick-up – additional information

- You **MUST** wear a mask when on site, unless you are exempt.
- If you have to bring a young sibling with you to drop and collect your child, the sibling **MUST** remain with you and by your side at all times. Please be on time for drop off and collection to support the smooth running of the drop-off and pick-up as much as possible.
- If you arrive late for their start time at school and the gates are closed, we will ask that you wait outside the school office (at suitable social distance) and your child will be asked to enter the school through the office to their classrooms.

School Meals

We will continue to operate our online ordering system via our website to enable you to pre order a hot school meal.

Uniform

Full school uniform will be required as before. Parents are advised that uniform does not need to be washed more regularly than normal. Children in EYFS and KS1 should bring PE kits to school and they should remain in school, KS2 pupils attend school in PE kits for PE days.

Children should only bring essential items to school such as their lunch, a reading book and a coat, hat and gloves if necessary. Children can bring a bag to school but they must not bring any soft toys or non-essential items. Children will be able to take reading books to and from school.

COVID-19 Protective Measures

Once again we will have in place a number of measures and systems of control:

- Full and thorough risk assessment (this can be found on our website under *Parents>Remote learning and Covid 19*).
- Routines of good hygiene that are part of everyday routine and school culture.
- Regular handwashing and sanitising will be required. We will be using handwashing and alcohol sanitizers administered and controlled by staff.
- Additional site cleaning routines will be in place.
- Staff will wear face coverings in communal areas where social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Class shared resources such as reading books and curriculum equipment will be regularly cleaned/ quarantined ready for use in a different bubble.

What to do if you think your child has coronavirus

If you think your child has coronavirus (fever measuring 37.8C, a new persistent cough or a change or loss of sense of smell or taste) please book a test. You can book a test by calling 119 or going online www.nhs.uk/coronavirus.

In these circumstances, your child should be advised to self-isolate (not attend school) for 10 days, or until a negative swab test result is received. Members of the household should self-isolate for 10 days.

If the test comes back negative, the child can return to school provided they have been fever free for 48 hours and feel well.

If the test comes back positive, the child should not attend school and inform the school immediately of the test results. The child can return to school after 10 days, once the child feels better, and has been fever-free for at least 48 hours.

If an adult or child in school tests positive for COVID-19, it may be necessary for all adults and children in that class / year group to self-isolate. You will be informed if that is the case.

All families returning to school will be required to comply with the measures stated above.

Our full risk assessment can be found on our website via this link:

<https://www.northboroughschool.co.uk/page/?title=Remote+learning+%26amp%3B+Covid+19&pid=181>

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. If you are concerned about your child's health or the health of anyone else in your house please seek advice from your GP or NHS 111 by phoning 111.

And finally

We will endeavour to maintain structures and routines throughout the school day and week. However, if changes are needed due to either health and safety or new advice from the Government, we will make any alterations necessary, communicating this to you as soon as possible. We are sure you are aware that changes can be made with very little timescale so please bear with us during these uncertain times.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Kind regards



Mr Mallott

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