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*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace
1 Peter 4:10*

Friday 3rd July 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: School Reopening Updates and News

As you may be aware, yesterday the Government issued guidance for the full opening of schools in September. The overall strategy is for schools to limit contact between pupils and implement hygiene measures. Here is a summary of the key points:

Minimising Contact:

- Pupils are to remain in consistent bubbles wherever possible, thereby minimising the number of contacts between different people across the school. In primary schools this is likely to be whole class bubbles. We will not be able to congregate for assemblies.
- The guidance states: 'we recognise that younger children will not be able to maintain social distancing, and it is acceptable for them not to distance within their group'.
- The DfE accepts that pupils will need to be sat close to each other in most classrooms and recommend that pupils sit side by side and do not face each other if possible.
- Pupils passing each other briefly in a corridor or playground (eg. walking past each other) is a relatively 'low risk' but schools should avoid large groups of pupils mixing together in these spaces.

School Staff:

- Staff are permitted to move between bubbles and supply teachers, peripatetic teachers, therapists and other specialists are permitted to move between schools.
- When staff or children cannot maintain distancing, particularly younger children in primary schools, the risk can be reduced by keeping pupils in smaller, class-sized groups. [There is some ambiguity around expectations here and the unions are seeking further clarity for head teachers].

Other Important Measures:

- There should be no large gatherings bringing different groups together.
- Schools are encouraged to consider staggered break and lunchtimes – the dining hall will require cleaning between each sitting.
- Where possible, schools have also been asked to consider staggered start and finish times to keep different bubbles apart as they arrive and leave school. However, schools are asked to ensure that the total amount of teaching time pupils receive remains the same, eg. an earlier start would mean an earlier finish for pupils.
- Schools can run breakfast and after-school clubs

Equipment and Resources:

- Pupils should have their own frequently used equipment such as pencils and pens.
- Classroom-based resources can be used and shared; these should be cleaned regularly, along with all the frequently touched surfaces.
- Resources that are used between bubbles, eg. sports equipment, should be cleaned frequently.
- Outdoor playground equipment should be cleaned more frequently.

- Pupils should limit the amount of equipment they bring into school each day to essentials, such as lunch boxes, hats, coats etc.

Curriculum and Remote Learning:

- The Government have stated- ‘the curriculum remains broad and ambitious: all pupils continue to be taught a wide range of subjects’.
- However, an important point is ‘up to and including key stage three, prioritization within subjects of the most important components for progression is likely to be more effective than removing subjects’. Schools will be looking at whether or not they need to make adjustments to their curriculum based on their assessments of pupils’ learning and progress as they return to school. This is likely to involve considering which key concepts missed from the summer term now need to be considered.
- Schools are required to ensure arrangements are in place to allow remote learning to take place should a partial or full closure of the school be required, at any point in the next academic year.

Additional Points:

- Domestic day trips are permitted to resume in the autumn term, subject to protective measures being taken.
- Face coverings are still not currently required in schools.
- School is mandatory again from the autumn term.

If you wish to read the full government guidance you can find it at this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

I would like to reassure you that, together with the staff and governors of our schools, I will be preparing very carefully for the full reopening of the schools. We already have a stringent risk assessment in place and protocols for the way in which we use our sites. These will be adapted to allow us to expand our provision but we will place the protection of our community’s physical and mental wellbeing at the heart of all we do.

I recognise the importance of ensuring that our children’s right to a full and broad education mustn’t be lost in all of this. Therefore, it is vital that school and families work together to ensure that the children receive their full entitlement to the best education that we can offer them.

During this term, of those that have been working from home, we have seen engagement with our learning materials and Google Classroom at 80%. While this is high in comparison with many other schools, it is worrying to me that we still have 20% of children who are not accessing school work at the current time. In the autumn term, we will be working very hard to ensure that those children, and indeed all of our children, are given the opportunity to close gaps in their learning.

Important End of Term Dates:

Class visits for children who have been working from home are now under way and it has been wonderful to catch up with them. We hope that they find these visits a helpful way to touch base with their class mates and teachers, and ask any questions they might have about September.

The last day of term for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will be **Thursday 16th July**. The last day of term for children of key workers and vulnerable children will be **Tuesday 21st July**. Staff who are not covering the key worker and vulnerable children on the last two days of term, will be working on getting our schools ready for the full reopening in September.

Year 6 Leavers Celebration:

We will be having a celebration for our Year 6 leavers on Friday 17th July. Unfortunately, it is not possible to invite parents to attend. We are going to be joined by Revd. Lydia and Mr Hooper (one of our governors). They will hand out leaving gifts and say a blessing for our children. We will then have a picnic on the field together with music and games.

Summer Holiday Provision:

Robert Kett Primary School will be running their Extra Time Holiday Club throughout the summer holiday. They are open from Wednesday 22nd July to Friday 4th September and parents can book via the link below, or by visiting the Robert Kett website and going to the Extra Time section.

<https://forms.gle/aybpaopjHReq9w7RA>

Home Learning:

Norfolk Library Service:

Go to this link for the latest library news: [July 2020 Resource Newsletter \(click link\)](#)

School Summer Reading Challenge:

Please encourage your child to take part in the school Summer Reading Challenge, which can be found on their class page on the website and in the Google Classroom.

Safeguarding and Wellbeing:

Where your child has symptoms, you should order a test immediately through www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119 if you have no internet access.

Hygiene

Just One Norfolk have provided some useful videos to help your child understand the hygiene requirements to keep them safe from the coronavirus. Go to this link:

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/hygiene>

Celebration Friday

Our children have completed some wonderful work this week. The teachers have nominated the following children for special mention:

- **Rainbow bubble-** *The children drew some lovely pictures of the people they love, having listened to the story *The invisible string*.*
- **Shooting stars bubble-** *The children have impressed Mrs Diaper with their foot work during PE, super control and goal scoring! Great team work too.*
- **Bunchkins bubble-** *This week Rory has done some more lovely writing based on the book 'Not a stick'. He made a super picture too!*
- **Miss Grant says:** *These children are our stars this week: Rosie for working so hard on so many of the home learning activities this week, Archie J for his informative piece of writing and fantastic effort with his position and direction activities, Emily for her fantastic country fact files, William Ho for his tremendous effort with all of the home learning tasks this week in particular for completing the maths investigation challenges, Benson for his creativity, Harry and Soul for some excellent English work, Archie M for his hard work with his home learning, Benjamin for his hard work with his reading and maths, Noah for his amazing English work and artwork, Polly for making some very accurate 3D shapes, Eva, Noah and Kiki for their excellent artwork. Keep up the great work Eagles and have a fantastic weekend.*
- **Mrs Livermore says:** *These children are our Stars this week: Kirsten and Aaron's for their maths; Charlotte, Cameron and Morgan for their funky drum machine beats; Seren for her film; Charlotte for her reports on India's biomes; Olivia P for her biographical powerpoint of Sir David Attenborough and Olivia C and Ryan for their Pobble365 writing.*
- **Mrs Cheese and Mrs Ketley say:** *These children are our Stars this week: Leo - for reading an amazing 25 books while he has been at home and for some excellent tallying in maths at school!, Oscar - for working extremely hard at school in his bubble and then doing even more at home!, James - for creating some fantastic art in his bubble including a 'feelings jar' and some shape art!, Freya H, Scarlett G, Isla, Kay, Triston, Leo and Jacob for sharing time and smiles with each other in a Google Meet this week!*

Values Certificates

- **Joshua- Courage:** For having a go at everything, even when feeling a little unsure, well done Joshua!
- **William Ha – Perseverance:** For working so hard on all of the activities in the Bunchkin bubble and taking such great care with the presentation of your work.
- **Benjamin – Perseverance:** For working hard on your home learning activities this week and putting so much effort into your reading.
- **Lucy, Alex and Milly B - Truthfulness:** For really honest and insightful conversations in PSHE this week around prejudice and equality.
- **Lucas - Friendship:** For adapting into his new bubble.
- **Reuben- Perseverance:** For impressing his class by learning the number bonds 10. Good work Reuben!
- **Jacob - Courage:** For overcoming his fears and telling us all about his lego when joining in with our Google Meet session.
- **Scarlett G - Perseverance:** For working creatively on her own learning projects at home - her flower photography and facts were fantastic!
- **Lucas - Perseverance:** For continuing to work very creatively with his home learning by baking, making things and doing science experiments!



A member of our staff team celebrated his birthday this week. I'd like to say a big

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to

JESSICA & FREYA G!

And finally:

Our School Prayer:

Heavenly Father,

Remind us to use our gifts, to serve one another, as good stewards of your varied grace.

Amen

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Laura Green'.

Laura Green
Executive Head Teacher