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#### AUTUMN TERM DIARY DATES

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September:** Nursery opens – phased pupil return  
**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October:** H TEMPEST: School photographs  
**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October:** School closes for Half term  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November:** SCHOOL CLOSED: Professional Development Day  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November:** School open – Autumn Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### WELL DONE RECEPTION CLASS (Groups 2 and 3)

We have welcomed all of our Reception children into school now. They have all been amazing, especially as the children have missed out, due to the pandemic, on their induction meetings, visits, school lunch and opportunities to meet their teachers in person.

#### NURSERY FAMILIES

Thank you to our Nursery families who have attended pre-start meetings this week. We hope you found the opportunity to visit/information useful to assist and support with your child's start in our Nursery.

We look forward to meeting our Nursery children next week. We reopen on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

**AM SESSION START 8.30am – 11.15am FINISH. PM SESSION START 12.15pm – 3.00pm FINISH**

(Though your child has a place in Newham Bridge Nursery, this unfortunately does not guarantee a place in our Reception class)

#### SCHOOL WEBSITE

Unfortunately we are currently experiencing technical difficulties with our school website and appreciate that it is not available. Our newsletter will continue to be sent out every Friday via our Text2parents and copies will be displayed around the school building. In the absence of the website we will also be displaying information on our home learning site

[homelearning@newhambridge.co.uk](mailto:homelearning@newhambridge.co.uk)

On the site you can find newsletters, class/group curriculum overviews, weekly spelling lists and pupil homework.

**In the event of a zone lockdown, the site will be the source of daily pupil's work, which will be continued at home.**

#### SCHOOL START TIMES

Our school starts appear to have operated much better this week and we appreciate your patience, particularly our Reception parents who have had a little longer to wait. Thank you!

<b>NURSERY: AM SESSION START 8.30am – 11.15am FINISH. PM SESSION START 12.15pm – 3.00pm FINISH</b>
<b>ZONE 1: RECEPTION CLASS: START 8.45am – 2.15pm FINISH</b>
<b>ZONE 2: Key Stage 1: Year 1 and Year 2: START 8.30am – 2.00pm FINISH</b>
<b>ZONE 3: Lower Key Stage 2: Year 3 and Year 4: START 8.40am – 2.15pm FINISH</b>
<b>ZONE 4: Upper Key Stage 2: Year 5 and Year 6: START 8.40am – 2.30pm FINISH</b>

#### CAWOOD DRIVE DROP OFF ZONE (KS2 only)

From Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September we will be opening the Cawood drive gate, initially for Key Stage 2 drop-off only. The gate will open at 8.40am where a member of staff will greet the children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. The gate will close at 9.00am.

#### SCHOOL DINNERS

Please could you notify our school office 01642 816884 if you intend to change your child's meal choice. Our school kitchen still requires at least one week's notice if a child transfers between meal types - packed lunch to dinner or dinner to packed lunch.

#### CASHLESS SYSTEM

Thank you to those parents who are already using our new service 'SCHOOL GATEWAY'. All payments, dinner money, trips and visits etc. will be made electronically - via online payments/instant bank transfer or via smartphone app. Parents can now view and monitor their own school balances and top-up their payments at any time.

#### MOBILE PHONES

We appreciate that our Year 6 pupils, who are given permission to walk alone, may require a mobile phone to support the journey home. Pupils should not be taking photos/videos on the school site as this may pose a safeguarding risk for our pupils whose image cannot be shared. Phones **MUST** be given to the teacher on arrival for safe storage during the day. We only permit Year 6 pupils to have mobile phones in school, unless there are exceptional circumstances discussed with the Headteacher.

## **PE DAYS**

PE sessions will be started this week and we ask that the Year 1 – Year 6 children **come to school in their kit** (white t-shirt, black shorts, joggers and a sweatshirt, plimsolls or trainers) to avoid changing in school. The children's PE days are as follows:

<b>Class group</b>	<b>PE days</b>
Y1/2HL, Y1/2ES	Monday & Wednesday
Y2NS	Wednesday & Friday
Y3/4HH, Y3/4SB, Y3/4ZHi	Tuesday
Y5CR, Y5JR	Friday
Y6EH, Y6ZHo	Monday

## **SOCIAL DISTANCING AND ONE WAY SYSTEM**

Our children have returned to school as the risk posed by children and amongst children is deemed to be low. The greater risk of Coronavirus exists between adults. Please respect the guidance around school, highlighting the need for social distancing, as this is to keep our school community safe. Please respect others and follow the one-way system on the site to reduce risk.

## **ZONE/BUBBLE LOCKDOWN**

If any staff, families/ children develop symptoms, depending on numbers, this may lead to school 'zone' closure. If we receive information/confirmation of a positive test result there will be a requirement for individuals, bubbles and zones to self-isolate. It is highly unlikely that Newham Bridge will close completely as the government guidance suggests that where possible, schools are to remain open, closing only affected zones.

Should the local health board close our school, or part of our school, provision will be made for key worker/vulnerable pupils and education is to continue, with your support, using our home learning site.

## **HOME LEARNING**

Our home learning site, [homelearning@newhambridge.co.uk](mailto:homelearning@newhambridge.co.uk) will be a vital resource - to be used in the event of a zone lockdown, should your child's zone/bubble have to close. The site will be the daily source of pupil's work for completion at home in their lockdown books. The books have been handed out this week to the children and are **ONLY TO BE USED IN THE EVENT OF A LOCKDOWN.**

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

If you have changed your address or telephone number in recent weeks, please could you contact the school office 01642 816884 to ensure that school has the most-up-to-date information – this is to ensure that you can be contacted in an emergency and also receive school notifications.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

If your child or a member of your household display symptoms of coronavirus

- **A high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- **A new, continuous cough** – coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- **A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – your child cannot smell/taste anything, or things smell /taste different

As Parents/ Carers you MUST be ready and willing to:

- [book a test](#). Staff and pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school. All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their Parents/Carers if using a home testing kit
- provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace
- [self-isolate](#) if they have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)
- Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. Tests can be booked through the NHS [testing and tracing for coronavirus website](#), or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing.

## **MIDDLESBROUGH LOCKDOWN**

There are serious concerns, at the moment, regarding the transmission of the virus particularly in Middlesbrough and our community beyond school. We request that our school community 'STAY ALERT TO STAY SAFE' adhering to the Government guidance to socially distance, restrict gatherings to no more than 6 people and minimise the risk of exposure to the virus. In doing this we will endeavour to keep ourselves and each other safe and assist the return to normality.

We will do everything possible and practicable in school to enable our children to be safe, enjoy their time in school, develop their skills and make progress to achieve their best!

We appreciate your support with this, as we continue with the next steps of this journey, moving forward.

Regards

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