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AUTUMN TERM DIARY

Friday 23rd October: H TEMPEST: Individual school photographs

Friday 23rd October: School closes for Half term

Monday 2nd November: SCHOOL CLOSED: Professional Development Day

Tuesday 3rd November: School open – Autumn Term 2

Friday 18th December: End of term - school closes

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week in school, having to overcome the numerous challenges of no kitchen facilities and a very limited catering team, who have done a super job! Fortunately the measures we have put in place, have enabled our children to receive their lunches, we appreciate this is not ideally what we would like to provide. We are hoping our hot meal service can resume soon – unfortunately this is beyond our control.

Our children have been brilliant, as always and the additional hand washing, zoned working and social distancing, do appear to be enabling school to function to full capacity. Whilst Staff and Parents are not required to wear masks, we respect individuals' decisions and we do need to reiterate and reinforce the need for social distancing whilst on the school site. We need to guard against complacency and we genuinely appreciate your support in keeping our school community safe from the virus.

SCHOOL WEBSITE/COMMUNICATIONS/TECHNOLOGY

We are moving very swiftly to a more digital world. In daily life we are increasingly using electronic technology eg. smart phones, tablets and computer systems as effective tools for communication, shopping, banking and entertainment - particularly during these current times.

We have moved to a cashless school, our assemblies and meetings are now virtual and now learning is moving more on-line to. Most families and households have devices and internet access, however, we appreciate that this may not be the case for everyone. We would appreciate your participation in a short survey which will help school to navigate the challenges, which may present in the future. The information required is

Childs name	access to device (Y/N)	Home devices available (SP, Tablet, iPad, computer)	Internet access (Y/N)	Aware of NB HL site (Y/N)	Used NB HL site (Y/N)	Parent contact email address (to be provided)
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The survey link is available here <http://bit.ly/nbhdiss>

SCHOOL DINNERS

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

PHOTOGRAPHIC PERMISSIONS

Please could you return your photographic permission slips to school before **Wednesday 30th September**.

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. Again, 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.

A letter was sent to parents in Reception to Year 2 regarding our 'COLLECT & GO' to reduce groups congregating around the KS1 park area at the end of the day. We appreciate your support!

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.

If you do receive a positive test result – please contact the school, as soon as possible. For out of school hours please ring 07835931915 . **This number is to inform school of POSITIVE TEST RESULTS ONLY.**

It is highly unlikely that Newham Bridge will close completely, even with the new government guidance. Schools where possible, 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 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 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

SCHOOL START TIMES

Our school starts appear to have operated much better this week and we appreciate your patience.

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

PE DAYS

Please could Year 1 – Year 6 children **come to school in their kit** (white t-shirt, black shorts, joggers and a sweatshirt, plimsolls or trainers)

The children's PE days are as follows:

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If you 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 to 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 still serious concerns, at the moment, regarding the transmission of the virus in and around Middlesbrough and our community beyond school. We request that our school community follow the 'HANDS, FACE (mask), SPACE' 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 our selves 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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