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**AUTUMN TERM DIARY DATES**

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September:** New Reception starters – phased pupil start
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September:** Nursery starter meetings
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September:** New Reception starters – phased pupil start
- 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,

**WELCOME BACK!**

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back! It is wonderful to have the children back in school and they have adapted brilliantly to the new routines we have in place. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience and support, despite there still being risks, we have managed to open and return to school safely.

**WELL DONE RECEPTION CLASS (Group 1)**

We have welcomed our first group of new Reception children in school this week. They have been amazing, particularly as the children are completely new to our school and have missed out, due to the pandemic, on their induction meetings, visits, school lunch and opportunities to see their environment and meet staff in person. We look forward to welcoming our former Nursery pupils, into Reception on Monday and Wednesday next week.

**SCHOOL START TIMES**

We have followed the guidance to plan our re-opening of school, for example - staggered starts and are continually reviewing our systems to support a safe return. Given a number of challenges with opening, we have revised our KS2 start time and from Monday all pupils in **Zones 3 and 4 can enter school between 8.40am and 9.00am (our usual opening time)** and we hope this will prevent families having to wait/congregate on the yard, as we appreciate the need for continued safe social distancing.

Zone 1: Reception and Zone 2: Years 1 and 2 start times will remain the same (See below)

<b>NURSERY: AM SESSION START 8.45am – 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>

We do fully expect further reviews and changes to be made over the coming weeks, which we hope will enable school to move towards ‘normality’

**PE DAYS**

PE sessions will be starting next 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

**LUNCHTIMES**

We currently have 2 dining halls in operation at lunchtime, each with 2 sittings. Whilst many schools have opted for packed lunches in classrooms, we know that many of our children prefer a hot meal and are providing socially distanced hot and cold lunches. There are 2 hot choices, 2 cold choices, vegetable and salad choices and many desserts including cake and custard!

Main school hall: Zones 3 (Y3/4) and Zone 4 (Y5/6)

Dining hall: Zone 2 (Y1/2) and Zone 1 (Reception)

I would like to thank Mrs Crooks and the kitchen team for working with us to provide options for our children, during this challenging time.

## HOME LEARNING

Whilst lockdown has created many challenges, it has also led to opportunities to change practice. We will continue to operate our home learning site, [homelearning@newhambridge.co.uk](mailto:homelearning@newhambridge.co.uk) which is being updated to enable staff to share curriculum overviews, weekly spelling lists and pupil homework. Also, in the event of a zone lockdown, the site will be the source of pupil's work to be continued at home.

No paper spelling lists, homework grids, or overviews will be produced..... saving paper!

## NURSERY

**AM SESSION START 8.45am – 11.15am FINISH. PM SESSION START 12.15pm – 3.00pm FINISH**

Nursery will commence a phased reopening from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Nursery usually completes home visits and initial meetings in the first weeks. Nursery starter meetings will take place with Mrs McGregor our Nursery teacher, in school, from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Parents/children have received a letter providing options to book their meeting date and time.

Please click on the attached link <https://bit.ly/nbnursapt> to book your meeting. **Please make a note of your chosen date/time** and we look forward to seeing you next week.

## ZONE 1: RECEPTION CLASS: START 8.45am – 2.15pm FINISH

Mrs Prest and Miss Stainthorpe will be welcoming more groups of children on their allocated start dates, which are Mondays or Wednesdays, next week. Once your child has started they will be expected to attend every day and the numbers will build with the whole class being in together from Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September. All Reception starters receive a free school book bag courtesy of our 'Friends of the school/PTA.'

## KEY STAGE 1 PLAY EQUIPMENT

I would like to take this opportunity to remind families that the equipment at the front of the school building is only for our younger children (Nursery, Rec, Y1, Y2) Please could you ensure that our older children do not use the equipment. Thank you!

## 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.

If you have not yet registered you need to click on the attached link <https://bit.ly/nbsystem> and provide the following details:

Child/Children(s) name	Priority 1 Parent name	Mobile number	Email address
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## SOCIAL DISTANCING AND ONE WAY SYSTEM

School pupils have returned 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.

If any families/ children develop symptoms, depending on numbers, this may lead to school 'zone' closure and a requirement to self-isolate. It is unlikely that school will close completely as we are advised where possible, to remain open, closing only affected zones - should the local health board close school provision will be made for key worker and vulnerable pupils.

In the event of school closure, education is to continue using our home learning site.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

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

B Hewitt-Best

Headteacher