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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,

Every week we breathe a sigh of relief, and feel fortunate that Coronavirus has currently had a limited impact on life at Newham Bridge! Thanks to our Staff and our children, who have been brilliant, the additional hand washing, zoned working and social distancing, has enabled school to function to full capacity yet again!

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Next week we will be sending out our Covid questionnaire to all of our families, as we would like to gather your views and thoughts about our school response to the pandemic. Whilst we recognise that the last few months have been truly 'unique', and we have never encountered life like this, there are always areas for improvement. We appreciate your thoughts and comments. **Please return your views by Monday 12th October.**

KEEPING WARM!

The weather, as typical in Autumn, is changeable. The Covid guidance recommends that schools remain well ventilated, requiring windows to be open all around the building, which means that school is going to be much cooler than normal. We have noticed many children starting the day without cardigans, jumpers and even coats, despite the colder mornings. Please could you ensure your child comes to school equipped for the day.....school is a cooler place and we all need to wrap up warm!

SCHOOL WEBSITE/COMMUNICATIONS/TECHNOLOGY

We would like to thank those of you who have already participated in and completed our short survey about technology access, 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/nbhdis> **The link will close on Wednesday 7th October.**

SCHOOL DINNERS

Our school meal service will be back to the hot/cold service on Monday 5th October. We appreciate that many parents changed their meal choice to packed lunch, given the only option of a cold service. We envisage hot food being available from Monday. 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 for a child to transfer between meal types - packed lunch to dinner or dinner to packed lunch.

SOCIAL DISTANCING AND ONE WAY SYSTEM

The greater risk of Coronavirus exists between adults. Again.....we ask all our families to respect the guidance around school which highlights the need for social distancing to keep our school community safe. Please respect others and follow the one-way system on the site to reduce risk. Our 'COLLECT & GO' operates to reduce groups congregating around the KS1 park area at the end of the day. We appreciate your support!

Whilst Staff and Parents are not required to wear masks, we respect individual's 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.

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

This number 07835931915 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, <http://bit.ly/nbremote> 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 - **ONLY TO BE USED IN THE EVENT OF A LOCKDOWN.**

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Some families like their child's class to join in with birthday celebrations. Whilst we are unable to blow out candles, school can accept and share 'shop-bought/packaged' birthday cakes or biscuits. Given the current restrictions, unfortunately we are unable to distribute home-made goods.

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-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 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

Middlesbrough is in lockdown from midnight on Friday, due to concerns regarding the transmission of the virus in and around the town 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, with no indoor social gatherings. In doing this we will endeavour to keep our selves and each other safe.

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

SCHOOL START TIMES

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)

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