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Friday 12th February: School/school provision closes for half term

Monday 15th – Friday 19th February: **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Monday 22nd February: School provision opens (pre-booking required) / Home Learning re-starts

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you are all ok and are managing to stay positive. We thankfully are testing negative – and this helps us to stay positive, particularly as we hope this will enable us to open our doors again soon. I would like to ‘Thank you!’ on behalf of our staff who have been receiving lots of supportive messages – this is so lovely and really helps! These times are hard for us all. We’ve all had our moments

HOME LEARNING <http://bit.ly/nbremote>

Please continue to engage with us and encourage your child to use our Home learning site <http://bit.ly/nbremote>

Hopefully, the routine and familiarity of the site, along with a range of activities will assist the children to access and be a little more independent as time goes on. Any comments welcomed.....via the class email links.

NB CLASS CHAT

This week was ‘Children’s Mental Health Awareness week – Express yourself!’ and new to our site – we introduced – ‘NB Class chat,’ which appeared to work really well! Participation was far better than we anticipatedThank you!

It was lovely to see so many of the children from each class over the week. We had the opportunity for a little catch up, whether it be birthday news, new pets, favourite things in lockdown or just having the opportunity to say ‘Hello’ to friends – we haven’t seen for a while. It was certainly popular with the children in school and Staff alike – we will be repeating the sessions next week. Please check the times below.

NB CLASS CHAT.....please wait for the teacher to zoom you in from your Home learning page										
Y6 EH	Y6 ZHo	Y5 JR	Y5 CR	Y3/4SB	Y3/4ZHi	Y3/4HH	Y2 NS	Y1/2 HL	Y1/2 ES	Reception
Monday 08.02.21 2.30pm	Monday 08.02.21 2.45pm	Tuesday 09.02.21 2.30pm	Tuesday 09.02.21 2.45pm	Wednesday 10.02.21 2.15pm			Thursday 11.02.21 1.30pm	Thursday 11.02.21 2.00pm	Thursday 11.02.21 2.30pm	Friday 12.02.21 11.30am TS group 10.45am LP group

We do acknowledge that the times have been scheduled around our ‘in-school’ activities and they may not be convenient for everyone. We appreciate that ‘Live sessions’ can be quite restrictive, especially in families with many children and it is for this reason our NB class chat sessions are spread across the week. We look forward to catching up again soon 😊😊

DEVICES

Many of our school devices have been loaned to our families. Currently the return date on the signed agreements relates to the start of Spring term 2: 22.02.21. We are placing an extension on this date until week beginning **08.03.21** when schools are possibly going to be re-opening. We will collect the devices on allocated days – to be confirmed nearer the time.

WORLD BOOK DAY: Thursday 4th March

This year World Book Day will be very different as we won’t all be together to celebrate it in school. However, we would still like to celebrate and make stories a huge feature of the learning platform that day.

SCHOOL PROVISION: Pre- booking required.

We are providing **emergency care** for a **limited number of children in school.**

The school building is open for our more vulnerable pupils on roll and to support the children of our priority key workers. Our aim is to support as many families as we can and provision can be flexible based on need.

Though we are providing care for our children, the government advice states that:

If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.

Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.

The school offer for vulnerable pupils (priority) and children of key workers is zoned provision

Our Home Learning will be our primary focus and this will also be the core of our learning delivered in school

Zone 1: Nursery (N provision 8.30 – 11.30 **am only**) and Reception aged pupils (8.45am – 3pm)

Zone 2: KS1 Years 1 and 2 (8.30am – 3.00pm) **PRIOR BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

Zone 3: KS2 Years 3 and 4 (8.40am – 3.00pm) **PRIOR BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

Zone 4: KS2 Year 5 and KS2 Year 6 (8.40am – 3.10pm)

Our catering service will provide a daily hot meal and all pupils are to attend in full uniform or PE uniform (PE days)

* If you are a key worker and require childcare support.

Please contact the school office 01642 816884 to check availability and **pre-book.**

PACKED LUNCHES/VOUCHERS: Income related Free school meals

If your child is eligible (FSM: Reception / Y1-Y6 Free school meals) and you would like to order a packed lunch please contact the school office on 01642 816884. The school office will be open daily hours: 8am – 3.30pm.

The last DFE Edenred voucher before half term will be delivered on 08.02.21 – supporting our eligible families
The DFE Edenred voucher scheme have now confirmed that vouchers will be available after half term for 2 weeks.

HALF TERM VOUCHERS

Winter Grant Fund

Following the successful roll out of the Winter Fund Grant Payments for families during the Christmas period, the Council are now looking towards making the next payment to help with February half term. It is anticipated the text vouchers will be issued week commencing 8th February 2021.

Families who have received a text voucher payment for the Christmas break, and remain eligible based on our records, do not need to reapply. This text voucher payment will be sent automatically. If you have dependent children who live with you, and have not received a payment during Christmas period and think you may be entitled, you should complete an application form which can be found on the following web page: **Covid Winter Grant application | Middlesbrough Council**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION (COVID-19)

If you child or a member of your household display any 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

Some days are better than others☺

As we all face the prospects of another week in lockdown. I hope our Newham Bridge community continues to remain hopeful, be accepting of the small positives, the rays of sunshine which happen in the most unexpected of places, many from our children!

Our Staff are trying their best to educate with our Home learning..... and we acknowledge the invaluable support from you, in helping us ☺☺☺☺☺☺ Take care, stay safe!

Have a good weekend!

Best wishes

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