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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
Friday 26th March: **School closes – Easter break**
Monday 12th April: **School opens – Summer Term 1**
Monday 3rd May: Bank Holiday Monday – school closed
Friday 28th May: School closes for half term
Monday 7th June: School opens – Summer term 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

The 'Beast from the East' certainly brought a blast of fresh air this week and we hope the children managed to enjoy some time in the snow! We are enjoying our final week of the half term and have been keeping busy with our online learning, free-time Friday and we managed to see some of our children during this week's Newham Bridge Class Chat.

This half term has not exactly been as we would have hoped or expected! The Government are reviewing their data on 15th February, and we anticipate more school news, hopefully on Monday 22nd February, when we return after the half term break.

HOME LEARNING

We would like to 'Thank you!' for your continued and invaluable support with our Home Learning. **The site will close for half term**, to resume on Monday 22nd February. We would like you to engage with us again after the half term break and encourage your child to access the Home learning site from Monday 22nd February on <http://bit.ly/nbremote>

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 home learning platform that day.

SCHOOL PROVISION: PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED FOR AFTER HALF TERM

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 at least 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 your 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

We hope you all have a good half term 'lockdown' break!

Whilst we all hope for more news about schools re-opening soon, try to enjoy a break from being teacher 😊

Take care. Stay safe!

Best wishes

B Hewitt-Best & the Newham Bridge team.