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Thursday 4th March: World Book Day: Bring a potato!
 Friday 5th March: NB provision closes to all pupils at 1.15pm
Monday 8th March 2021: School opens to all pupils
Monday 8th March 2021: All Home Learning books returned to school

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 Government announced this week that schools will be opening fully on Monday 8th March. We have consulted the guidance and have made the necessary changes to our practice, to safely welcome all of our children back.....and we can't wait!
NB provision/School will close to pupils from 1.15pm on Friday 5th March – to enable all our staff to prepare for re-opening.
 Before we open fully, we have one more week of Home learning <http://bit.ly/nbremote> and World Book Day!
 We are really looking forward to seeing all the children's hard work in their Home Learning books. Books are to return on Monday 08.03.21. New HL books will be issued on this day – in the event of localised/ zone lockdown.

HOME LEARNING

We would like to 'Thank you!' for your continued and invaluable support with our Home Learning <http://bit.ly/nbremote>.

Please could all Home learning books be returned to school on Monday 8th March 2021.

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 on that day. Staff have lots of lovely activities planned including, for some children, seminars with well-known authors, including Lindsay Galvin 'Darwin's Dragons' and Cressida Cowell- 'How to train your dragon!' and a crafty activity for all.....**Get a potato ready!**

Those children attending school ON Thursday 4th March will need to bring a potato!

SCHOOL START TIMES

From Monday 8th March school attendance is mandatory for all pupils and school attendance procedures resume in full.

We are continuing to follow the latest guidance for schools to plan our re-opening of, for example - staggered starts, and will be continually reviewing our systems to support a safe return. To enter site.....

- PARENTS **MUST** WEAR A MASK
- FAMILIES **MUST** USE THE ONE-WAY SYSTEM
- **ONE PARENT ONLY** TO COLLECT CHILDREN
- **2m SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED ON SITE FROM OTHER FAMILIES**
- FOR FAMILIES WITH MULTIPLE CHILDREN - **COLLECT AT THE TIME OF ELDEST CHILD**

NURSERY: AM SESSION START 8.45am – 11.15am FINISH. PM SESSION START 12.15pm – 3.00pm FINISH
ZONE 1: RECEPTION CLASS: START 8.30am –2.45pm FINISH
ZONE 2: Key Stage 1: Year 1 and Year 2: START 8.30am –3.00pm FINISH
ZONE 3: Lower Key Stage 2: Year 3 and Year 4: START 8.40am – 3.00pm FINISH
ZONE 4: Upper Key Stage 2: Year 5 and Year 6: START 8.40am – 3.10pm FINISH

PE TIMES

PE sessions will be start on Monday 8th March 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:

M	Y3/4ZH, Y3/4SB
T	Y2NS, Y1/2HL
W	Y6ZH, Y6EH
Th	Y5CR, Y5JR
F	Y1/2ES, Y3/4HH

All children MUST wear PE clothing on their PE day

(There is to be no changing in school)

DEVICES

During lockdown many devices (tablets and laptops) were issued to families to support with access to home learning.
All the devices will need to be returned to the school office, to be checked before re-distribution.

DEVICE RETURN – School office	
Tuesday 9 th March	Year 1 and Year 2 pupils to return their devices to the school office
Wednesday 10 th March	Year 3 and Year 4 pupils to return their devices to the school office
Thursday 11 th March	Year 5 and Year 6 pupils to return their devices to the school office

ZONE/BUBBLE LOCKDOWN

If any staff, families/ children develop symptoms, depending on numbers, this can/may lead to school 'zone' closure. If we receive confirmation of a positive test result, there may be a requirement for individuals, bubbles and zones to self-isolate. If you do receive a positive test result – please contact the school immediately. For out of school hours – please ring

07835931915 to inform school of POSITIVE TEST RESULTS ONLY.

We advise that you contact school immediately and request that parents refrain from posting test information publicly on social media.

Whilst it is highly unlikely that Newham Bridge will close completely. The new government guidance recommends that Schools where possible, are to remain open, closing only affected zones/bubbles and we do appreciate this can have a huge impact on families.

Should the local health board close our school, or part of our school, provision will be made, with your support, using our home learning site <http://bit.ly/nbremote>. The site will be the daily source of pupil's work for completion at home in their lockdown books. The books will be re-issued and handed out on 08.03.21 – **THESE ARE ONLY TO BE USED IN THE EVENT OF A LOCKDOWN.**

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 with symptoms at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119. Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing

Hope you have a good weekend!

Regards
B Hewitt-Best

******* IMPORTANT INFORMATION *******
FROM
SOUTH TEES PUBLIC HEALTH
See below

***** MIDDLESBROUGH UPDATE *****

We know from recent studies that around 1 in 3 people with Covid-19 don't display symptoms.

A national Community Testing Programme has been developed to offer rapid Covid-19 tests for people without symptoms aged 12 and over.

Testing is one of the key tools we have to contain the spread of coronavirus while the vaccine programme is rolled out nationally. If we can identify more people who are carrying the infection we can help to drive down transmission rates and save lives.

To support this, we have opened several Community Testing sites providing rapid Covid-19 tests:

Venue	Postcode	Days	Appointment Times
Middlesbrough Sports Village	TS4 3AE	Wed-Sun	08:00-14:45
Newport Community Hub	TS1 5NQ	Tue-Sat	11:00-17:45
North Ormesby Community Hub	TS3 6JB	Mon-Fri	09:30-16:15

There is free parking available at all venues and anyone who lives or works in Middlesbrough can book tests. Tests take approximately 10 minutes, you will be advised how to conduct the test yourself and you will receive the results by text and/or e-mail in around 1 hour.

We are encouraging those people who can't work from home and are therefore more likely to come into contact with other people to book regular tests (twice a week).

Tests are available to book here now www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/communitytesting

Please note that a negative result following a rapid test does not necessarily mean that you don't have Covid-19. Anyone testing negative must continue to follow all local restrictions and public health advice to protect themselves and others.

The Community Testing sites are only for people without Covid-19 symptoms. If you or anyone you know has symptoms, including - a new continuous cough, high temperature or loss/change to your sense of smell or taste – they should self-isolate and book a test for people with symptoms at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119.

Please also note that if you do take part in regular testing that this should not replace any of your current health and safety procedures around the use of PPE, social distancing etc.

Thank you

Please share this information with family, friends and colleagues.