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Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May: SCHOOL CLOSED: Bank Holiday Monday  
 Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May: SCHOOL CLOSED: Combined May election  
 Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May; SCHOOL CLOSED: Professional Development Day  
 Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May: School closes for half term  
 Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June: School opens – Summer term 2  
 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July: School closes- end of the school year  
 Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July: SCHOOL CLOSED: Professional Development Day  
 Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July: SCHOOL CLOSED: Professional Development Day

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to welcome everyone back – after the Easter break!

**MOBILE PHONES**

Mobile phones are not permitted in school. The only exception to this is for Year 6 pupils who have parental permission to walk alone. A device may support in case of an emergency, and if brought to school, is on the understanding that staff will store it securely during the school day.

**POLLING STATION: SCHOOL CLOSED – COMBINED ELECTION 2021- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

A Combined Election 2021 is to be held on **Thursday 6 May 2021**. In line with Government advice the Local Authority have made every effort to ensure that the use of schools for election purposes is minimised. Unfortunately, the Local Authority are unable to source alternative accommodation for a temporary polling station, as the supply of mobile stations has become a national issue for elections teams across the country.

The Local Authority has advised that **Newham Bridge Primary School** is required for use as a polling station and unfortunately, the current restrictions/ school pandemic guidance required, means that **Newham Bridge Primary School, will be closed to pupils and staff, on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Home Learning will be provided and will be available online for Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May on our home learning page <http://bit.ly/nbremote>.** Devices, laptops and tablets, are available for loan from the school office to support pupil access.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS**

We have a number of Professional Development Days remaining. These will be on the following dates:-

- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (This replaces Monday 08.03.21: Government enforced school reopening)
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**The school closes to pupils on these dates.**

**PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY**

We have received interest and an application for our Parent Governor vacancy. Thank you! Our Full Governing Body meets three times annually. If you are interested and would like more information – please contact the school office. Nominations require two parental signatures and the closing date for interest/applications is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021.

**PE TIMES: PE SESSIONS HAVE CHANGED!!**

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

**All children MUST wear PE clothing on their PE day**  
 (There is to be no changing in school)

To support coverage of our PE curriculum the PE rota will be changing **every 4 weeks**. Please check the newsletter for your child’s PE days as they will change as we operate in 4 week learning blocks. This will enable all of our children to access expert coaching this academic year.

**NURSERY**

We currently have a number of Nursery places available for September 2021. To place your child’s name on our Nursery list, forms are available from the school office and we require sight of a birth certificate and proof of address. Middlesbrough Local Authority are responsible for all school Reception class admissions and unfortunately a Nursery place does not guarantee a child’s place in our Reception class.

**RAMADAN**

This week we have had the start of Ramadan. ‘Ramadan Mubarak’  
 We do recognise that some of our oldest children may be fasting. Please contact the school office, if your child is fasting, to ensure our school staff are aware and can support the children.



## HOME LEARNING/HOMEWORK - DEVICES

With the success of our home learning site much of our homework has now transferred online. We have a number of devices available for loan to support our pupils with accessing the home learning site/homework. If you would like to loan a school device – please contact the school office - to enable staff to prepare a device for collection.

The devices, which have been returned and checked, are now available for loan until week beginning 07.06.21 and can be made available for the election day home learning on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

## SCHOOL START TIMES

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**

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

## 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 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 have been handed out – **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](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) or by calling 119. Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing

With the recent easing of some restrictions, we hope you enjoy your weekend!

Take care and stay safe ☺

Regards

B Hewitt-Best