

# Northstead News

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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear parents, carers and families,

In light of the recent Government announcement that they now realise that it is not possible for schools to reopen for all year groups with the current distancing guidelines before the summer holiday, I am writing to update you of our plans.

## **Year six wider opening.**

The Year six children will start a phased return to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June with all groups of up to 12 children in school by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June. These children will then all attend school until the end of term. Letters have been sent to all of the parents who asked for a place for their child.

The Year six children will need to bring a packed lunch to school (these will be provided for children who are eligible for Free School Meals). They will enter and leave the building via the KS2 gate at staggered times as per their timetable.

If you have not received a letter but are expecting your child to attend, please contact us on [parents@northstead.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:parents@northstead.n-yorks.sch.uk)

At present there is no after school club available for Year six children, though this may change if there is sufficient demand.

## **Wider Opening for other year groups**

Once the Year six classes are established, we will review wider opening for other year groups. However you must be aware that, as we are having class sizes of no more than 12 children to enable distancing in rooms, it will not be possible to open for all year groups as we do not have enough rooms or staff to enable this to happen.

## **Key Workers and Vulnerable Children**

We continue to be open for the children of Key workers and vulnerable children as usual.

As from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June all children will need to bring a packed lunch to school unless your child is in EYFS, Year 1 or Year 2 or is eligible for Free School Meals – school will provide packed lunches for these children.

**If you require a place for your child please can you book at least one day in advance so that we can ensure that we have appropriate staffing in school. If you arrive without booking a place we may have to turn you away.**

If you require a place for your child, please email us on [parents@northstead.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:parents@northstead.n-yorks.sch.uk)

Thank you.

## **Class Dojo and Home Schooling**

It has been great to see all the fantastic work that you have been doing at home. We will continue to support you at home with weekly planning and on line support via Dojo.

In order for us to support your child in the best way possible for when they return to school, we need to keep in touch with every family.

**Please can you make sure that you 'check in' with you class teacher every week on Monday or Tuesday. Thank you.**

The weekly themes for the rest of this term are;

Week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> June – UK Mammals

Week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> June – The North Sea and Coasts

Week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> June – North Yorkshire

Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> July – The United Kingdom

Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> July – Europe

## **End of Year School Reports**

You will still receive an end of year school report for your child, although this will be a slightly amended format this year. These will be sent home on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

## **Summer Holidays**

The end of term is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020. As yet we have not been informed of any plans for any summer opening, either as Childcare for Keyworkers or Summer School for other pupils. As soon as we know if there are any plans for summer opening we will let you know.

## **Autumn Term 2020**

As yet the Government have not issued any guidance on how we are to reopen for all children in September. If the current restrictions on class sizes remain we will not be able to open for all children full time. Even with class sizes of 15 children we would need an additional 21 classrooms and 21 teachers and 21 teaching assistants which is obviously not possible.

Hopefully the Government will issue some guidance soon so that we can start to plan for September and then let you know before the end of the summer term.

Remember we are still here to help, guide and support you through these challenging times. Please do contact us if you need any help, advice or support, either phone 362249, email [parents@northstead.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:parents@northstead.n-yorks.sch.uk) or use Class Dojo messages.

Stay safe, be kind

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