

# Northstead News

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Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear parents, carers and families,

Firstly, I hope that you are all keeping safe and well in these very difficult and strange times. Also well done for all your great efforts at home schooling for the past 8 weeks. I know that this has not been easy for you balancing schooling alongside everything else but I think that you have all been brilliant.

## **Half Term**

School will close for all children at 3.00 p.m. on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and will reopen for the children of Key Workers on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020.

At present, the Government will not be providing vouchers for those children who are eligible for Free School Meals during the half term holiday.

## **Wider opening for other year groups**

As you know, the Government has asked schools to start a phased wider opening for children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June at the earliest. We are currently working on a plan to be able to do this whilst maintaining the health and safety of your children and the staff at school.

As part of this planning, if you have a child in EYFS, Year 1 or Year 6, we will be asking you to complete a survey tomorrow so that we can begin to make preparations. Once we have assessed the demand for places, we will contact you again with more details.

**The Government has made it clear that parents will not be fined if their children do not attend school during this crisis.**

We will continue to provide home learning planning and activities for all year groups for the rest of the summer term for those children and families who prefer to work from home.

Please 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

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