

Northstead News

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Friday 3rd July 2020

Dear parents, carers and families,

Autumn Term 2020

Great news – we will definitely be open for all children in September. We are currently making plans and preparing the school in accordance with the DfE guidelines which were published yesterday. The main change that affects you is that we will be operating a staggered start and end to the school day in order to minimise the contact between different groups of children and their parents. We will only be able to offer a hot school dinner to EYFS and KS1 children. All children in KS2 will need a packed lunch (these will be provided for children eligible for free school meals).

We will be producing a full guide for you outlining our plans for September, which will be sent to you next week.

Transition meetings

Unfortunately we were not able to go ahead with these meetings due to the DfE guidance on not allowing parents to visit the school site. The teachers will be posting a vlog on Class Dojo to introduce themselves to you and your children. These will be up loaded during the last week of term together with a 'Meet your new teacher' leaflet.

Road works on Maple Drive

The pavements on Maple Drive are being replaced. The work starts on Monday 6th July at the Scout Hall end of Maple Drive. The road will remain open for vehicles but we may have to use different entrances to school. A member of staff will be on duty to direct those children who are attending school at present. Hopefully the works will be completed before school returns in September.

End of Year School Reports

You will receive an end of year school report for your child, although this will be a slightly amended format this year. These will be emailed to you next week as follows;

EYFS on Tuesday 7th July
Year 1 and Year 2 on Wednesday 8th July
Year 3 and Year 4 on Thursday 9th July
Year 5 and Year 6 on Friday 10th July

Summer Holidays

We break up on Friday 17th July 2020 for the summer holiday and the autumn term begins on Tuesday 8th September 2020. The school is closed over the summer holiday following the DfE guidance below;

'The Secretary of State for Education has confirmed that we are not asking schools to open over the summer holidays, and there is no expectation that schools should open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers over this period. Teachers, support staff and school leaders deserve a break, to recharge and rest.'

Key Workers and Vulnerable Children

We continue to be open for the children of Key workers and vulnerable children as usual until school closes on Friday 17th July 2020.

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

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 until the end of term.

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 your class teacher every week on Monday or Tuesday. Thank you.

The weekly themes for the rest of this term are;

Week beginning 6th July – The United Kingdom

Week beginning 13th July – Europe

Remember we are 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 or use Class Dojo messages.

Stay safe, be kind

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