



NEWSLETTER

Friday 28th August 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all continuing to stay well and are keeping safe. The last academic year was a difficult school year for all of us and we can't wait to have everyone back next week. We have worked really hard throughout the summer holidays to ensure that school is ready for the children returning. Mr Carr has been remarkable! I have kept up to date throughout the summer with advice and guidelines from the Department of Education and PHE. Governors met this afternoon to review our comprehensive risk assessment. I wrote to you in July with our updated systems ahead of safe return in September and I have created a summary of these safety measures and small changes below.

Best wishes, Mrs Ferguson

Dropping off and collecting

Only one parent or carer is allowed on school site at any one time.

Class	Teacher	Start time	Finish time	Entrance/ exit point
Nursery	Miss Suggate	9:15	3:45	Nursery garden
Lambton	Miss Hillery	9:00	3:30	Reception garden
Lumley	Miss Bell	9:00	3:30	Reception garden
Aydon	Mrs Harrison/ Miss McKeown	8:50	3:20	Aydon door
Alnwick	Mrs Turnbull	8:50	3:20	Alnwick door
Auckland	Mrs Gilmore/ Mrs Bovill	8:50	3:20	Auckland door
Bowes	Mrs Morris	9:00	3:30	KS2 door
Barnard	Miss Duckworth	9:00	3:30	Ramp door
Brancepeth	Miss Lawson	8:50	3:20	KS2 door
Lindisfarne	Mrs Burns	8:40	3:10	KS2 door
Warkworth	Mrs Oxnard	8:40	3:10	Ramp door
Bamburgh	Miss Harrison	8:40	3:10	Bamburgh door

There is a waiting area on the yard if you have siblings in different classes. We fully appreciate that staggering times is difficult for families and appreciate your patience and support at this time.

One way system

The path alongside school as you enter the yard is very narrow. You will enter school site in the usual way but to exit you will walk across the yard, down the steps towards the MUGA, across the field, past the nursery, along the path which is beside the staff car park and exit via the gate at the front of the main entrance. Please note, myself and several staff will be on site to help you find your way!

To make it as safe as possible we have had a temporary path installed across the near side of the school field.



Parking

Parking near to school has always been tricky. You may know that we have had some near misses on Relly Path both in the past and more recently. We have worked closely with DCC who have temporarily suspended parking on Relly Path while we undertake the one way system. There will be a lot of foot traffic walking alongside the parking bays and yours and your child's safety is paramount. This will be reviewed by DCC fortnightly.



COVID Symptoms

We ask that everyone is extra vigilant when attending our school to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

We ask that any parent, carer or child with

a new continuous cough,

temperature,

loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Stays at home.

Please follow the stay at home guidance and do not visit the school until the end of the isolation period.

- Children **MUST NOT** attend school if they or anyone in their household has tested positive in the last 10 days.
- If your child is displaying symptoms please keep them at home for **10 days** while the rest of the household self-isolates for **14 days**.
- If a positive case(s) are confirmed, then the 'bubble' including adults may need to self isolate, pending Public Health advice.
- If there appears to be an outbreak of the virus in school, the 'bubble' and potentially whole school may close upon advice from Public Health.

Children who develop a temperature or other COVID symptoms while at school must be collected immediately.

They must remain at home until a test result is received. If the result is negative and they no longer have symptoms they can return to school. If the test result is positive they must remain at home for 10 days from the onset of symptoms while the rest of the household self isolate for 14 days.

Neville's Cross will follow all Public Health guidance to maximise safety. We are continually reviewing our risk assessment and will communicate with you regularly.

School uniform and equipment

Children will be expected to wear their full uniform. Children will keep P.E. kits in school. Please ensure that they have outdoor clothing for P.E. and suitable footwear. P.E. kit must remain in school. Older children sometimes bring in their own stationery. This will not be allowed. Children will be provided with their own stationery kit that will be kept in their trays. Please encourage your child to bring a small bag with only their water bottle and planner in.

Children starting Nursery and Reception

A separate letter has been sent to parents of children starting nursery and reception to clarify visit times, distancing measures and what to wear.

Cleaning and hygiene

As before the summer break, we have increased cleaning measures in school.

Children will wash their hands as they arrive in school and at each interval point across the day. As we are limited by the number of hand washing facilities in school we have had hand sanitizer stations installed around school.

Lunches and snacks

Before summer we asked you to notify us if your child would be eating a school meal or bringing a packed lunch. Children in Nursery and Reception will preorder their food choices. Children in Year 1 to Year 6 will choose their food option on the morning as they arrive. Measures are in place to ensure that children do not queue for their food and instead will be served their individual lunches at their tables.

Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will receive snack provided from school. Unfortunately, tuck shop will not run for the foreseeable future so children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 can bring a healthy snack from home.

Wraparound

The booking forms received by the 19th July have been processed and the children have been grouped in bubbles with staff accordingly. As I explained before the summer, this is not as flexible as we usually are but was needed to allow us to implement measures in order to offer wraparound care.

IMPORTANT - Originally we planned to have all children in the hall for teatime club but this has now changed. As per breakfast club, children in nursery, reception, Y1 and Y2 will be in the Reception classrooms for teatime club too. However, any child booked in for teatime club for the 5:30—6pm session will need to be collected from the hall.

Please note, the £10 fee for late pick up after 5:30/ 6pm still applies.

Contacting school

Parents and carers are unable to visit the school office. We encourage you to email (nevillescros@durhamlearning.net) or telephone 0191 3842249 the office with your queries. Please note Mrs Craig and Mrs Przyborski may not be available during drop off and pick up times as they will be helping to supervise the one way system.

We will continue to use the class email addresses. Please use this method of communication to contact your child's class teacher.

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