

NORTH NEWTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

"TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE"

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Dear Parents

1st June Arrangements - Social Distancing Guidance Framework Document

I trust you and your family continue to be safe and well. Thank you for all your support and correspondence during these times and I am sorry we have not been able to make more courtesy calls to you, but hopefully the zoom calls for Squirrels and Badgers, as well as lots of Facebook posts in all classes and phone calls to home has helped.

The Social Distancing Document, attached, has been created in line with Government advice. You will appreciate it has to be written by schools individually as all schools are different. It is vital you, as parents, read this document carefully as it details how the school will operate in the coming weeks. All current preparation is regardless of any Government changes in the next announcement on Thursday 28th May, as we have to be as prepared as we can for Monday 1st June. It remains to be seen if we will return.

Thank you for those who have already responded about returning to school. Frankly, if 100% of each of the year groups decided to return, you will appreciate Social Distancing would be far more of a challenge. We only have 4 classrooms, so with Reception, Year 1, Year 6 and the Key Worker Children attending, that's our 4 rooms taken up! We cannot use the Dining Room due to food preparation and the smaller rooms (Burrow and Nest) could only accommodate Key Worker siblings from the same family. To date, around 30-50% of the Rec, Yr1 and Yr6 year groups intend to return on 1st June, which appears relatively manageable. We intend to review arrangements on Monday 15th June. Professionally and at this moment in time, unless major changes are made to the Social Distancing rules, I fail to see how we could manage all year groups being in school in July. We await further clarification.

There are several families who have, understandably, not yet responded as you are awaiting further information. I hope you will find the Social Distancing Guidance Framework useful. Please could all parents from Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 declare their intentions by Tuesday 26th May at 2.00pm so we know precisely how many children we have in each group, for the following couple of weeks. For Key Worker children, you also must confirm your requests for the first 3 weeks: 1st, 8th and 15th June 2020.

From the last week's correspondence, which outlined a few details, I must inform you of one major change. We will only be open on Fridays for Key Worker children. The rest of the week, we intend to be open full-time for Reception, Year 1 and 6 as this will make it easier for parents and children.

Finally, if you are intending your child to return on 1st June, it is vital you read appropriate sections of this document with them. You must ensure your child understands how the daily arrangements will be. As teachers, they will outline aspects upon return, but we will be grateful if you shared the information in preparation. Playtimes, lunchtimes, the start and end of school days will all be so different from normality.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school by emailing: office@nncps.org if you have any further questions or concerns.

Kind regards

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