

# NORTH NEWTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

**"TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE"**

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Dear Parents

## September - Return to School – Welcome!

Although very different from the usual summer holidays, on behalf of the staff and Governors, we all hope you have been able to enjoy some special times with your families and friends. We have all tried our very best to take steps to remain safe and it is hoped we will continue to move in the right direction as we enter a new academic year in our wonderful school.

As parents, please be reassured we have and will continue to follow guidance and have put appropriate steps in place to minimise the risk factor as much as possible. We will never be risk-free, but statistically speaking, school is a very safe place to be and we are all very excited to welcome your children back AND welcome our new Reception children on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September!**

### Communication to parents / school

All communication needs to be carried out via email – [office@nncps.org](mailto:office@nncps.org) – or by phone – 01278 662140 – or via letter. The post box, which was put by the entrance wasn't used, and therefore won't be put back.

### Parents on site?

Parents are asked not to enter the school site, however for our Reception children, we are happy for them to be in the playground so they can collect their children at 3.00pm - **socially distanced**.

Parents can visit the office in an emergency but must enter via the Petherton Road entrance. Only 1 parent in the office at any one time – please wait outside until you are called in.

### Staggered start / end of the day – to be reviewed in coming weeks.

Please wait in the car park / on the pavement until you are called in, remain socially distanced and try your very best to ensure you are ready at the appropriate time.

Class	Start time	End of the day
Badgers	0845	3.15
Squirrels	0850	3.10
Foxes	0855	3.05
Hedgehogs*	0900	3.00

\*Hedgehogs have received information from Mrs Crow regarding arrangements for the first 2 or 3 weeks.

### Operating 2 Social Bubbles – Hedgehogs & Foxes / Squirrels & Badgers

The bubbles will be kept separate through the day – a sad aspect which is usually another positive factor to our school. We appreciate family members might be in separate bubbles but will be kept apart. Our

younger pupils usually thrive when they play with the older pupils (who equally love it), but this sadly cannot happen at this stage.

<p><b>Playtime: 20 mins</b>  Hedgehogs &amp; Foxes – 10.10 – 10.30  Squirrels &amp; Badgers – 10.40 – 11.00  *When PE is taking place on Mon / Thurs avoid playground</p>	<p><b>Play Safe Autumn Term Arrangements:</b>  Mondays &amp; Thursdays – Hedgehogs &amp; Foxes  Wed, Thurs &amp; Fridays – Squirrels &amp; Badgers</p>
<p><b>Lunchtimes: 45 minutes for Lunchtime*</b>  Eating in rooms – staff eating with children.  Hot meals EYFS / KS1 &amp; FSM only. All KS2, home packed lunch.  • Hedgehogs / Foxes 12.15 – 1.00pm  • Squirrels / Badgers 12.45 – 1.30pm (S/B can go out at 1)</p>	<p><b>Afternoon break: 15 mins</b>   Hedgehogs / Foxes 2.30 – 2.45 - main playground  Squirrels / Badgers 2.15 – 2.30 – main playground</p>

\*Lunchtimes have reduced by 45 minutes, but a 15-minute afternoon break is added.

**Children’s equipment      Polite Request – initially sent to parents 16<sup>th</sup> July  
To Foxes, Squirrels & Badgers children only**

As children are not permitted to share equipment, please provide the following for your own child/ren:

- X1 Pencil Case – to hold all their items
- X5 HB pencils
- X1 Decent Rubber
- X4 Whiteboard pens (thin, black / blue)
- X1 small pack of coloured pencils – not felt tips
- X1 Pencil Sharpener – with shavings collection pot if possible
- X1 15cm ruler...they fit in pencil cases.
- X1 Pritt Stick
- X4 Blue Frixion pens (**Badgers Only**)

**After School provision** - We are currently unable to provide any after school provision. We are constantly reviewing this and hope some clubs can resume in the few weeks.

**Swimming** – This will not take place during the Autumn Term at this stage. We hope to resume in January.

**Uniform** – Uniform is to be worn every day. Whilst it is fully appreciated that the cleaning will increase, you child does not need to wear badge-embossed white polo shirts, and these are available from supermarkets at a very reasonable price.

**Library** – Will remain closed until Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September for KS2 only. Please return any books you still may have at home as we are still several books short following Lockdown. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Facebook** – Our new ‘closed’ (secured) Facebook page is in operation. We are restricting this to parents, staff & Governors. However, if you have any questions or concerns whatsoever, please do contact the school to avoid any potential misinterpretations.

This is the link to join the new page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/610057919642093/>

**Face coverings / PPE** – Children and staff are not permitted to wear face coverings, although they may wear it if they wish. Staff are likely to wear PPE when attending First Aid situations. If guidance changes, we will continue to follow the advice.

**COVID19 Flowchart** – Please find attached a flowchart in the event of a COVID19 situation.

**Thank you!** - Thank you in anticipation for your cooperation and mindfulness as we embark on the ‘post-lockdown/holiday’ arrangements. We will continue to give our all to help, support and advise you all as best we can. It will be a busy time for all and we will manage whatever happens and how things evolve.

Kind regards

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