



June 2020

Week 33 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome back increased numbers of children and staff to school this week. We have had a really positive start to our final half term of the year and great to welcome two new teaching staff to the team too. We are obviously disappointed that we cannot welcome all our children back but we want you to know that we miss them all and are thinking about those who are still learning at home and want to have them back as soon as we are able to do so safely.



Hopefully, in the coming weeks we will be able to invite greater numbers of our children and their families back. In the meantime, please do let us know how you are getting on and whether there is anything you need from school. We know that trying to teach your child while caring for siblings or working from home is challenging but, currently, it looks like this is set to continue for a while longer.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the parents who have sent such positive messages and feedback to school. It is very much appreciated.

TRAINING DAY- 1ST JUNE

We had a really productive and positive training day on Monday. Mr Booth and I shared our school Risk Assessment for wider opening with all staff and they were able to spend time in their “bubbles” preparing for the week ahead. The Governors also came into school and “walked through” our Risk Assessment as well as popping in to help prepare the outdoor area for children to play in safely. It was a really useful day, enhanced by a delicious lunch delivered by our very own Arlo from Year 4!



WIDER OPENING OF SCHOOL



This week, we have sent several documents to all families regarding our wider opening. You have received the following documents, which we hope you find helpful and reassuring.

- FAQs (based on responses from the consultation with all parents)
- Parent Protocol (for parents to agree to before sending their children back)
- Pre-return questionnaire (for children returning to school)

Nursery Bubble	Mrs Francis and Mrs Brown
Reception Bubble	Miss Davison (new Year 1 teacher from September) and Mrs Armstrong
Year 1 Bubble	Miss Young and Mrs Norman
Year 2 Bubble	Miss Orr and Miss Gray (Year 3 Teacher from September)
KS2 (Year 3 and 4) Bubble	Miss Nattress and Miss Willett

Places have now been allocated to Key Workers and priority children, based on information shared with us. Please do not contact fellow parents asking why they have been allocated a place as this is a private and confidential matter. These places are now 4.5 days and **not ad hoc**, due to new DfE guidance. These places may still be subject to change if we become aware of specific vulnerabilities within families.

We have now introduced a staggered drop off for all classes, as follows:

Nursery

Nursery children- Please enter school between 8:50 and 9:00am via the Christon Road gate/main gate and via the usual Nursery entrance. Monday - Thursday, please pick up your child between 2:50pm and 3pm. Nursery will be dismissed from their cloakroom, as usual. On a Friday, please pick up at 12:30pm.

Reception:

Reception children- Please enter school between 8:40 and 8:50am via the Christon Road gate/main gate and via the classroom fire door (under the canopy in the EYFS garden). Reception will be dismissed from the fire door under the canopy. Monday - Thursday, please pick up your child between 2:50pm and 3pm. On a Friday, please pick up at 12:30pm.

Year 1 and Year 2:

Please enter school between 8:40 and 8:50am via the Christon Road gate/main gate and via the main cloakroom entrance. Monday - Thursday, please pick up your child from their classroom door between 2:50pm and 3pm. On a Friday, please pick up at 12:30pm.

Year 3 and Year 4:

Please enter school between 8:50am and 9am via the Christon Road gate main gate and via the main cloakroom. Monday - Thursday, please pick up your child from their classroom door between 3pm and 3:15pm. On a Friday, please pick up at 12:40pm

If Key Workers need emergency childcare on a Friday afternoon, bubble teaching assistants can be available to look after your child, if given adequate notice.

We will not be able to offer Breakfast Club/after school care as children would not be able to remain in their isolated bubble groups. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause but we are sure you understand that we are operating within strict DfE guidance. We would strongly discourage use of wrap-around childcare as this puts both adults and children within the bubble at greater risk.

We have now sent information to all Year 1 parents who indicated that they would like their child to return to school on 8th June in Phase 2 of our wider opening plan. Parents of these children have until 3:00pm today to confirm places if places will be taken up. Places will then be allocated to children on the waiting list, if available. The Year 1 bubble is due to be at full capacity (15 children) from Monday. If any other parents of children in Year 1 have now changed their mind and would like their child added to the waiting list for places, please contact me directly on kate.massey@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk. Thank you. We will endeavour to have as many children safely in school as we can, within guidance.

Information will be sent out to parents of Nursery and Reception children who indicated in May that they would like their child to return to school during Phase 3 and Phase 4 of wider opening in due course. Please note that, at this stage, our wider opening plan is still provisional and subject to change.

We have had many more Key Worker children re-joining school this week. If you are a Key Worker and you have not yet contacted us requesting a place, please do so by **Monday 8th June** at the latest. We will do our very best to accommodate you but please be aware that we are rapidly running out of places in school due to limited staff numbers and increased Key Worker pupil numbers. Please contact me directly on kate.massey@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk. Thank you.

At the moment, we genuinely have no idea what September will look like. We eagerly await DfE guidance around this. We are likely to find out plans at the same time as you!

ONLINE & HOME LEARNING



New home learning packs have now been added to class pages for children at home. Staff in school will work through these with children who are in school. If any parents need a paper copy, please contact Mrs Pygall. We are, as always, more than happy to post these out to you.

For the DfE list of online resources, please see

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-online-education-resources-for-home-education>

For guidance on supporting your child at home, please see

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/supporting-your-childrens-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

The guidance is designed to complement support and advice provided by school. Engaging with your child's learning will be helpful in their continued educational development.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

NURSERY AND RECEPTION INTAKE

Next week, we were due to invite our new Nursery and Reception parents to school for a meeting about September. Unfortunately, we are not able to do this as planned so Mrs Francis and Miss Wilkinson will be in contact with you by phone in due course. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

SAFEGUARDING

Mrs Massey and Mr Booth are our school's Designated Safeguarding Leaders. If you have concerns about a child please contact one of us.

Members of the public can also report concerns to Children's Social Care directly. If you have a concern about a child please contact one of the following:

- **Initial Response Service** – 0191 277 2500
- **Northumbria Police** – 101 (in an emergency always dial 999)
- **NSPCC Helpline** – 0800 800 5000



There is also a secure online referral form available for you to explain your concern, if you are a member of the public. <https://nccportal.newcastle.gov.uk/forms/referral/public>

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

You may be aware that cases of domestic abuse have risen significantly in recent weeks. Domestic Abuse cuts across all levels of society, across all ages, cultures and races. Children exposed to domestic abuse are victims of child abuse. Operation Encompass was created to support children experiencing Domestic Abuse through timely information sharing between police and schools.



If you feel at risk, please speak up. You can speak to school staff directly, if you feel comfortable doing so, or you can contact

- **National Domestic Abuse Helpline** - 0808 2000 24724-hour
- **Women's Aid**- <https://www.womensaid.org.uk/information-support/>
- **Live Fear Free Helpline** - 0808 80 10 800 (24 hours a day)
- **Men's Advice Line** - 0808 801 0327 (weekdays 9am-5pm)



For general enquiries contact info@operationencompass.org or <https://www.operationencompass.org/>

Please keep in touch with us and let us know how you are all getting on. It goes without saying that we are really missing everyone and can't wait to get our school back together in some form but that can only happen when it is safe to do so.

Best wishes and stay safe

Mrs KE Massey

Headteacher



“Love to learn, learn to love”

1 Corinthians 16:14

May 2020			
Monday 8 th June	CANCELLED Year 2 visit to St Mary's Lighthouse	All day	Children will need to bring or order a packed lunch please
	Possible re-opening to Year 1 children who have been offered a place in school	-	Subject to change
Tuesday 9 th June	CANCELLED New Nursery Parents Meeting for children starting Nursery in September 2020	5:00pm	
Wednesday 10 th June	CANCELLED New Reception Parents Meeting for children starting Reception class in September 2020	5:00pm	
	CANCELLED Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm	at Archibald First School
11 th June	CANCELLED Year 3 School Nurse feelings & relationships session	1:30pm	
15-19 th June	CANCELLED Y4 statutory Times Tables test	All week	
Monday 15 th June	Possible re-opening to Reception children who have been offered a place in school		Subject to change
Tuesday 16 th June	CANCELLED Year 3 & Year 4 playing at the Big Gig (out of school all day)	Performance at 1:30pm	Northumbria Sports Central- Y3 & Y4 parents invited.
Wednesday 17 th June	CANCELLED Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm	at Grange First School
Monday 22 nd June	Possible re-opening to Nursery children		Subject to change

	who have been offered a place in school		
Thursday 25 th June	CANCELLED Year 4 Diocesan Leavers Service	10:45am	St George's Church, Cullercoats. Staff and children only due to space restrictions.
Friday 26 th June	CANCELLED Y4 visit to Vindolanda	All day	Children will need to bring or order a packed lunch please
30 th June	CANCELLED Pyramid Concert (Gosforth Voices & Gosforth Band)	4:00pm Rehearsal 6:15pm at Trinity Church	
July 2020			
Wednesday 1 st July	pm Y4 Skipping Event- GJA	TBC nearer the time	
	Nursery Stay & Play	2:00pm	Nursery parents invited
Thursday 2 nd July	GST Y4 Netball at Grange	TBC	Selected children only
	GST Transition Day	TBC	
Friday 3 rd July	Reports out		
	Y4 Bikeability all day	All day	All children in Year 4 need to bring a bike to school.
Saturday 4 th July	PTFA Summer Fair	TBC	
Monday 6 th July	KS1/2 Sports Day	1:30pm	Parents Invited
	PE Week (Mon- Fri)	All week	
	Drop in for parents	3:30-5:00pm	No need to book an appointment
Tuesday 7 th July	Drop in for parents	3:30-5:00pm	No need to book an appointment
Wednesday 8 th July	Y2 skipping at GJA	9:30-12:30	
	pm EYFS Sports Day	1:30pm	Parents invited
	Full Governing Body Meeting	5:30pm	
Thursday 9 th May	Y2 Team Games festival at Walker Dome	1:00-2:45pm	Children may be slightly late returning to school
Friday 17 th July	Year 4 Leavers' Service	9:00am	
	End of term picnic lunch for staff and children	Noon	Please pay via ParentMail
	Picnic in the Playground	3:15-4:15pm	
	School closes for Summer		
September 2020			
Monday 7 th September 2020	Staff Training Day	All day	
Tuesday 8 th September 2020	School reopens to pupils.	8:45am	
Sunday 20 th September	Children's Cancer Run	TBC	
Wednesday 30 th September- Thursday 1 st October	Y4 Residential	TBC	More info to follow

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