



September 2020

Newsletter 3 – 18.9.20

CHANGES TO ROUTINES – PLEASE READ

We are continually evaluating and improving our systems in school to ensure we are keeping our children, each other and the school as safe as possible.

Please note the following changes:

- From Monday, Years 3 and 4 will enter the building, from the yard, via the door next to the school field (into Year 4 cloakroom). This will mean children from Years 1 and 2 only will enter via the ramp from the main yard. Hopefully this will help disperse children further and eliminate queues at the entrances. Nursery and Reception arrangements remain the same.
- A reminder that gates are now opened at 8:35am for parents in Reception, Year 1 and Year 3 parents to drop off their children between 8:40 and 8:50am. **Please do not arrive on site before 8:35am.** Gates will be locked again at 9:00 after children in Nursery, Year 2 and Year 4 parents have been dropped off between 8:50am and 9:00am.
- Gates will be opened at 2:55pm for Reception, Year 1 and Year 3 parents to collect their children between 3:00 and 3:10pm. **Please do not arrive before 2:55pm** as this causes queues and social distancing is therefore harder to maintain. Gates will be locked at 3:25pm after children in Nursery, Year 2 and Year 4 have been picked up between 3:10pm and 3:20pm.
- **Please DO NOT park in front of the main gates.** It is vital that emergency vehicles have access to the site at all times. If you park across the entrance, you may endanger your child and other children. Thank you for your co-operation.
- Mr Hunter has put hand gel at both pedestrian entrances for the use of parents or carers who are coming on to the site at drop off/collection times. You may also wish to wear a mask at bottleneck points, such as at the narrow gates.
- PLEASE remember to leave a 2 metre distance between yourself and other parents. Thank you.
- A reminder that you have been asked to exit the site as soon as your children have been collected. **Please do not allow your child(ren) to play** outside with equipment, as this is for particular class use only, or **on the trim trail**, as this is not cleaned daily. Thank you.
- **Please do not approach staff** for face to face contact. They will be more than happy to chat to you on the phone, or can respond to emails, after the school day. Thank you.



ABSENCE GUIDE

	Scenario	Action required
1	My child has one or more COVID-19 symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High temperature • New continuous Cough • Loss or change to sense of smell or taste 	DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL Report absence via ParentMail before 9:00am. Book a test https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/ Self-isolate everyone in your household while you wait for the test result. If you cannot get a test, or choose not to take your child to be tested, everyone in your household must self-isolate for 14 days, even if you are not symptomatic.
2	The test result is negative	Let school know. If well enough and no longer showing symptoms, your child can return to school on the following day (or the same day if possible).
3	The test result is positive	DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL Please inform school urgently. Everyone in your household must self-isolate for 14 days even if they are not symptomatic. The person who has a positive test must self-isolate for 10 days or until they are well (we will authorise 14 days self-isolation absence as we understand the practical difficulties in getting your children to school if you are self-isolating for 14 days) If your child tests positive at a weekend by emailing admin@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk and mark as urgent .
4	My child is unwell with non COVID-19 related symptoms	Follow the usual school absence procedures and report absence via ParentMail.
5	Someone in my household has COVID symptoms	DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL Book a test https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/ Self-isolate everyone in your household while you wait for the test result. If you cannot get a test, or choose not to take your child to be tested, everyone in your household must self-isolate for 14 days. Report absence via ParentMail. Email your child's class teacher regarding how to support your child's education at home.
6	Someone in my household has tested positive for COVID-19	DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL Self-isolate everyone in your household for 14 days. The person who has tested positive must self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms. Report absence via ParentMail. Email your child's class teacher regarding how to support your child's education at home.
7	NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as being in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or I know that my child has had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19	DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL Your child will have to self-isolate for 14 day even if they are not symptomatic. Other members of your household do not need to self-isolate. If your child develops symptoms in the self-isolation period, follow the advice for scenario 1. If another member of the household develops symptoms, follow the advice for scenario 5. Report absence via ParentMail. Email your child's class teacher regarding how to support your child's education at home.
8	Someone in my household has been told to isolate by Track and Trace (but this is not my child)	Child attends school if person isolating is not symptomatic
9	We are returning from travel to a country where a period of quarantine is necessary.	DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL Follow advice regarding the need to quarantine https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice and how to quarantine https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-how-to-

		self-isolate-when-you-travel-to-the-uk Report absence via ParentMail. Email your child's class teacher regarding how to support your child's education at home
10	We have received medical advice that my child needs to resume shielding	DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL Report absence via ParentMail. Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. Email your child's class teacher regarding how to support your child's education at home.
11	My child's school bubble has been told to self-isolate.	DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL School will contact you to share the advice from Public Health England and to inform you of a return to school date and arrangements for remote learning via Tapestry.

TEST & TRACE

We have been asked to remind parents only to seek a test if you or your child has symptoms of coronavirus. Please do not book tests for runny noses. Thank you.

HOME LEARNING

We have planned for Home Learning in the event of

- a partial closure, due to COVID-19
- families who are isolating due to contact with a positive case or because someone in their household is symptomatic.

As is the case for children in Nursery and Reception, each child in school will shortly be issued with a Tapestry account rather than staff uploading tasks to the school website. Please complete the form sent home in book bags today. Parents will need to activate Tapestry accounts via the link (to be sent by email).

Parents in Nursery and Reception have already been issued with activation links. Please ensure your activation is completed ASAP. Thank you.

Class Teachers will post tasks, for each day that the school or a bubble is closed, on Tapestry. Parents can then upload pictures of completed work for the teacher to view and comment upon.

In addition to set tasks, we will continue to ask children to read daily, practise spellings and handwriting as well as login to IXL, Times Table Rockstars, RMMaths, Lexia etc. If you have not done so already, please check you have access to these websites. All login details can be found inside Reading Records which were issued to all children in Years 1-4, in July. If you have lost your child's Reading Record, please email your child's class teacher.

In the event of significant school closures, the local authority may provide IT equipment to some families of children in Years 3 and 4 who do not have access to their own adequate resources. If you feel that you may need support getting ICT equipment, please email Mr Booth. We are awaiting further information from the council on this.

SPELLING SHED

Our school has now purchased Spelling Shed as a resource to use in school and at home. Spelling Shed provides parents with:

- A game-like format that helps builds your child's confidence in spelling
- weekly online and offline activities
- Phonics based lists for early learners
- The ability to track your child's progress and see what words they are frequently misspelling



Access will be provided by our school and login details for individuals will be added to Reading Records next week.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your child is in receipt of income based Free School Meals (also known as Pupil Premium) they will continue to receive a free packed lunch from school during self-isolation or school closure. We will endeavour to deliver these to families who are self-isolating. Please contact Mrs Pygall to arrange this in the event of absence from school.

If you think you may now be eligible for free school meals, please contact Mrs Pygall.

ARE YOU READY TO SELF-ISOLATE?

As you know, all members of a household need to self-isolate for 14 days (or until a negative test is received) if one member of the household is symptomatic. Please see the Welfare Checklist attached to help prepare for self-isolation. Thank you.

NEW RESTRICTIONS

As you will be aware, new restrictions are now in place in Newcastle and other areas of the North East. Please see <https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/citylife-news/community/stronger-measures-introduced-north-east-tackle-rising-infection-rates>

Some FAQs are below, for your information.

1. What are the new measures?

From Friday 18 September, regulations will lawfully ban the following:

- Residents must not socialise with other people outside of their own households or support bubble in private homes and gardens
- Hospitality for food and drink will be restricted to table service only
- Late night restriction of operating hours will be introduced, with leisure and entertainment venues required to close between 10pm to 5am.

Residents are also advised to adhere to the following guidance to further reduce rates of infection:

- Residents should not socialise with other people outside of their own households in all public venues.
- Residents are advised to only use public transport for essential purposes, such as travelling to school or work
- Holidays should be taken within your own household or support bubble
- Residents are advised against attending amateur and semi-professional sporting events as spectators.

2. What areas does it cover?

The whole of North Tyneside, Newcastle, Northumberland, Gateshead, County Durham, Sunderland and South Tyneside.

3. When are the measures being introduced?

Friday 18 September at 00:01.

4. Why are the measures being introduced?

These measures will help to address the significant rise in coronavirus cases in the region in recent weeks. There is an increased risk of transmission the more people who gather together. Data shows an increased rate of transmission in homes, hospitality venues and through grassroots sports.

5. How long will it last?

It starts from 00:01 hours on Friday 18 September and will be monitored closely and reviewed on a weekly basis. The next steps will depend on the impact the measures have.

6. What are the household changes?

You must not meet people who do not live with you or are not part of your support bubble, either indoors or outdoors, unless for the specific purposes mentioned below.

People should only come inside your home for specific purposes:

- where everyone in the gathering lives together or is in the same support bubble
- to attend a birth at the mother's request
- to visit a person who is dying (the visitor can be someone the dying person lives with, a close family member, friend or, if none of those is visiting, anyone else)
- to fulfil a legal obligation
- for work purposes (see guidance on working safely in other people's homes), or for the provision of voluntary or charitable services
- for the purposes of education or training
- for the purposes of childcare provided by a registered provider
- to provide emergency assistance
- to enable one or more persons in the gathering to avoid injury or illness or to escape a risk of harm
- to facilitate a house move
- to provide care or assistance to a vulnerable person
- to continue existing arrangements for access to, and contact between, parents and children where the children do not live in the same household as their parents, or one of their parents.

7. Do these measures affect childcare?

You can continue to use early years and childcare settings, including childminders and providers offering before or after school clubs or other out-of-school settings for children. You can also continue to employ nannies, including those living outside of the region. Children of parents who are separated can continue to move between households.

8. What is a support bubble?

A support bubble is a close support network between a household with only one adult in the home (known as a single-adult household) and one other household of any size. Once you're in a support bubble, you can think of yourself as being in a single household with people from the other household. It means you can have close contact with that household as if they were members of your own household. Once you make a support bubble, you should not change who is in your bubble. You should not have multiple bubbles.

9. Do these measures affect access to education?

No. Schools, colleges and universities remain open and are operating in a COVID-secure way.

10. Does my child need to wear a face covering at school?

Unless exempt, in education settings where students in Year 7 and above are educated, including middle schools, face coverings should be worn by staff, visitors and students when moving around in corridors and communal areas.

11. Can I travel outside the area for work or school?

Yes, people living inside and outside of these areas can continue to travel for work or school. Workplaces and schools themselves should also be implementing covid-secure measures.

12. What about public transport and car sharing?

Residents are advised to only use public transport for essential purposes, such as travelling to school or work. Face coverings must be worn unless exempt. You are advised not to share a car with those outside your household or support bubble, and to use public transport for essential journeys instead.

PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Booking for this term's parents and carers/ teacher consultations will go live on ParentMail at 10:00am tomorrow (Saturday). Each telephone appointment will be **ten minutes** long on either Wednesday 7th or Thursday 8th October.

Class Teachers will call the primary contact number, which is held in school, at the allotted time. If the phone is not answered, after the second attempt, the appointment will be recorded as missed.

Staff will send their preparatory notes for the appointment home, earlier that week, to ensure the appointment runs efficiently. As always, these appointments are a two way conversation however, given events of the last six months, class teachers will additionally be seeking feedback from parents on home learning experiences; attitude to learning, areas of strength and areas of difficulty.

Please note that appointments are limited to ten minutes and calls will be ended after this time. If you envisage the need for a longer appointment, please arrange a separate time to speak with your child's class teacher.

Year 4 appointments will be with *either* Miss Burns *or* Mr Booth (but ParentMail will show all as being with Miss Burns).

Separated parents can book individual appointments. Please inform Mrs Pygall so she can allocate you an additional appointment for your child on ParentMail.

Children on the SEN register will receive longer telephone appointments later on this term to review their IEPs - families may, if they wish, take a Parents' Evening Consultation slot but please note the limited time and the forthcoming IEP review. We are looking at starting IEP reviews in the next few weeks.

BREAKFAST CLUB & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

As per last week's newsletter, bookings for Breakfast Club and After School Club in October have now closed.

From October, bookings can be made by adding the days that you require to your basket on ParentMail each month. Hopefully this will be less complicated than the method we used in July for September bookings!! Bookings must be made and paid for by the middle of the previous month i.e. bookings for October closed on 17th September. It is important that we have accurate numbers, in advance, so staffing can be arranged and supplies can be ordered in good time. Places will not be limited at this point, as we will have time to arrange necessary staffing. Thank you in advance for your co-operation and support.

Ad hoc bookings can be made, subject to availability, up to a week in advance by emailing admin. The cost will be added to your ParentMail account and payment must be received before your booking is final. Places available will be determined by ratios of organised staffing. **Please note that if either club is full, ad hoc bookings will not be possible.**

WORSHIP

We were delighted to welcome back Rev'd Shipton and Rev'd Davis from Gosforth, All Saints' this week to lead outdoor worship for children in Years 1 – 4. Children learned about how each of us are unique, special and loved by God.



CHURCH LINKS

Please see the poster below for an event all Gosforth, All Saints', this Sunday.

CHARITABLE GIVING

A reminder that children are invited to bring a donation, in exchange for a biscuit, next Friday in lieu to the usual coffee morning.

LUNCHES

Please could you remind children about using cutlery and NOT eating with fingers at the table. There are many children who are not yet able to use knives and forks. Please practise this at home! Thank you



BIRTHDAY SWEETS

At the current time, we are asking parents not to send birthday sweets to school as this is increasing the transfer of items between homes. Staff, unfortunately, do not have time to sanitise items in school before sending them home. Thank you for your understanding.

ITEMS FROM HOME

A reminder that children are asked not to bring in unnecessary items from home such as toys and cards. Thank you for your cooperation.

YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL

You will have noticed from last week's newsletter that the Year 4 Residential visit to Dukes House Wood has been rearranged for Wednesday 21st- Thursday 22nd April 2021. Payments are due as follows;

	Amount	Due date
Deposit	£20	3 rd March 2020
Remaining Balance	£50	10 th July 2020 Please pay outstanding balances by 2 nd October 2020. Thank you.



NURSERY PLACES

We still have some places available in our Nursery Class. If you would like to come for a visit or to find out more information, please contact Mrs Francis. We would love to meet your little ones!

GOSFORTH VOICES & GOSFORTH BAND ENSEMBLES

In order to provide continuity of ensembles for young people in Newcastle Music Partnership North Newcastle (MPN) (Music Service) is supporting the delivery of Gosforth Voices and Gosforth Band online during the period of social distancing in lieu of ensembles taking place in schools Gosforth Voices and Gosforth Band meet regularly to rehearse and have fun making music together.

They have lots of performances throughout the year, including:

- Gosforth Voices Tour March 2021
- Newcastle Achievement Awards at Newcastle Civic Centre for Voices March 2021 date to be confirmed
- Big Gig 15th June 2021 at Northumbria Sports Central
- Pyramid Concert Summer Term 2021 date and venue to be confirmed

Online sessions start on September 30th for Voices and 7th October for Band. Sessions will be via Zoom on Wednesday 3.45pm – 4.30pm.

Gosforth Voices Dates 30th September, 14th October, 4th and 18th November, 2nd December, 16th December - Christmas Party with Gosforth Band.

Gosforth Band Dates 7th and 21st October, 11th and 25th November, 9th December, 16th December - Christmas Party with Gosforth Voices

These sessions are open to pupils in Years 3 and 4. Please register for each child attending the session by 25th September using the following link

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=wLSfsgQNnOqOYsEpSx4bR3NbOcva2q5Lq58MOh-Dtd1UN1o5TkRHOTAzN1VOMjdPNENLU01XUjZORi4u>

The link to the session including MPN online ensembles safeguarding policy will be emailed to the registered email address on Monday 28th September. Please note for security purposes only the registered email will be allowed to join the session. Registering for the ensemble will act as confirmation that you have read and agree to the MPN online ensembles safeguarding policy and give permission to proceed. If you have any problems registering please contact SISMusicHubAdmin@newcastle.gov.uk.

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. If it is an emergency and a child is in immediate danger please call the police.

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>

Thank you once again for all your support this week and for responding to my plea on Tuesday so promptly. I really hope we can all work together for the safety and wellbeing of our school community.

With my very best wishes,

Mrs KE Massey

Headteacher

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

JONAH AND THE WHALE













Join us on Sunday
20th September
at 2.30pm for an
interactive service
retelling the story of
Jonah and the Whale!



Welfare Checklist



Are you ready to self-isolate?
Check you have everything you need:

	Isolation	Check you understand how long to isolate for. Check gov.uk/coronavirus for the latest information.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Food and essentials	Check you have enough food and essentials. Ask friends and family to help.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Money	Check you have money to buy what you need. Check you can pay your rent and bills. If not, call the companies and explain your situation.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Work	Ask your boss about sick pay. If you need an isolation note visit: 111.nhs.uk/isolation-note .	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Children	Contact the school to arrange for free school meals to be delivered home, and ask for school work.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Dependents	Ask friends or family to provide care for dependents. If they can't help, call the council on 0191 277 8000	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Mental Health	Be mindful of your mental health. Create a routine, keep busy, stay active, and speak to friends. Ask for help if you need it.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Physical Health	Think about how you can keep fit indoors. Change the dates of routine appointments.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Medication	Contact your GP or pharmacy to arrange for your prescription to be delivered or ask someone to collect it for you.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Animals	Check you have enough pet food and supplies. If required, ask someone else to care for your animal(s) while you are isolating.	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you need more support, please register for a call from our team:

<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/welfare>

Or call 0191 277 8000



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Please note that all activities in school are for children and staff only at this time.

September 2020			
Thursday 10 th September	New Nursery children start (please see information from Mrs Francis) half days		
Friday 11 th September	All Reception children in for morning and lunch only.		Pick up at 1:00pm please
Monday 14 th September	All Nursery and Reception children back full time		
Wednesday 16 th September	Year 1 and 2 Worship (outdoors) with Revd Davis	9:15 and 9:30am	
Thursday 17 th September	Governing Body Meeting	5:30pm	
Friday 18 th September	Year 3 and 4 Worship (outdoors) with Revd Shipton	9:15 and 9:30am	
Monday 21 st September	Bishop Christine visiting	9:30am	
Friday 25 th September	Macmillan Biscuits – suggested donation £1		
Sunday 20 th September	Children's Cancer Run		Postponed until Sunday 23 rd May 2021
30 th September	Gosforth Voices (online)	3:45-4:30pm	Please register vis link in Newsletter 3
October 2020			
Friday 2 nd October	Individual Class Harvest Festival	9:15am	This year, rather than a donation of food, we will be sending a monetary donation to the People's Kitchen. Children are invited to come in non-uniform and bring a cash donation in a sealed envelope. Thank you. Y4 PE on Thursday this week
2 nd October	Year 4 Residential balance due.		
Monday 5 th October	Dyslexia Awareness Week		Activities in school
7 th October	Gosforth Band (online)	3:45-4:30pm	Please register vis link in Newsletter 3
Wednesday 7 th October and Thursday 8 th October	Parent/Teacher consultations via telephone	2:00-5:30pm	Booking forms to follow via ParentMail
14 th October	Gosforth Voices (online)	3:45-4:30pm	Please register vis link in Newsletter 3
15 th October	Themed lunch		More info to follow
21 st October	Gosforth Band (online)	3:45-4:30pm	Please register vis link in Newsletter 3
Friday 23 rd October	Staff Training Day	All day	School closed to children
Monday 26 th October- Friday 30 th October	Half term		School closed to children

31 st October 2020	Deadline for middle school applications	Noon	
November 2020			
4 th November	Gosforth Voices (online)	3:45-4:30pm	Please register vis link in Newsletter 3
Friday 6 th November	Flu sniff vaccines administered in school		More info to follow
Monday 9 th November	Anti-bullying Week		
Wednesday 11 th November	Remembrance Worship (all classes)		Children are invited to bring money to school for poppies/other merchandise from Monday 2 nd November
11 th November	Gosforth Band (online)	3:45-4:30pm	Please register vis link in Newsletter 3
Friday 13 th November	Diwali activities in school		
18 th November	Gosforth Voices (online)	3:45-4:30pm	Please register vis link in Newsletter 3
Thursday 24 th November	Governing Body Meeting	5:30pm	
25 th November	Gosforth Band (online)	3:45-4:30pm	Please register vis link in Newsletter 3
Friday 27 th November	Advent Worship in school	9:15am	Children only
December 2020			
2 nd December	Gosforth Voices (online)	3:45-4:30pm	Please register vis link in Newsletter 3
9 th December	Gosforth Band (online)	3:45-4:30pm	Please register vis link in Newsletter 3
16 th December	Gosforth Voices & Gosforth Band Party	3:45-4:30pm	Please register vis link in Newsletter 3
Friday 18 th December	School closes for Christmas holidays	3:20pm	
21 st Dec- 1 st January 2021	Christmas holidays		School closed to children
January 2021			
Monday 4 th January	School re-opens to children	8:40am	
February 2021			
15-19 th February	Half Term		School closed to children
March 2021			
April 2021			
2-16 th April	Easter holidays		School closed to children
Monday 19 th April	Staff Training Day		School closed to children
Wednesday 21 st - Thursday 22 nd April 2021	Y4 Residential		Please note new date Please proceed with payment if you are able to. Deadlines will be communicated in due course.
May 2021			
Monday 3 rd May	Bank holiday		
June 2021			
31 st May- 4 th June	Half term		
July 2021			
Friday 23 rd July	School closes for summer	3:20pm	

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