



Nunnery Wood Primary School



Monday 23rd November

Dear Parent/Carers,

Thank you for your continued support during these very challenging times. I appreciate that any bubble closure is challenging for all parties involved, and can also be distressing for children and parents. However, it is essential we react swiftly to the information we have, and follow the current national guidance.

Over the past few weeks I have been impressed and proud of how well the children have adapted to our remote learning packages. Through us working together, we have been able to engage the children in their remote learning - which is very different to being in the class with their friends and teachers.

The staff are working tremendously hard, to adapt to a new way of teaching and supporting all children remotely. Last week, I know that there was some wonderful work produced by children working remotely, and they have been able to share this with staff.

I understand that unfortunately a bubble closure puts an additional pressure on parents to support their children, whilst balancing other demands on them. As a school, we will do our utmost to support and help children and parents in any way we can.

If you require any additional support please:

- Email your child's class teacher
- Ring the school office
- Email safeguarding support

BUG CLUB

We are now using 'Bug Club' across the school. Bug Club is an online learning resource that develops children's reading. Teachers can allocate books to be read online that match the reading level of each child. Icons of a cartoon bug appear on different pages, and when clicked will take children to questions about the text. Once a book is completed children can earn virtual coins, and spend them in the reward area of the website. Completed books will then automatically be added to the library on the children's account and can be revisited. The teachers will then upload further reading at regular intervals.

Year 1 have started to use Bug Club this week, and we will continue to roll out the program to the rest of the school before the end of the autumn term.

PARENTS EVENINGS

Prestwich Avenue, Worcester, WR5 1QE

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Website: www.nunnerywoodprimary.co.uk

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Last week we piloted our new parents evening software with Oak and Willow parents. Although these were virtual and different to previous years, they were very successful. Parents Evenings for the rest of the year groups are week beginning 7th December. Further details will be sent out via 'ParentPay' next week.

WHEN TO SELF-ISOLATE

Thank you to all the parents, who continued to contact the school immediately if a member of the family or support group displayed COVID19 symptoms. It is essential that if a member of the household takes a COVID19, test that the whole household isolates until the test result is known.

Self-isolate immediately if:

- you have any symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste)
- you've tested positive for coronavirus – this means you have coronavirus
- you live with someone who has symptoms/awaiting test results or tested positive. **The whole family has to self-isolate until the results of the test are known**
- someone in your support bubble has symptoms/awaiting test results or tested positive
- you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app
- you arrive in the UK from a country with a high coronavirus risk – see GOV.UK list.

WHAT DOES SELF-ISOLATE MEAN?

You must not leave your home if you're self-isolating.

Don't

- do not go to work, school or public places – work from home if you can
- do not go on public transport or use taxis
- do not go out to get food and medicine – order it online or by phone, or ask someone to bring it to your home
- do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for people providing essential care
- do not go out to exercise – exercise at home or in your garden, if you have one

I must ask if parents have to self-isolate or are awaiting results, please don't come onto the school grounds. Please can you ring the school for support regarding getting your child to school.

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Throughout this pandemic, I have worked with Public Health Worcester advisors and consultants. When I am informed of a positive case within the school community, I immediately contact Public Health Worcester. We discuss fully who has tested positive, face to face contacts and close proximity contacts with the positive case. It is following this conversation and guidance that I release letters regarding self-isolation. This takes time according to how busy Public Health Worcester are. Therefore there is a delay between closing a bubble, and confirming isolation dates for the children and staff. I would like to thank you for your patience in these circumstances.

OUT OF HOURS PROCEDURES:

If you receive a confirmation of a positive COVID test result after school hours, or over the weekend please ensure you contact Public Health Worcester by email at WCChealthprotection@worcestershire.gov.uk - as well as email us at:

safeguardingsupport@nunnerywoodprimary.worcs.sch.uk which is checked daily.

If you visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk website you will find lots more support and guidance. Public Health Worcester has all our schools out of hours contact details, which ensures that we can respond quickly to any confirmed cases.

SUPPORT AVAILABLE:

As we have mentioned in previous letters – there is a lot of support available for children and families, if it is needed at this time. Here2Help is a countywide campaign and community response to provide help and support to vulnerable people, and families affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. It is led and coordinated by Worcestershire County Council, supported by a growing network of individuals, groups and organisations across the county;

Here2Help: <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help>

APPLICATIONS AND VISITS TO SCHOOL FOR PROSPECTIVE NEW RECEPTION PARENTS SEPTEMBER 2021

If any of you have children due to start school during the academic year 2021-22 i.e. your child was born between 1/9/2016 to 31/8/2017, then on-line applications are now open at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions and will need to be submitted by 15th January 2021. Watch out for a virtual tour on the website coming later this week!

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CONGRATULATIONS!

We would like to congratulate Mrs Wiginton (Apple Class) and her husband, who have shared with us that they are expecting their first child, due May 2021. Congratulations, this is wonderful news!

FINALLY...A BIG PLEA!

Please can all parents ensure that their children do not use the outdoor activity trails/climbing walls after school. This is for Health and Safety reasons. I also appreciate our paths are narrow which is not ideal but please can you ensure you stay on the pathways due to the weather conditions. The governors and I are planning to widen the paths, along with the refurbishment of the School Bungalow Project, which has already been initiated.

Many Thanks once again,

Mrs Higgins and the NWPS team.

Please remember to check ParentPay daily for important class letters and messages from your teachers.

| <u>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY / CALENDAR</u> | |
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| Autumn 2 2020 | |
| Friday 18th December | Last day of term |
| Spring 1 2021 | |
| Monday 4th January | STAFF INSET DAY (school closed to pupils) |
| Tuesday 5th January | Spring 1 term begins for children |
| Friday 12th February | Last day of term |
| Spring 2 2021 | |
| Monday 22nd February | Spring 2 term begins for children |
| Thursday 1st April | Last day of term |
| Summer 1 2021 | |
| Monday 19th April | Summer 1 term begins for children |
| Friday 28th May | Last day of term |
| Summer 2 2021 | |
| Monday 7th June | STAFF INSET DAY (school closed to pupils) |
| Tuesday 8th June | Summer 2 term begins for children |
| Wednesday 21st July | Last day of term |

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