

Dear Parents/Carers

We are all looking forward to welcoming your children back on Monday 8th March. We will be continuing to follow the DfE guidance at this time and the following is a reminder of the systems in place including start and end times for the day.

We continue to have 7 'bubbles' in school, there will be a bubble for each class from Year 1 to Year 6, Pre-school and Reception class will be one bubble. Within their bubble children will not need to socially distance, but bubbles cannot mix and won't be together at break or lunchtimes.

The start and end times for each year group are as follows;

Year group	Start time	End time
Pre-school	9:10 – 9:20	3:10
Reception	9:10 – 9:20	3:10
Year 1	9:00 – 9:10	3:15
Year 2	9:00 – 9:10	3:15
Year 3	8:50 – 9:00	3:20
Year 4	8:50 – 9:00	3:20
Year 5	8:40 – 8:50	3:25
Year 6	8:40 – 8:50	3:25

One of the things we must insist on is that parents stick to these times. This is to avoid crowding being caused either on the playground or outside of school. The one-way system will continue to operate. For parents of children in Pre-school, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 please proceed along the path to the lower ground floor. When you have left your child proceed around the school building and leave by taking the stairs to the upper floor, across the bridge to the playground and exit via the gate to the car park. For parents of children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 we are asking that you leave your children at the school gates and for them to walk in following the one-way system. At the end of the day you can come onto the playground to collect your child; you should enter by the main gate and exit through the gate onto the car park. We also ask that parents continue to socially distance in line with both National and DfE guidelines for schools. All adults on school premises must wear a mask (unless they have a medical exemption).

What can my child bring to school?

- Children should wear school uniform apart from PE and Adventure Island days (see note below)
- Children who are having packed lunches can bring their lunch in a normal lunch box.

- Children can bring a water bottle into school.
- Children can bring coats and bags into school.
- We are encouraging all children in Years 2 to 6 to bring their own pencil case to school (and stay in school) with the following items - Pencil (HB), Sharpener, Eraser, Glue stick, Whiteboard pen (medium nib or whichever your child is comfortable using), Eraser (matchbox-sized sponge is suitable), a small assortment of coloured pencils
- PE Kit and Adventure Island kit – we are asking children to come into school in their PE kit on days they have PE, similarly to wear Adventure Island clothes on the day they have Adventure Island. Your class teacher will send out a reminder of these days this week (as there will be a few changes)
- Children who need to can bring mobile phones into school, in line with school policy these will need to be left with staff in school office and turned off during the school day.

Visitors to school

This will be the same as last term. We are trying to restrict the number of visitors in school. We would therefore ask that parents do not come into school wherever possible.

Breakfast and twilight

- Both Breakfast and Twilight will now take place in the school hall.
- Children attending Breakfast and Twilight will be kept in their year group bubble.
- For Breakfast the start time will now be **8:10 am** and children will be taken or sent to class at the appropriate time
- For Twilight this will now end at **4:45pm** these times are to allow for cleaning and setting up.

I can appreciate at this time you may have questions, so please send any that you have to admin@newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk and we will ensure they are answered as soon as possible.

Kind regards

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