



Newsletter – 11th September 2020

Welcome Back

We have had a lovely start to the new school year, every one of our young people have been just amazing. The new systems and routines have all worked well and this has contributed to a happy and purposeful learning environment. We will continue to monitor how the start and the end of the day work, thank you to everyone who has observed the social distancing guidelines. Things continue to move at pace, we now have the new rule regarding groups limited to 6 and yesterday the Prime Minister launched the '[Hands, Face, Space](#)' campaign urging the public to continue to wash their hands, cover their face and make space to control infection rates and avoid a second peak.

We will continue to keep things as settled and simple as possible but things may change as a result of factors outside our control. We are working out ways on how we tackle things such as homework, parents consultations etc, but it is clear that whole school events which normally include families won't be possible.

We will continue to keep you updated with any changes and if you do have any questions or helpful feedback, please do get in touch.

Prudhoe Library

Prudhoe Library is now offering a 'Select and Collect' service. Click on the link below to complete the request form and they will have the books ready to collect at a predetermined time slot. As we are limited to the amount of books we can send home at the minute, this would be a great way to supplement your child's reading choices and to increase the library usage within the local community.

<https://northumbed.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRNGEN/WPAC/SELECTCOLLECT>

Library Books

If you still have any school library books at home from before the summer break, please can you return these to school on Monday in your child's book bag. Thank you.

Mrs Bewick

Congratulations to Mrs Bewick who had a baby girl during the summer holidays. The name Eloise has been chosen and they are all very much enjoying family life. We hope that as soon as the situation allows Mrs Bewick and Eloise will be able to visit school.

New Chrome Books and Google Classroom

We are delighted to announce that we will be purchasing 35 Chrome Books for pupils in Year 3 and 4. These Chrome Books have previously been used by NCC and are less than two years old, therefore we have been able to secure them at a very reasonable cost. This purchase will enable us to move our IT provision forward and better use Google Classroom.

COVID19 enforced school closure

As we start the new term, it is clear from the news that some schools are already having to close due to positive tests within the school communities. On some occasions the decision to close a year group or school has been taken at very short notice (one school sent out the closure notice on a Sunday night) so please do keep an eye on your emails. If we need to close for any reason we are finalising a curriculum offer in partnership with other Trust schools.

If individual pupils or families have to quarantine, there will be work available following the Oak Academy curriculum that is online. We will of course be keeping in touch online and we hope any such closures will be short lived.

Uniform

Please can you make sure all uniform (including coats and P.E. kits) is labelled clearly with your child's name. This helps us return lost property quickly to its rightful owner.