



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 apace, 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 our way through how we tackle things such as homework, parent 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.

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.

New Chrome Books and Google Classroom

We are delighted to announce that we will be purchasing 60 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 make better use of Google Classroom.

Wylam Rockets U8 Girls Football Team

The Rockets are looking for new players for the new season. If there are any year 3 girls interested in joining the team please contact Daisy's dad, Richard on 07894857404.

Vision and values

We are very proud to be both a community school and a Church of England school. As part of our continued review and development of our school, we have taken the opportunity over the last year to revisit our Vision and Values to ensure they reflect our fabulous school. We have begun to share the new version with pupils this week, starting with a simple phrase "Through Love We Go Beyond" and a bible story that we feel best reflects our aspirations for all pupils, which is The Widow's Mite. The initial reactions have been positive and we plan to further explore this further next week. You will receive a copy of this and the proposed Vision and Values as part of the consultation process next week, and we would be grateful for any feedback.

Parentmail/Parentpay

Thank you to everyone who has registered for a parentmail account, almost all families are now connected. All school communication and any charges will now be sent via this system. There are help pages available from the site and if you have any difficulties this should be your first port of call. If this does not solve your problem please contact Mrs Burnip who will look into it for you.

Milk payments are available and we should be grateful if you could settle these as soon as possible.

Unfortunately it is not possible to make payments for under £5 and therefore it will not be possible to charge your account for new water bottles etc. Please send in cash to school in an envelope marked with the child's name and what the money is for – thank you.

Reminders

As PE will be held outside where possible we ask that children bring in suitable outdoor shoes as their normal plimsolls may be too slippy.

Years 3 and 4 children can now bring snacks into school, these should be packaged and clearly labelled. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to be provided with snacks via the School Fruit and Veg Scheme.