



2nd July 2021

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Dear Families and Board Members,

I am sure that you are all as fed up with the media speculation around Covid and schools as we are. As you know, we don't receive any information before any announcements are made to the general public so we do not have any new information to share.

We have however been told that new school guidance will be available on 4th September (2 days before our return). With this in mind, and the fact that we cannot predict what the impact of any relaxation of restrictions may have over the summer break, we have taken the decision to keep all of our safety measure in place up to and including the first week back in September at least.

We are taking this decision so that we can all enjoy our summer break and know exactly what is happening upon our return, before we break up.

Our bubbles will remain in place, as will staggered start and finish times. If the local and national picture is looking positive, restrictions have been lifted and the school guidance published on the 4th of September supports the lifting of restrictions in school, we will plan changes during the week of 6th September and implement these as soon after our return as possible.

Transition

We will hold a transition afternoon on Monday 12th July for our children in year's nursery to year 5. **This will take place outside in line with our Covid risk assessments.** The children will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher and teaching assistant. The children will be collected and dismissed by their current teacher as usual. As our year 6 pupils have their transition events on a different date, they will be enjoying an afternoon of PE with our sports coach. Our new nursery and reception children (joining us from other settings) will be meeting their new teachers after school one night before the end of term. Miss Hughes will post new class information on our school website and facebook next Friday 9th July so that you can share this with your child/ren before transition day.

End of Term Activities

Each year group will be celebrating the end of a challenging, but very successful year in their own way. Due to the current situation, we are unable to go on many of our usual trips. However, each teacher has undertaken a risk assessment and planned an activity or trip that is safe and most suited to the age and stage of their class. Every class has a lovely event to look forward to and you will receive a letter about this soon if you haven't already.



Nasal Flu Vaccination Letters

If your child will be in Reception to Year 5 in September 2021, they should bring home a Nasal Flu consent form home over the next few days. Please ensure these are handed into the school office by Friday 9th July at 9am.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Great News!! The government have agreed to provide funding for FSM vouchers over the summer break. If your child is in receipt of free school meals, you will receive a one off payment for the whole of the summer break on 26th July.

Attendance

Our attendance figures this week are as follows:-

Nursery – 90% (Majority of children self-isolating)
Reception – 100% (Majority of children self-isolating)
Year 1 – 97.8%
Year 2 – 96%
Year 3 – 94.5%
Year 4 – 97.9%
Year 5 – 93%
Year 6 – 95.1%

KEY DATES

5th July – Year 5 Newcastle Eagles basketball event
7th July – New EY starter visit
9th July – Year 5 trip
12th July (pm) – transition
13th July – Year 6 transition day – Walbottle Academy
14th – 16th July – Year 6 residential
19th July – Year 2 Pirate party
22nd July – Year 3 Carnival
23rd July – Break up for summer – 1.30pm finish
6th Sept – Teacher training day
7th Sept – Children return to school

Kindest Regards
Mrs A. Oliver
Head Teacher