



Dear parents/Carers,

As you will know, the Government has now released detailed guidance to schools to support a full re-opening in September.

Nancealverne school staff and governors are preparing to welcome all children back in September to support our pupils' academic progress and wellbeing. Government research has shown that the risk to children and young people themselves of becoming severely ill from coronavirus is very low and there are negative health impacts of being out of school; a child or young person's time spent in education is key to their preparation for adulthood.

With this in mind, we are preparing a detailed plan taking full account of the recent guidance issued. This plan includes a detailed risk assessment to ensure the safe management of the school building and environment to minimise the risks of COVID 19 transmission. Further details of the health and safety measures in place will be shared in due course. Please can I take this opportunity to reassure you that the school will continue to follow all government guidance and that the health, safety and wellbeing of pupils and staff will remain the highest priority.

The government guidance is very clear in the expectation of all children returning to school in September. Attendance will therefore be mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term with the exception of a small number of students who remain under the care of a specialist health professional and are unable to attend school because they are complying with clinical or public health advice. These pupils will be supported with a comprehensive remote learning programme of study. The school will regularly evaluate and review the school offer throughout the autumn term to assess health, safety and staff availability.

If you have concerns about attendance due to your child's medical condition, please can I ask that you contact your specialist health care professional and seek guidance. If this applies to your child, please contact the school prior to the end of term so that we can plan effectively for all pupils.

In addition, if you have any anxieties about your child's return in September or would like to discuss a transition plan to support your child back into school full time, please contact the school prior to the end of term.

School will close on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July. For those parents who are receipt of free school meals, a voucher will be issued at the start of the summer holidays; the voucher will cover the entire holiday period. The autumn term begins on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September for all staff and open to pupils on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. This will provide three inset days as the start of term to support the missed mandatory compliance training for staff due to Covid 19 restrictions in the summer term.



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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and positivity throughout this period; we are very much looking forward to welcoming our children and school community back in September. If government guidance changes between now and September, we will keep you informed via the website and school messaging service.

Kind regards,

Ruth Carpenter

Headteacher