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Dear parent/carers,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all our Newchurch Robins back to school on Monday 8th March and continuing the great work they have been doing both in school and at home. The purpose of this communication is to outline the way in which we will be supporting your child in the return to school and also to remind you of the arrangements around timings, PE days etc.

Drop off and collection times

As before, and in order to ensure that all families are safe and social distancing is maintained, we will use the system which had been in operation before the lockdown. As there are 192 children returning to Newchurch, we are going to have to work together to ensure the system works as efficiently as possible. The times will be as follows:

Year group	Drop off time	Collection time
Reception	Between 9:00am and 9:05am	Between 3:10pm and 3:15pm
Year 1	Between 8:50am and 8:55am	Between 3:00pm and 3:05pm
Year 2	Between 9:10am and 9:15am	Between 3:20pm and 3:25pm
Year 3	Between 9:10am and 9:15am	Between 3:20pm and 3:25pm
Year 4	Between 8:50am and 8:55am	Between 3:00pm and 3:05pm
Year 5	Between 9:00am and 9:05am	Between 3:10pm and 3:15pm
Year 6	Between 8:40am and 8:45am	Between 2:50pm and 2:55pm

Each child will be given a time window of five minutes for drop off and collection. Please only arrive at this time and via the red gates as before. If you are anything like me, you will want to be early but this will cause issues as you will not be allowed to enter the school grounds until your allocated time and so could cause issues around congregating at the gate. Just a reminder to not enter the school grounds via the steps from Warrington Road as this is a pinch point and will not allow us to see which people are arriving. It is absolutely fine to exit the grounds using the steps though.

As you can appreciate, we need to limit the number of people on site at any given time. Therefore, we ask that only one adult accompany the children and that you vacate the premises once you have dropped off or collected your child(ren). Adults should wear a mask when on the school premises. Any younger siblings - who cannot be left at home - must stay beside you at all times. School age children should be beside their parents at all times and not run around the grounds.



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The eight families we have not been able to accommodate with a five minute interval between dropping off siblings, may continue to drop both children at the same time. These children will be brought to the front entrance and will be collected by a teaching assistant who will supervise them until their class begins the school day.

School Uniform

It is expected that children will return to wearing their school uniform; however, we appreciate that young children's feet grow very quickly and so school shoes may be tricky to come by until non-essential retail are opened. Ideally, we would love the children to be in school shoes, but if this is not possible they will be allowed to wear sensible shoes or trainers. Parents should aim to ensure their children are in full school uniform as soon as possible if this is the case so this is only a temporary measure. We have also noticed that some of our children attending school have started to wear leggings on days rather than skirts or trousers. Unless it is a PE day, leggings should not be worn.

On days when children have PE, we will continue to ask the children come to school in their PE kit for the whole day so that we will not have to change clothing. All children will have an indoor and an outdoor PE lesson. In some case, these will be on the same day. PE days are as follows:

Class	Days for PE
Reception	Friday
Year 1	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 2	Monday and Wednesday
Year 3	Tuesday and Friday
Year 4	Wednesday and Friday
Year 5	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 6	Thursday and Friday

Please can we ask that all children adhere to the expectations with regards PE kits:

- Plain white round neck t-shirt (not school polo shirt)
- Black shorts/skorts
- Trainers
- Black hoodie
- Black joggers or leggings

What your child will need to bring to school

As before, all decisions made regarding what your child can and cannot bring into school are in response to the government guidance and to reduce the chances of the possible transmission of the virus. What your child needs is as follows:

- KS1 children can bring in their book bags and KS2 children may bring in their rucksacks. No other bags should be brought into school. As children in KS2 have lockers, rucksacks are acceptable but in KS1 book bags are all that are needed.
- Children must bring in a filled labelled water bottle which will be sent home for cleaning each day.
- If your child wishes to bring a snack from home they can do so. Please ensure that it is a healthy snack: fruit, yoghurt, cheese or healthy low sugar, low fat snack bar. Crisps, biscuits or sweets are not allowed as snack.
- As each child will have their own pack of resources, they will not have the need to bring in any pencil cases or equipment from home. School will provide everything they need.
- An outdoor coat and sun hat (dependent on the weather) as learning outdoors will be of a high priority.
- If your child is to have a packed lunch, then please ensure that it is a plastic lunch box as it is easier to clean.

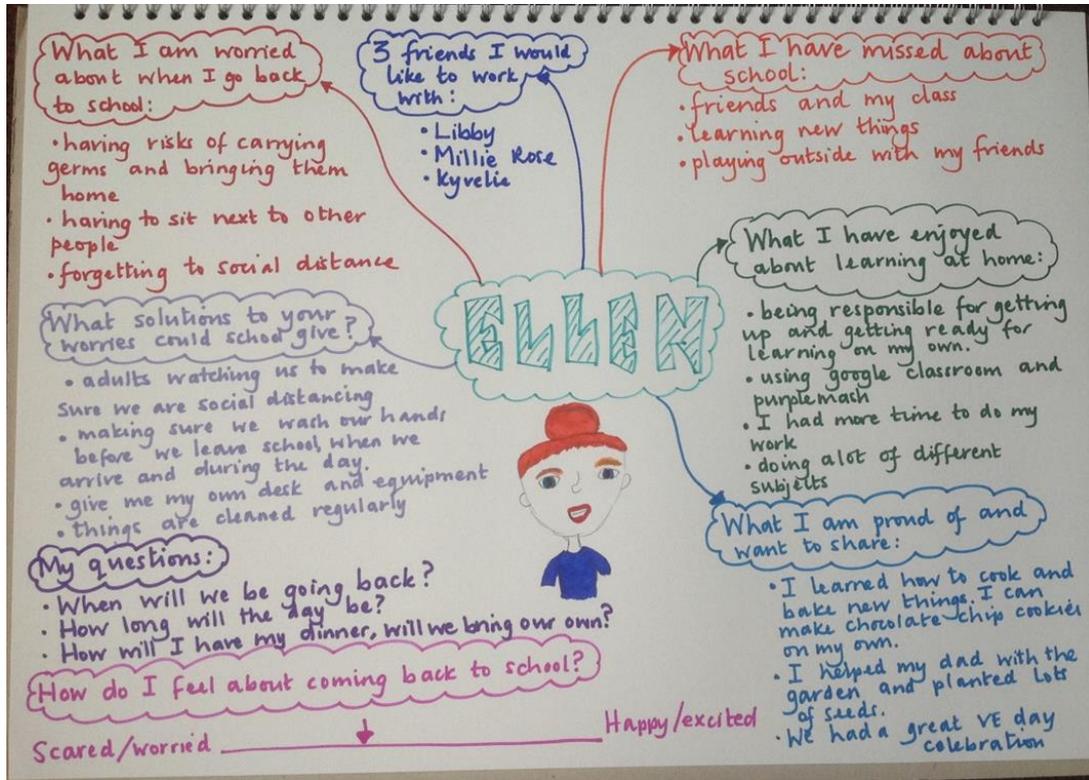


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Supporting the transition back into school

As stated in yesterday's communication, every child will have had a different experience of this lockdown and we need to cater for this when the children return to school. In order for us to capture your child's experience during this lockdown, which was very different to the last one, we are asking them to complete a mind map, which we would like you to photograph and upload onto the google classroom. We will use this to help us to plan how we can best support each child when they return to school. An example can be seen below.



For children home schooling in Key Stage One, we would like to ask parents to complete the mind map on a one to one with the children. A member of staff will guide the children in Key Stage Two. Our experience of working with younger children is that they are more likely to open up to their parent and so that is why we are asking parents to complete it with Key Stage One.

Children who have been in school will also be asked to complete a mind map which explores their experience of being in school during the lockdown and how they feel about the return of their peers and any worries they have.

We would very much like these to be completed by Friday (perhaps in the Friday afternoon session) so we are able to reflect on their content. Parents will also be given the opportunity to discuss any concerns via a telephone call in week beginning 1st March. The organisation will be as follows:

Reception	Monday
Year 1	Tuesday
Year 2	Wednesday
Year 3	Thursday
Year 4	Monday
Year 5	Tuesday
Year 6	Wednesday



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We are expecting children to find the return to school difficult and this may present itself in a number of ways. The staff are well trained in supporting children and the curriculum provided for the children on their return will continue to focus on the learning they need to develop, but also enable the children to engage socially with their peers, develop oracy skills and feel settled.

Social Stories and a 'Catch Up'

As with the return in September, we will be uploading the social stories to the Google Classroom for the children to go through as a reminder of the layout of the classroom, playtime areas and times, lunchtime arrangements and the expectations around hygiene and social distancing.

As part of the transition, the children who are working from home will be invited to a live streaming 'Catch Up' session where their class teacher will go through the presentation with them and answer any questions. The presentation on Google Classroom is therefore there as a guide should you need to refer to it.

Newchurch Robins Wrap-around Care

As per guidance, we have been able to continue to run Newchurch Robins every day from 8:00am until 5:30pm. The hall will continue to be zoned for different groups of children: Reception, Y1/Y2, Y3/4 and Y5/6. Each 'nest' will have its own resources and equipment, which will be cleaned each session. Children will adhere to strict hygiene routines and will also engage in fun activities which support social distancing and also limits the use of shared resources.

To reduce administration and ensure the smooth operational running of Newchurch Robins wrap around care club, all childcare places and booking patterns which were booked in the Autumn term in September will resume unchanged.

If you do need to make a change to your booking pattern, please click link:

<https://forms.gle/nPq6orjzgw6DmEZb6> to update your booking form by Friday 26th February to enable us to plan staffing accordingly for when the children return.

If you have any questions, please contact our School Business Manager, Janine, at Newchurch_Robins@warrington.gov.uk who will help you with any questions that you may have.

On behalf of the Newchurch Robins Team, thank you for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school.

Lunchtimes and Snack from the school kitchen

If you pay for your school lunches, please can we ask that you ensure that your child's ParentPay account is in credit. We have been informed by the kitchen that they will commence the provision of snack after Easter so please ensure your child has a snack with them each day, and a drink.

Free School Meals

Over the recent months more and more families are experiencing financial hardship as a result of changes in their employment circumstances. If you are in receipt of the benefits detailed below, your child may be eligible for free school meals:

- Income Support;
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit;



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- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190);
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit;
- Universal Credit

This also enables your child to benefit from support for school uniform, subsidies for trips etc. as detailed in our Pupil Premium Policy. Please contact the school office if you think this may be the case and we will be happy to check for you. All enquiries will be dealt with in confidence.

Finally, may we take the time to thank you all for your patience, flexibility and compassion over this term. It has not been easy for any of us, particularly the children and they have been the heroes of this lockdown. We can't wait to see them all united and hope that lockdowns and home learning is a thing of the past.

Take care and keep safe.

Mrs Jayne Narraway

Head Teacher



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