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Dear parent/carer,

As we mark the end of the spring term, we can look back on it with pride as to how much we have achieved. We are amazed with the children's daily demonstration of the Newchurch core values: Resilience, Respect, Resourcefulness, Responsibility, Reciprocity and Reflectiveness. Although it has been a tough few months, the Newchurch Family has been united and the future is bright.

It is important that as the restrictions are lifted, we keep to the rules of each stage of the roadmap presented to us. None of us want to go back to blended learning again and the future of the country is in our hands. If we keep to the rules, this dreadful virus will be under control. Unfortunately, we are sad to report that we have been made aware of families still breaking the rules. For the sake of the children's education, everyone's well-being and the country as a whole, please could you adhere to the rules put in place to protect us.

The current guidance is as follows:

- Outdoor gatherings (including private gardens) of either 6 people or 2 households is allowed
- Outdoor sports facilities such as tennis and basketball courts, and open-air swimming pools, will also be allowed to reopen, and people will be able to take part in formally organised outdoor sports
- People should continue to work from home when they can
- The number of journeys made should be minimised

Let's do our bit to make sure that further restrictions are lifted on 12th April by sticking to the guidance provided for us.

As we begin our Easter holidays, the school has been asked to be on call for support for any positive cases of COVID in our school children. We are committed to supporting the Track and Trace system and hope that you will help us in doing so. If your child becomes symptomatic and tests positive, please could we ask that you contact school using the head's email: Newchurch_primary_head@warrington.gov.uk This will be monitored three times a day. Should we have a positive case within the first part of the holidays, we will need to notify those children and members of staff, who have been in close contact with the positive case, of their need to isolate.



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Photography Competition



Just a reminder that as the days get brighter and families are out for a walk, we are inviting the children to take photographs of the signs of Spring or nature and send them into us via the school email address: newchurch_primary@warrington.gov.uk The closing date will be the first day back after Easter (15th April). We will make a virtual gallery to share the pictures and the winners will be announced on Friday 23rd April.

There is also another competition our budding photographers can enter. Visit:

https://www.bornfree.org.uk/kids-competition?utm_campaign=284793_Schools%20competition&utm_medium=email&utm_source=The%20Born%20Free%20Foundation&dm_i=6Q0U,63QX,2MO9GB,PGGP,1 for more information.

Water or juice?

Newchurch Primary is committed to promoting the children's healthy lifestyles. Over the last few weeks, we have noticed that a large number of children are coming into school with juice in their bottles. Our current school policy is that children are only allowed to bring in water to drink in their water bottles. As a parent myself, I understand the difficulties in 'coaxing' children into making healthy choices and there is the constant dilemma of following the school rules and wanting your child to be hydrated throughout the day. Therefore, we will add this to our list of agenda items for future Parent Board meetings for discussion and go to consultation with the wider Newchurch Family (beyond the Parent Board) for their opinions.

Can my child get snack from school?

Following the Easter break, snack will be available from the school kitchen at a cost of £2.50 which is payable through ParentPay at the start of each week.

Uniform changes linked to Parent Board

Many thanks to those parents who responded to the questionnaire regarding the proposed changes to the school uniform. The Parent Board last week to discuss the different opinions of the parents, giving consideration to the pros and cons of any changes. At the meeting, it was agreed that we would make a change in September 2021 to the school PE kit only. It was agreed that the white t-shirt would be changed to red polo shirt so that they are in the school colours even on PE days. The black hoodie and leggings, joggers or shorts would remain as they are. It was felt unnecessary to have a logo on the polo shirt or the hoodie. School will purchase a class set of polo shirts with logos for any sporting competitions children attend.

We have looked at the cost of the red polo shirts and you are able to get two from Asda at a cost between £2.50 and £4 depending on the size of your child. Of course, if you wish to have the logo on, you can but this is not an expectation on the PE kit.



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We hope that you can see that it was a genuine consultation and we have taken into account the comments made by some parents regarding the hoodies with logos and the cost of them as opposed to the plain ones. There will be no further uniform changes for September 2021. At the next Parent Board meeting, we will be looking at the other parts of the uniform but no changes will be made until September 2022 as we wanted to consult with our new starter children in the next academic year and look at uniform providers and costings.

Easter Holiday Branch Challenge



Hopefully, the sun will shine over the next two weeks and our families will be able to get out for lovely walks. Whilst you are doing so, we would like to see if each family can meet our 'Easter Holiday Branch Challenge'. We have been developing our Forest School area at the top of our school field which will be used by all the children at some point. Den building is one of the challenges the children will be involved in and as such we will need lots of branches to make dens like the one above. Mrs Sizer reliably informs us that a branch between one and one and a half metres long and about 5 centimetres in diameter would be the best for the den making.

We look forward to seeing you all (and your branches) when we return to school on **Thursday 15th April**.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter!

Take care and keep safe,

Mrs Jayne Narraway

Head Teacher



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