



Knop Law Knews



Week Ending 17th July 2020

Dear parents and families,

Finally school is out for summer! Our Year 6 leavers enjoyed a fun packed day including some of the traditional celebrations with shirt signing, a picnic and yet another fantastic Y6 film. Mr Singh made an epic film this year and watching and listening to the children made us all feel proud of their achievements and also brought a tear to our eyes as we said a final goodbye to them. We wish them all the best of luck in their new schools.

The “bubbles” for our vulnerable children also closed this week and we celebrated with a mass bubble blowing celebration on the yard. We have also seen all the children and families in Y5/4 and Y3 this week so although it was not a traditional end to the year we have managed to reconnect with everyone ready for September.

As you know all children will return on Tuesday 8th September on a full time basis in protective class bubbles of 30. Below is a list of frequently asked questions that link to our risk assessment. Please read through them as they will ensure that you and your children are ready and prepared for the full opening of school. May I also remind you that attendance is statutory and therefore the current arrangements around holidays in term time will apply i.e. no holidays in term time can be authorised by school. Families taking holidays will be referred to the LA for consideration of a fixed penalty notice.

And finally if you need childcare over the holidays Cuba Club. If you require childcare please contact Vikki on 07876407182. Also Premier Sport, through the Greatest Summer Ever, is running some events on our school field from the 27th July - 20th Aug, Monday to Thursday 10am - 3pm. For more information follow the link <https://twitter.com/PremierSportNE> or <https://www.facebook.com/Premier-Sport-Tyne-Wear-and-Northumberland-181403932221866>

Enjoy your holidays, may the sun shine!

Ms Simpson





Frequently Asked Questions

What are the schools protective and prevention strategies?

In line with government guidance we have implemented several systems of control which are:

Essential measures include:

- a requirement that people who are ill stay at home
- robust hand and respiratory hygiene
- enhanced cleaning arrangements
- active engagement with NHS Test and Trace
- protective class bubbles of 30 with minimal contact between groups. Social distancing and staff maintaining distance from pupils and other adults as much as possible

When will school be open? Yes

We are open from 8th September with school opening to children from 8.20am and our official start time remains as 8.30am. We would strongly recommend that children and families walk to school to enable social distancing advice to be adhered to. To minimise the number of adults on the school site, children walking to school will be met at the main school gate by members of staff and directed straight into their classrooms. For those children who have to come to school in a car then drivers must adhere to our one way drop off system, with adults remaining in their vehicle wherever possible.

Will there be a change to the timings of the school day? Yes

We plan to keep the start of the school day the same but this could be subject to change. However, pick-ups at the end of the school day will need to be staggered, in keeping with government guidance and to minimise the number of people on site at any one time. We need to avoid mass gatherings and for the foreseeable future can only allow one adult from each family on the school site at any one time and request that people leave the site as quickly as possible.

Pick up times for families who are walking

We are actively encouraging families to walk to and from school as this is the safest way to get on and off the school site. Reviewed pick-up times, for those families who are walking to and from school:

Reception – 2.30pm, children with no siblings in school picked up from the exit at the front of the school (formally known as Parkway Playgroup entrance) and children with siblings in school to be picked up on the main school yard.

Older siblings of Reception children – 2.35pm, parents to pick up these children from their usual exit.

Year 1 and Year 3 – 2.45pm, if there are older siblings - parents to collect youngest sibling from their exit and older sibling will join them on the yard. Older siblings will be directed to their parents.

Year 2 and Year 4– 2.50pm, if there are older siblings - parents to collect youngest sibling from their exit and older sibling will join them on the yard. Older siblings will be directed to their parents.

Year 5 – 2.55pm, children to be collected from the year 5 & 6 exit however we are encouraging older children to walk home on their own.

Year 6 – 3.00pm, children to be collected from the year 5 & 6 exit however we are encouraging older children to walk home on their own.

Drop off and pick up by car

Our car survey indicated that over 100 families need to use the car park which is an issue as there are only 55 car parking spaces. If it is possible please can we encourage you to walk all or part of the way to school? However if your journey is absolutely essential then you must adhere to the new car park arrangements. Through lock down we have successfully operated a drive through system and children have been collected and dismissed by staff at the green gate in the car park. This is the safest space as children can alight and depart from their car onto the pavement and also minimises face to face contacts and the number of adults on site. Children will be brought to the pick-up area at the allocated departure time (see above), and parents must remain in their car.

Will my child need to come in school uniform? Yes

Children are required to wear school uniform (see the list below). However on their PE days they will need to arrive dressed in their outdoor PE kits which they will wear all day. This is to minimise the number of items kept in the school cloakrooms and the issues which changing for PE can cause.

Will the classroom look different? Yes

Much of the furniture and many other items that may be difficult to clean will have been removed. Children will sit in rows. Windows and doors will be kept open to ensure better ventilation. Hand sanitiser will be available in the classroom although we are encouraging your child to bring their own bottles especially if children have allergies. Children can bring in a water bottle, which will be kept in their individual drawer throughout the day and needs to be taken home at night. Children will remain in their classroom throughout the day apart from outdoor breaks, which have been more regularly timetabled. They will stay with the same group of children and staff throughout the day.

Will the curriculum be different? Yes

Over the first few weeks we will be focussing on social, emotional and mental health well-being whilst gradually reintroducing other curriculum subjects. The children will work where possible with their last teacher in their last classroom as these familiar adults will help children to readjust to life in school and also assess where they are with their learning. Over the first few weeks we will begin the transition to new classes and new teachers and we will inform you who that teacher will be in the first week back to school.

Will I need to provide any equipment? Yes but only a school book bag

The children need to use their school book bag for their reading book and reading diary all other equipment will be provided by school. Book bags fit into the children's individual drawers whilst other bags do not which cause storage issues. We will provide all learning equipment - each child will have their own resource pack. You will need to provide your child with their own water bottle and mid-morning snack. Please ensure that all food can be

opened independently. Children should not bring any personal items into school, with the exception of a mobile phone if they are walking to school independently.

Will playtime/ lunchtimes be different? Yes

There will be an increased amount of outdoor learning! The children will take their outdoor lunch break on the main playgrounds in a specified year group area, this will be supervised by the same staff every day. At playtime and lunchtime children will be allowed contact with other children in their year group but are not allowed to mix with any other year group bubbles. Any games where children come into close proximity to each other, such as football, will not be allowed. Children should aim to maintain social distancing where possible from all other children and adults at all times when outside.

Will systems for Toileting, First Aid and Hygiene change? Yes

Children will be allowed regular toilet visits with no more than 1 child at a time. Hand washing will be encouraged at least hourly with hot, soapy water. Hand sanitiser will be available for use throughout the day. If children suffer a minor injury such as a small cut, they will be given wipes/plasters, etc. to apply themselves to avoid close contact with adults. As ever, if children suffer a more serious accident or illness, parents will be contacted immediately or in the case of an emergency, 999 will be called. Children who require an inhaler will need to ensure this is in school and will be kept in sterile, secure storage in the classroom.

Have the behaviour policy and school rules changed? Yes

We have had to update our school rules around hand washing and social distancing in order to keep everyone safe. However, our Ready, Respectful and Safe behaviour expectations still remain the same. These will be explained to children and must be followed. If your child is unable to follow the rules, then unfortunately they will be sent home as not following instructions can put others at risk of catching COVID 19. We realise this will be very difficult and upsetting for some children. Parents are the best to judge if their child will be able to keep to the strict rules.

Can we bring in a packed lunch? Yes

This must be in a disposable bag. Children will eat lunch in their designated classroom and not the dining hall.

Will there be breakfast and/or after school care? Yes

Cuba Club plan to offer before and after school care in September and are also offering childcare over the summer holidays. If you require childcare please contact Vikki on 07876407182. However school clubs and the toddler group on Tuesday are suspended until further notice.

Will my child be in the same class and with the same teacher? Yes

Teaching class groups of 30 called 'bubbles' will be set up. Each bubble will have a class teacher and learning support assistant. Each bubble will be in their own classroom and moving between classrooms will be avoided where possible.

Will there be extra cleaning happening in school? Yes

We will follow the [COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings guidance](#) and ensure that sufficient handwashing facilities are available. Where a sink is not nearby, we will provide hand sanitiser.

We will regularly clean surfaces that pupils are touching, such as toys, books, desks, chairs, doors, sinks, toilets, light switches, bannisters, more regularly than normal.

We will ensure that all adults and children are frequently washing their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds and dry thoroughly.

They will clean their hands on arrival at school, before and after eating, and after sneezing or coughing.

They will be encouraged not to touch their mouth, eyes and nose and use a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze and use bins for tissue waste ('catch it, bin it, kill it')

Where possible, all spaces will be well ventilated using natural ventilation (opening windows) or ventilation units however the new school building works is a complication in this due to the noise.

We will prop doors open, where safe to do so (bearing in mind fire safety and safeguarding), to limit use of door handles and aid ventilation.

What happens if someone in the class bubble is ill?

If anyone in the bubble shows signs of COVID 19 then they will be isolated and sent home immediately. They must self-isolate and get a test. Only when the result of this test shows they do not have the infection they can return to school. If the test is positive, then school will work with Public Health England as to the next steps that need to be taken.

Are there things as a parent that I must do? Yes

A new home school agreement must be signed and followed which we will send home with your child.

If you think your child has COVID 19 symptoms you must not bring them to school.

Your mobile number must be up to date and you should always be contactable.

Social distancing measures must be followed.

You cannot gather at entrance gates or on the school yards.

Please talk through and reinforce all the new important routines with your child.

Are parents allowed into school? No

To ensure we can keep the risk of spreading the virus to a minimum no visitors will be allowed into the school. Communication should be via:





Email - admin@knoplaw.newcastle.sch.uk

Telephone – 0191 2674453

For further information follow the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

School Uniform

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Years 5 & 6</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School blazer • Blue shirt • School tie • Grey knee length skirt or trousers • Grey or white socks • Grey tights • School waterproof coat • Black leather shoes (no trainers or boots) • No jewellery or earrings
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Reception to Year 4</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School jumper or cardigan • Light blue school polo-shirt • Grey knee length skirt or trousers • Grey or white socks • Grey tights • School waterproof coat • Black leather shoes (no trainers or boots) • School bookbag • No jewellery or earrings <p>NB In 2020-21 Y4 DO NOT NEED A BLAZER</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Summer</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue checked summer dress • Grey shorts • Grey or white socks • Black leather shoes (no trainers or boots) • School bookbag • No jewellery or earrings
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>P.E. kit</u></p> <p>Indoor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red, blue, yellow or green school t-shirt (depending on castle group) • Navy blue shorts • Black sandshoes <p>Outdoor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy blue/black tracksuit botoms • Red, blue, yellow or green school t-shirt (depending on castle group) • School hoody • Trainers

