

Thursday, 4th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are busily preparing to welcome all the children back to school on **Monday 8th March**. We are really looking forward to seeing them in person instead of on screen! I want to reassure you that we are following all guidelines to make sure school is as safe as possible. We appreciate how well you have worked with us during the pandemic, and I know we can continue doing so moving forwards. Please take some time to read the information in this letter, which will prepare you for the return to school.

Returning Devices

Please bring devices back on Monday so they can be checked, cleaned and then reused in school. Children should hand these to the class teacher. If we have to close any class bubbles in the coming weeks and months, we will loan out devices again.

Staggered start, finish and lunchtimes:

To maintain social distancing, there will be staggered start and finish times. These have changed (see table below). Please use the one-way system on the playground and come in through the gate marked 'entrance.' Parents must stay behind the ball shooters and leave via the gate marked 'exit.' Only Nursery and Reception parents can go past the ball shooters to drop their children in the small playground. The children will be welcomed into school and into their classrooms, sanitising their hands as they come in. If your child has a sibling/s, please bring them in at the earliest time. **At school pick up time, we need you to wait on the playground until you have all your children.** I know this means a wait time but we cannot safely accommodate individual arrangements unless this is an unavoidable work situation and is pre-arranged with myself or Mr Burpitt. Please keep your distance from other families on the playground to avoid virus transmission. **Masks must be worn by all adults and secondary aged children on the playground, unless you are able to show that you are exempt.**

Children will continue to eat separately in their class bubbles. The menu for hot lunches is on the website, and is also on the School Gateway App. Please encourage your children to stay at school for lunch wherever possible, as going home for lunch increases movement around school and therefore increases virus transmission. Children who must go home for lunch need to be collected from the school office – please make sure you wait outside if there is more than one person in the office. Please also note that the car park at the front of school does not belong to us, and so we cannot park there.

	Start	Lunchtime	Home
NE: Mrs Ludlam, Miss Faxon	08:45		11:45
RBD: Mrs Buxton / Mrs Dawson, Mr Harmer, Miss Hurilal	8:45	11:45	15:05
RS: Mrs Sharma, Mrs Irving, Mrs Parekh			
1N: Mrs Reid	08:40	11:30	15:20
1R: Mrs Nocton			
2A: Mrs Adatia	08:40	12:30	15:20
2ML: Mrs Mulla / Ms Wren			
3HW Mrs Harris-Wakelam	08:35	11:30	15:10
3P Mrs Pattni			
4S Mrs Simpkin	08:35	12:30	15:10
4T Ms Taylor			
5J Miss Jennings	08:30	11:30	15:00
5S Mrs Sattar			
6H Miss Holland	08:30	12:30	15:00
6M Miss Modhwadia			
6WS Mr Wharin / Mr Smart			

Uniform and equipment

Children need to come to school in uniform wherever possible. If you are struggling with this, please just do your best – we understand that in many cases, money has been tight, shops have been shut and children have grown! Please aim for school colours and no jeans please. Our full uniform list is here for reference: <https://www.north-tmet.uk/parents/uniform/> Your child's teacher will tell you when the class PE days are so that you can send your child in PE kit on those days – we will not be asking them to change in school.

The only equipment that your child will need is a packed lunch (if not having school dinners), a warm coat and suitable shoes for outdoor exercise. We will be doing regular exercise sessions as part of our curriculum to keep us all healthy (outdoors as much as possible). The warm coat may be also worn inside in cold weather – part of our risk assessment says that windows in classrooms are left open a small amount at all times to reduce the risk of virus transmission.

Health and Safety

We have done a full and comprehensive risk assessment, which is revisited regularly. Click here to read the full document: <https://www.north-tmet.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/1.-NMPA-COVID-19-Schools-Risk-Assessment-V18-11.1.21.pdf>

Please take a few moments to revisit the **Bug Busting Classroom Routines** with your children:

Bug Busting Classroom Routines

- We use hand sanitiser when we come into the classroom in the morning and after lunch
- We wash your hands for 20 seconds every hour (your teacher will set a timer)
- We wash our hands when we've been to the toilet
- We wash our hands before and after play and lunch
- If we sneeze, cough or blow our nose we use a tissue to CATCH IT, BIN IT, KILL IT and then we wash our hands
- We use our own stationery
- When we've finished reading a book, we put it in the class quarantine box and not back on the shelf.
- We try to stay 2 metres away from our teachers
- We only work with the children in our class bubble. Outside, we can play with the children in our year group bubble
- When we walk down the corridor, we stay on the left-hand side

Please do not hesitate to contact us via Class Dojo with any queries or concerns you may have, or ring the school office between the hours of 8 and 3:30pm. Mrs Hurst, our family support worker, is also available to provide support and can be contacted via the school office. We can't wait to see you all and be together again.

Kind Regards,



Alex Curran

Principal

