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*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace
1 Peter 4:10*

Friday 17th July 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: School Reopening Updates and News

We have now updated our COVID-19 Risk Assessment for the coming autumn term and you will find this on our website. We will review this after the first week back at school and thereafter monthly, or as things change.

In order to manage social distancing in September, we are having to stagger drop-off and pick-up times as follows:

Class	Start	Break	Lunch	Finish
Pine	8:20	9:45-10:00	12:00-1:00	2:55
Oak	8:30	10:05-10:20	12:00-1:00	3:05
Sycamore	8:40	10:25-10:40	12:30 – 1:30	3:15
Rowan	8:50	10:45-11:00	12:30 – 1:30	3:25
Willow	9:00	11:05-11:20	12:30– 1:30	3:35

Older siblings can start and finish at the same time as younger siblings if this is easier for families to manage. Children who use school transport will be arriving and leaving at the usual times (8:40-3:15). Only one adult should accompany children to school in order to avoid large numbers of people gathering. I will be sending further information and reminders at the end of August prior to the start of term.

If you wish to read the full government guidance you can find it at this link:

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

In the meantime, I would like you to note the following practical issues for September:

- Children will be expected to wear school uniform
- They will be expected to come to school in PE kit on PE days
- They will require named welly boots (to remain in school at all times)
- They should have an art apron or old shirt (to remain in school at all times)
- Year 4 pupils will be swimming at some point in the autumn term so please ensure that they have swim suits (girls), swim trunks (not shorts – boys), hats and goggles (if required)
- All children will require a named water bottle
- Children should have a named lunch box if they are having packed lunches
- Children should have a book bag for reading books
- No other bags or items should be brought to school

Face Masks:

Some of our children have been arriving at school with face masks. The Norfolk County Council policy on face masks is as follows:

- [Only] children who travel to school using school transport will be encouraged to wear a face mask.
- School will have arrangements in place for the safe removal of face coverings on arrival at the setting
- The wearer must not touch the front of their face during use or when removing the face covering.
- They must bring a bag or other suitable receptacle with them to place the covering in or dispose of it in a bin.
- They must perform hand hygiene on arrival at the setting and after removing their face covering.

The advice about face coverings is under constant debate and review. I will inform you of any changes to this advice prior to the start of the new term.

Your Questions:

If you have questions about the COVID-19 arrangements, please send them to me and I will add my answers to the FAQs sheet on our website.

End of Year Reports:

By now, you will have received your child's end of year report. We always ask for feedback and provide a form for that purpose. I would be very grateful to receive feedback as this is an important source of information for us which helps us to continue to improve what we do.

Survey:

Thank you to those of you who have responded to our survey this week. If you haven't done so, I would urge you to complete this as, once again, it will inform what we do next.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IOM_8mowLU-yDq7UATSAstwzDFJGq9LgqFa5IPbAd5UOUEzVEpJMkpQWjFUWDI5UTRMRzRLWjNQSS4u

School Lunches in September:

For the first half of the autumn term, we will be providing packed lunches only. We will review the lunchtime arrangements and provision in October. I'm attaching the packed lunch menu for your information.

Health & Safety Advice on the Use of Clubs:

If you are considering whether to arrange club activities for your child over the summer holiday, it might be useful to bear in mind the guidance in this extract from the Norfolk County Council Health & Safety Risk Assessment:

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Small consistent groups created are as follows:

- Keeping the groups to no more than 15 children with one or two staff members (group sizes are smaller than 15 children depending on factors such as age of the children in attendance, size of the premises or the type of activity).
- Social distancing will be maintained both within and between groups
- Parents and carers are encouraged to limit the number of settings their child attends, ideally ensuring they only attend one setting consistently
- Parents and carers are encouraged to attend clubs that are local to them and to walk or cycle to the club or activity
- Where groupings cannot be consistent or static, only outside provision will be offered and the group limited to up to 6 people including staff members.
- Records are maintained of all bubbles or groups for 21 days (for tracking and tracing)
- The total number of people permitted to attend the activity whether indoor or outdoor is limited by the space available to enable social distancing both within and between groups
- Cleaning, hand sanitisation and waste requirements apply to outdoor provision as well as indoor.

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- Particular attention is given to touch points such as gates and hand rails, providing hand sanitiser at suitable outside locations and the provision of waste facilities and tissues
- Access to and use of toilet facilities will be considered.
- In particular the number of children using the toilet at any one time is managed and limited, and, where possible mixing of groups while using these facilities is avoided.
- Contact sports will not take place and activities that encourage shouting, singing or chanting, or the use of wind/brass instruments in groups will be avoided
- Where parents use childcare providers or out of school activities for their children the setting has encouraged them to seek assurance that the providers are carefully considering their own protective measures, and only use those providers that can demonstrate this.

Summer Holiday Provision:

Robert Kett Primary School will be running their Extra Time Holiday Club throughout the summer holiday. They are open from Wednesday 22nd July to Friday 4th September and parents can book via the link below, or by visiting the Robert Kett website and going to the Extra Time section.

<https://forms.gle/aybpaopjHReq9w7RA>

Home Learning:

Music in the Summer Holidays:

The Norfolk Music Hub are running workshops for children during the summer holidays. These will be virtual workshops and delivered via Zoom free to those who sign up. Details of the events can be found by logging on to <https://www.norfolkmusicclub.org.uk/site/summer-school-workshops/>

Norfolk Library Service:

Go to this link for the latest library news: [July 2020 Resource Newsletter \(click link\)](#)

Safeguarding and Wellbeing:

Where your child has symptoms, you should order a test immediately through www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119 if you have no internet access.

Talking about Tricky Things:

Sometimes it can be difficult to talk about things with your child. Here are some tips to help you:

https://www.educatorsolutions.org.uk/media/files/Top_Tips_for_Talking_to_your_child_about_Tricky_Things.pdf

Kooth Online Support for 11-18 Year Olds:

Kooth provides a safe, secure means of accessing help via the internet. By accessing Kooth students can benefit from:

- **A free confidential, anonymous and safe** way to receive support online.
- **Out of hours' availability.** Counsellors are available from 12noon to 10pm on weekdays and 6pm to 10pm at weekends, every day of the year on a drop in basis.
- **Online Counselling** from a professional team of BACP qualified counsellors is available via 1-1 chat sessions or messaging on a drop in basis or via booked sessions.

- **Discussion Boards** which are all pre-moderated allow young people to access peer to peer support.
- **Online Magazine** full of moderated articles many of which are submitted by young people offering advice and guidance on a huge range of topics.
- **No referral** is required. Young people can register for kooth independently at www.kooth.com

To use the service or find out more visit www.Kooth.com

You can also view a short video about the service by following this link: [KoothVideo](#)

Celebration Friday

The teachers have nominated the following children for special mention:

- **Mr East says:** *There are some really lovely pieces of work to finish off the year, including Ben with his really informative bee poster. It looks great! Bella and Imogen have also made really interesting Unicorn fact files with some really imaginative descriptions and facts. Both Immy and Bella have worked really hard during lockdown and should be incredibly proud of their effort, determination and positivity!*
- **Mr Watson says:** *Well done to all of Oak Class who have worked so hard this year. I have really enjoyed teaching all of you! Good luck to all the Year 2s who are moving up to Sycamore class with Mr East in September. I will miss you all! A big well done to all of the new Year 1 children who came in this week to spend the afternoon with me. It was lovely to get to know you better and you did some wonderful Jack and the Beanstalk pictures!*
- **Mr Clements Says:** *I'm incredibly proud of everything that Rowan Class have been doing since the start of Home Learning in March. The motivation, perseverance and 'can do' attitude that everyone in Rowan has shown has been nothing short of incredible. Well done to you all!*
- **Mrs Cooper and Mrs Easter say:** *We are so impressed with how hard everyone has worked this term. It has been a very unusual time but you have all been brilliant. We have loved seeing lots of you in school as well as your learning on google classroom. Have a wonderful summer holiday and thank you for making this term such a happy one for us by sending through all your pictures and notes of thanks. It is very much appreciated.*
- **Mrs O'Dell says:** *Willow Class have been wonderful throughout the summer term, despite having to miss out on all the plans we originally had in place. The final leaving celebration for our Y6 children yesterday was very special to us and we wish every one of you the very best for September.*

Values Certificates

- **Sycamore Class- Perseverance:** For working so hard through the whole of lockdown, staying positive and being incredible every day. This has been hard for everyone, and you have done so well to keep going. Well done everyone, and have a great summer.
- **Willow M - Perseverance:** For working really hard and showing great perseverance to improve her reading this year.
- **Lola – Courage:** For having the courage to keep working hard on improving her writing this year.
- **Rowan Class - Perseverance:** For an amazing attitude towards home learning over the last term, and sticking with everything and keeping going right up until the summer holidays!
- **Pine Class – Love:** During this difficult time it has been wonderful to see so many children in Pine demonstrate our value of love through clapping for the NHS, making rainbows, keeping socially distanced and washing hands to protect themselves and others. They have done all of this with a smile! We are so proud of you.
- **Willow Class – Koinonia:** For being so kind and caring towards one another and all of us.

Merit Awards

- **James** (YR) Going for Gold - Platinum Award
- **Henry** (Y1) Going for Gold – Silver and Gold Awards
- **Hailey** – Bronze
- **Robin** – Bronze
- **Bethan** – Platinum
- **Oscar** - Platinum

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I'd like to say an especially big

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

to this week's birthday children:

Jace and Brianne

Our July birthday children:

Ezra, Sophie, Charlie, Jacob, Harry, Benjamin and Kiran

Our August birthday children:

Callum, Kayla, Heather, Betsi, Ella Rose, Harley, Evie, Theodore, Bethan, Nicole, Lola, Elias and Elijah

And finally:

We wish our Year 6 children all the very best for their high school future. It is very sad to be saying goodbye to families, some of whom have been with us for a very long time.

Thank you to all of you who have sent messages of thanks and support, and for the way you have worked with us during this time to ensure that we are all doing the best we can to continue to develop and nurture our children. The risk assessments, official guidance and policies can seem extremely sterile and contrary to what we expect of primary school provision. However, these measures are there for everyone's safety and reassurance. When we are back together in September, our relationships and ways of working with your children will be just as warm, encouraging and nurturing as they always have been.

Heavenly Father,

Remind us to use our gifts, to serve one another, as good stewards of your varied grace.

Amen

Kind Regards

Laura Green
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