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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 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

## **Re: School Reopening Updates and News**

As you may be aware, yesterday the Government issued guidance for the full opening of schools in September. The overall strategy is for schools to limit contact between pupils and implement hygiene measures. Here is a summary of the key points:

### **Minimising Contact:**

- Pupils are to remain in consistent bubbles wherever possible, thereby minimising the number of contacts between different people across the school. In primary schools this is likely to be whole class bubbles. We will not be able to congregate for assemblies.
- The guidance states: 'we recognise that younger children will not be able to maintain social distancing, and it is acceptable for them not to distance within their group'.
- The DfE accepts that pupils will need to be sat close to each other in most classrooms and recommend that pupils sit side by side and do not face each other if possible.
- Pupils passing each other briefly in a corridor or playground (eg. walking past each other) is a relatively 'low risk' but schools should avoid large groups of pupils mixing together in these spaces.

### **School Staff:**

- Staff are permitted to move between bubbles and supply teachers, peripatetic teachers, therapists and other specialists are permitted to move between schools.
- When staff or children cannot maintain distancing, particularly younger children in primary schools, the risk can be reduced by keeping pupils in smaller, class-sized groups. [There is some ambiguity around expectations here and the unions are seeking further clarity for head teachers].

### **Other Important Measures:**

- There should be no large gatherings bringing different groups together.
- Schools are encouraged to consider staggered break and lunchtimes – the dining hall will require cleaning between each sitting.
- Where possible, schools have also been asked to consider staggered start and finish times to keep different bubbles apart as they arrive and leave school. However, schools are asked to ensure that the total amount of teaching time pupils receive remains the same, eg. an earlier start would mean an earlier finish for pupils.
- Schools can run breakfast and after-school clubs

### **Equipment and Resources:**

- Pupils should have their own frequently used equipment such as pencils and pens.
- Classroom-based resources can be used and shared; these should be cleaned regularly, along with all the frequently touched surfaces.

- Resources that are used between bubbles, eg. sports equipment, should be cleaned frequently.
- Outdoor playground equipment should be cleaned more frequently.
- Pupils should limit the amount of equipment they bring into school each day to essentials, such as lunch boxes, hats, coats etc.

### **Curriculum and Remote Learning:**

- The Government have stated - 'the curriculum remains broad and ambitious: all pupils continue to be taught a wide range of subjects'.
- However, an important point is 'up to and including key stage three, prioritization within subjects of the most important components for progression is likely to be more effective than removing subjects'. Schools will be looking at whether or not they need to make adjustments to their curriculum based on their assessments of pupils' learning and progress as they return to school. This is likely to involve considering which key concepts missed from the summer term now need to be considered.
- Schools are required to ensure arrangements are in place to allow remote learning to take place should a partial or full closure of the school be required, at any point in the next academic year.

### **Additional Points:**

- Domestic day trips are permitted to resume in the autumn term, subject to protective measures being taken.
- Face coverings are still not currently required in schools.
- School is mandatory again from the autumn 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>

I would like to reassure you that, together with the staff and governors of our schools, I will be preparing very carefully for the full reopening of the schools. We already have a stringent risk assessment in place and protocols for the way in which we use our sites. These will be adapted to allow us to expand our provision but we will place the protection of our community's physical and mental wellbeing at the heart of all we do.

I recognise the importance of ensuring that our children's right to a full and broad education mustn't be lost in all of this. Therefore, it is vital that school and families work together to ensure that the children receive their full entitlement to the best education that we can offer them.

During this term, of those that have been working from home, we have seen engagement with our learning materials and Google Classroom at 80%. While this is high in comparison with many other schools, it is worrying to me that we still have 20% of children who are not accessing school work at the current time. In the autumn term, we will be working very hard to ensure that those children, and indeed all of our children, are given the opportunity to close gaps in their learning.

### **Important End of Term Dates:**

Class visits for children who have been working from home are now under way and it has been wonderful to catch up with them. We hope that they find these visits a helpful way to touch base with their class mates and teachers, and ask questions about September.

The last day of term for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will be **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July**. The last day of term for children of key workers and vulnerable children will be **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**. Staff who are not covering the key workers and vulnerable children on the last two days of term, will be working on getting our schools ready for the full reopening in September.



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## Year 6 Leavers Celebration:

We will be having a celebration for our Year 6 leavers on Thursday 16th July. Unfortunately, it is not possible to invite parents to attend. We are going to be joined by Revd. Colin and Revd. Sally. They will hand out leaving gifts and say a blessing for our children. We will then have a picnic on the field together with music and games.

## 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:

### Norfolk Library Service:

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

### School Summer Reading Challenge:

Please encourage your child to take part in the school Summer Reading Challenge, which can be found on their class page on the website and in the Google Classroom.

## Safeguarding and Wellbeing:

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

### Hygiene

Just One Norfolk have provided some useful videos to help your child understand the hygiene requirements to keep them safe from the coronavirus. Go to this link:

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/hygiene>

## Celebration Friday

Our children have completed some wonderful work this week. Here is some of the fabulous artwork that the Invinci-Bubbles (Reception) have created this week:



The teachers have nominated the following children for special mention:

- **Mrs Easter and Mrs Cooper say** - *we have seen lots of great work this week inside school and from those at home. A big well done to all of you that are continuing with home-schooling. You are doing a great*

*job and we are loving seeing all your work. In school this week, we have continued with phonics, maths and outdoor education as well as drawing oil pastel bubbles, making paper cup flowers and tin can bugs. Everyone is working so hard. Well done!*

- **Mrs O'Dell says:** *I am really proud of the children in Willow class this week, who after finding their own dens had been destroyed in the woodland all joined together to try to rebuild a den for another group - brilliant team work and overcoming their own disappointment to help others. Particular mentions for Hailey, Finlay B, Milly, Jamie-Lee, Finlay S and Reuben. Wonderful sportsmanship as always from Oscar who is such a great role model and great cricket skills - especially Oscar, Jamie and Ashley. I have been really impressed at the way the children in school have been supporting each other this week - really well done. Frankie, Bethan Tiana and Finley T have completed some great work on the Google Classroom.*
- **Mr Watson says:** *Well done to Elisa who has just completed the Morley Summer Reading Challenge! Thank you to James and Martha for posting welcome messages on Google Classroom to Hayden who has just joined our class in Year 2. Finally, well done to Henry H and Layla S for settling in well into our Year 1 'Rainbow Superheroes' bubble this week!*
- **Mr East says:** *These children are Sycamore's stars this week: Charles - for an excellent mythical creature design, Maths, reading and English work; Immy - for her mythical creature design and kind comments on other's work; Bella - for working really hard and staying focused all week, Ben - for great art work and mythical creature design and Milena - for her mythical creature design and hard work through the whole week. Well done guys!*
- **Mr Clements says:** *it was lovely to catch up with some of Rowan class on Google Meets and by phone this week and hear about some of the great work everyone has been doing! Special mentions to Jake for his great drawings, Joseph for his work to improve his Handwriting and both Catherine and Francesca for some great puzzle solving!*

## Values Certificates

- **Penelope – Creativity:** For showing her creative side in class this week and producing some great art work. Well done Penelope!
- **James – Respect:** For being a great role model and showing respect for others by lining up at a safe distance, keeping his work area tidy and demonstrating the new school rules with a smile. Well done James!
- **Sophie – Perseverance:** Sophie has been amazing in school this week. She has shown huge confidence speaking in front of a group and sharing her ideas. Well done Sophie!
- **Hermione – Perseverance:** Hermione is working really hard at home on her reading and writing, showing great determination to constantly improve. Well done!
- **Milly - Friendship and Respect:** Milly has shown real friendship and kindness to others across this week.
- **Ashley - Respect and perseverance:** Ashley has quickly adapted to new classroom routines and worked so hard this week in everything.
- **Kiran – Respect :** For always being respectful and polite at school to his peers and adults.
- **Harry - Courage:** For having the courage to keep practising his times tables at home on Times Table Rockstars.
- **Zac - Courage:** For making an incredible trebuchet for our D.T. project at home, by having the courage to try something new and use different tools. Well done Zac, the trebuchet is amazing! For making an incredible trebuchet for our D.T. project at home, by having the courage to try something new and use different tools. Well done Zac, the trebuchet is amazing!
- **Freya - Perseverance:** For getting stuck in with every challenge, especially since returning to school!

## Merit Awards

Congratulations go to:

- **Josh W – Silver**
- **Reuben G– Silver**
- **Abi W – Gold**
- **Milly S - Platinum**



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We had some children celebrating birthdays this week. I'd like to say a big

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

to

**JACOB B & JAMES L!**

**And finally:**

Our School Prayer:

**Heavenly Father,**

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

**Amen**

Kind Regards

Laura Green  
Executive Head Teacher

