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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*

11th September 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome Back:

What a wonderful week we have had in school! It has been an utter joy to have the children back with us looking eager and excited to be with each other. All of our hard work in preparing for the new term has come together and school is a calm, safe, busy and happy place to be. Thank you for all the kind comments we have received about our arrangements and your patience in working with us when things have seemed confusing or quite different to normal. We may have to adapt as we go along but we know we can do that as a flexible and resilient community of children, parents, carers, staff and governors.

As you will appreciate the updates and guidance keep flowing across my desk and I want to make sure that you are notified of anything that may be of importance to you and your family.

Guidance:

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/what-we-do-and-how-we-work/campaigns/back-to-school>

This guidance includes information about school transport, attendance, test and trace, starting school and emotional wellbeing and transition support.

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/return-to-school>

These videos give practical and honest advice to children and parents for starting back at school.

Well Being - First Response

First response is a 24/7 mental health helpline manned by trained mental health professionals set up by Norfolk and Suffolk Foundation Trust. This number is available to all members of the public whatever their age and offers advice, support and signposting for people who feel unsafe, distressed or worried about their mental health.

In addition, you can also call the line as a professional to get advice regarding a person you are working with or help in how to send a referral.

The first response number is: **0808 196 3494**

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.

A COVID-19 Secure School:

If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and advised to follow '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)', which sets out that they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and should [arrange to have a test](#) to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). (DFE: Guidance for Full Opening: Schools 7th August 2020)

We will not be taking children's temperatures as they arrive at school. We will rely on parents/carers to keep their children at home if they have a high temperature. I appreciate the difficulties that arise for working parents when they need to keep their children at home but, unfortunately, this can't be avoided and all employers will need to play their part in supporting their employees during this time. We will also face the possibility of staff needing to self-isolate. Where this occurs, we will try our best to replace them with a supply teacher who is known to us and works with a limited bubble of schools.

Friends of Morley School – FOMPS

We have a very dedicated and hardworking team of parents who support our work in school through their fundraising efforts. They are always looking for more help and would welcome any new members – even if you were only able to give a limited amount of time. The money raised by FOMPS has enabled us to buy books, furniture and play equipment in recent times. Look out for information about their first meetings this term.

Helping Out

- One of the most important ways in which you can support us, is by offering a small amount of time each week to **read stories to the children or hear them read to you.**
- Are you a practical person who could be of help in our afternoon **art and design technology** sessions or our **outdoor learning** sessions?
- Are you interested in finding out more about primary school teaching and would like to **support the learning** in a class?
- A small but dedicated team of parents regularly arrange a couple of hours on a Saturday morning for a school tidy up, eg. cleaning and clearing outdoor areas, light weeding, painting fences and play equipment etc. Could you spare a couple of hours once every half-term?

If you do have time to spare and would like to help us, please contact Mrs Ralphs to discuss times etc. Please note, that we have a policy of not placing volunteers in their own child's class.

Class Information

It will not be possible to have our usual 'beginning of the year parent briefing' meeting with your class teachers. Therefore, please make sure that you go to the class page on our website where you will find copies of your class teacher's autumn term letter, the class time table, Knowledge organisers for the autumn term topics and other curriculum information.

Home Learning

We will continue to provide home learning for pupils who are having to go into quarantine and we will be using the Google Classrooms for homework. Our parent survey showed that some families found it difficult to access the Google Classroom during the school

closure period. Teachers will be explaining and helping children to understand how to access and use the Google Classroom over the next few weeks. Reception class parents should note that you will need a school email account in order to access the Google Classroom. These email accounts will be given to us by Norfolk County Council once your child has been in school for a full week. We will send these out to you with information about how to use them and how to access the Google Classroom in due course.

Technology Survey

In the next few weeks, we will be sending out a survey to find out about your access to technology. We want to ensure that every child in our school can gain access to online learning in the event that they are unable to come to school. Throughout the summer term, we were delivering packs of work to families who couldn't access the learning. We will continue to do this but we would also like to help families find a resolution to their technology needs if we can.

Drop offs and pick ups

Thank you for bearing with us as we fine tune our procedures for the safe dropping off and picking up of your children. Please remember that everyone needs to ensure that they remain at 2m distance from other families.

Parking

Parking is always a hot topic for schools. We urge you to park as far away from the school as you possibly can so that you can avoid the mayhem of traffic by the school gates and can build some healthy exercise into your day!! We also have some elderly and disabled grandparents who need to park closer to school so please be considerate of them. The Highways Department haven't completed their road surfacing work and you will have noticed that our zig zag lines haven't been painted in. All of our families should be aware that you should not be parking within 10 metres either side of the school entrance. Furthermore, you should not park your car in a layby. The school are not responsible for the highway. It is the responsibility of the whole community to follow the rules and show consideration for each other. It really is better to walk, cycle or park at a reasonable distance.



EYFS WEEKLY UPDATE – W/B 7th September 2020

What a wonderful week we have had here in Pine Class! Our little ones have embraced everything and are now settled, happy and ready to learn! We have enjoyed the story 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' and even went in search of him in the woods! Children have experimented with printing and mark making, have looked at the numbers 0 and 1 and have had enormous fun playing in the water using funnels and guttering to get the water to travel.

Pine & Oak class parents

Please could all parents only send their children in with a book bag on Mondays.
Thank you

100 Club – School fundraiser – it could be you

For just £5.00 per number for the whole school year you are in for a great chance of winning cash prizes every term. If we can sell all 100 numbers we will have £60 every term to give away as well as raising money for the school. **Prizes of £30, £20 & £10.**



Please contact the school office to find out which numbers are available to purchase.

And Finally...

I wish you all a very peaceful and relaxing weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Heavenly Father,

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

Amen

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Green".

Laura Green
Executive Head

Additions:

Survey results
SEND family Roadshow information

Survey Findings

At the end of the summer term, we asked you about your experience of the school closure period. We were delighted with the response to this survey which showed that they majority of families were happy with what we provided. However, we know that we have some areas to improve on and we are now working on this. Here are the key findings:

QUESTION	EXCELLENT	GOOD PLUS	SATISFACTORY	POOR	WORKING WELL	EVEN BETTER IF
How do you rate the information and communication from the school during this period?	76%	98%	2%	0	<p><i>We very much appreciate [the school's] communication. We claim to be able to compare having four kids in four different schools</i></p> <p><i>Communication about covid 19 has been excellent and questions answered as well as detailed risk assessments</i></p>	<p>More information about how to bring all children back in September and how school is dealing with COVID-19</p> <p>A small number of parents asked for weekly contact from the class teacher</p> <p>Dates and key information was lost in long letters</p>
How do you rate our provision of home learning?	50%	89%	20%	4%	<p><i>I think the way in which the staff [] have handled the challenges of providing home learning for our children has been outstanding. Work has been varied and has come with clear instructions, and the children have been given lots of encouragement along the way. I know this will have taken a lot of work, but we are so thankful to you all for all that you have done.</i></p> <p><i>The google meetings with the teachers were really positive and lifted the children's spirits seeing familiar faces. They loved the videos of stories being read from</i></p>	<p>Printing is a problem for a lot of parents</p> <p>Keep merit system going so that children can be rewarded for work</p> <p>More virtual chats and meetings</p> <p>Support for setting up the technology, eg. some families couldn't connect to Google Classroom</p> <p>One parent found it difficult to keep up with the work on Google Classroom as they said the work disappears in the 'chat' (?)</p> <p>More 'variety' for older years</p> <p>'Generic literacy packs' not very engaging</p> <p>Have a clear structure/timetable</p>

					<p>teachers and [the] assemblies</p> <p>[The teacher and TA] did a great job supplying plenty of work for [] to do. They were always available for questions and we followed a detailed timetable which was great for home schooling. Very well planned and thought out with creative fun activities and resources suggested for any additional learning. It made home schooling less daunting. Much appreciation and I feel the school was very good at keeping me informed.</p> <p>Loved how every single post was responded to. Thank you.</p> <p>... timetable was excellent and helped structure the day and give an idea of timescale expected for each piece of work.</p>	<p>Ensure teacher feedback</p> <p>Ensure consistency between different classes</p>
QUESTION	LOOKING FORWARD TO IT	I FEEL FINE	I HAVE CONCERNS		POSITIVE COMMENTS	CONCERNS
How do you feel about the September full opening of school?	47%	40%	13%		<p>...your provision of home learning has been superb – [the teacher] has been exceptional at responding on Classrooms and to direct emails. We've heard other schools' provision has not been anywhere near as thorough as ours. Well done to all involved and wishing you all a brilliant and well-</p>	<p>Working around the staggered times</p> <p>How will it be possible to maintain social distancing?</p> <p>Confusing messages from Government</p> <p>Worry that their child will catch the virus</p> <p>Will school provide home learning if</p>

					<p><i>deserved break over the summer holidays!</i></p> <p><i>We are all so excited about September</i></p> <p><i>I am reassured you're doing everything you can.</i></p> <p><i>No concerns - the children who went back to school loved it and wanted to stay all day</i></p>	<p>school closes again?</p> <p>How will children catch up on their learning?</p> <p>Children not prepared for moving to the next year group as their time in the previous year group was halted abruptly</p>
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SEND Family Roadshow

25 September 2020

Online event 10:30-13:00

[Book your ticket to receive the Zoom link and password](#)

- Listen to the latest developments to improve special educational needs and disability (SEND) provision and support in Norfolk.
- Have your questions answered
- Talk to representatives from Norfolk SEND Partnership, Family Voice Norfolk, Norfolk SEN Network and SENSational Families
- Connect with other parents and carers

Speaker

Michael Bateman

Steve Gale

Maxine Blocksidge

Dawn Jones / Matt Ridley

Topic

Ofsted Written Statement of Action

SEND and Alternative Provision Transformation Programme

Area SEND Strategy

Virtual School for SEND