

# Newsletter

## September 2020

Dear families and friends,

Thank you for sending your child back to school. We have had the best week back in school together!

During this very unusual time I will be writing to you more frequently but will try not to bombard you with too much information all at once! I will also combine Wensum and Nelson newsletter's in the short term so those of you with children in both schools will not need to read lots of duplicate information!

With the current situation being so uncertain, we plan for what is happening right now but with a plan 'B' up our sleeves for if the government announces changes again.

If an individual or year group bubble or 'pod' has to go into isolation, we will provide learning via SeeSaw. All children have their own log in. Please make sure you keep this safe at home.

Every year group also has their own email address, so even if we are not at school, you can always contact us.

While we are in school, we remain in our isolated year group pods. It feels strange not to have our schools come together for break, lunch and assembly, but the children are dealing with it wonderfully. We are so proud of them.

Our recovery curriculum in both schools main focus is on each individual's well being. We have numerous trained THRIVE practitioners who are listening to, observing and working closely with all children to identify those who may benefit from some additional support.

As we will not be inviting you in as much as we would like to, year group teams will be sending you year group curriculum newsletters so you can stay abreast of what your child(ren) is/are doing. Also keep up to date with SeeSaw, our blogs and facebook and twitter where we will share exciting events too!

Your parent teacher meetings this term may very well take place on the telephone, but we will share further information on this shortly.

*Thank you,*

*Victoria McConnell.*

Douglas Dale

County Headteacher

**Shoes:**

Each year group pod has their own outside area. This half term, Y2, 4, 5 and 6 will be on the field. As the weather gets wetter, your child will be asked to remove their shoes before coming into their classroom so mud and grass are not trodden through the school and on their carpet. We are happy for them to be in their socked feet or you can provide them with a pair of named slippers if you prefer.

**IMPORTANT:**

Our main aim is to keep everyone SAFE!

We have nearly 400 children coming into and leaving our two schools every single day.

Please be respectful and do not drive and park in a way to compromise this.

I cannot be any clearer:

**DO NOT PARK ON THE ROADS DIRECTLY OUTSIDE SCHOOL.**

**PLEASE FOLLOW THE SPEED LIMIT OF 20MPH.**

**PLEASE USE THE CROSSINGS AT SCHOOL RATHER THAN ASK YOUR CHILD TO RUN ACROSS THE ROAD.**

There are no parking permit restrictions around our schools so there is no excuse not to park around the corner and walk a few meters to collect your child. We would rather you were two minutes late for collection than compromise the safety of someone else's child.

### **Diary Dates:**

Photos - individual/siblings - Wensum 5<sup>th</sup> October  
- Nelson 9th October  
Flu immunisation - Nelson 11th November  
- Wensum 2nd December

**PLEASE NOTE THAT BOTH SCHOOLS WILL BE CLOSED FOR HALF TERM THURSDAY 22ND –FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2020**

We follow the Norfolk County Council term dates model to ensure least disruption for families with children at more than one school.

### **PE/Homesteading:**

On homesteading and PE days, please can children come wearing long trousers which are suitable for outdoors. We cannot change outfits during the school day.

### **Food and Drink:**

Please can your child bring a water bottle every day. Our fountains are out of order (due to COVID). Your child needs to drink throughout the day. Please do not send flavoured water or squash. Only water is allowed.

Snack: Juniors: Fruit or veg only please. Infants: we continue to provide snack.

### **Uniform and lost property:**

Please name all uniform!

We are trying to stay on top of lost uniform, but during the pandemic, we need to quarantine everything for 72 hours. If uniform is named, we can reunite it with its owner immediately!