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Back to School

First of all I would like to thank everyone for your continued support and patience over the last couple of weeks as we have settled into our new way of working – your support is greatly appreciated.

We have had a great start back to school. Your children are smart, well behaved and very focussed catching up on their learning. The school operates in year group bubbles with staggered start and end to the school day which has been working really well. Handwashing and hand sanitisation takes place at every opportunity throughout the school day. “Catch It, Bin It, Kill It” is being taught to the children in lessons. School lunches are delivered to and eaten in the classrooms. On PE days the children are expected to come into school with their kit on (see below list of days for each class)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y3 Lizards Y3 Turtles	Y1 Polar Bears Y3 Lizards Y3 Turtles Y4 Elephants Y4 Giraffes Y5 Whales	Y2 Dinosaurs Y2 Dragons Y4 Elephants Y5 Dolphins Y6 Lions Y6 Tigers	Y1 Pandas Y1 Polar Bears Y4 Giraffes Y5 Whales Y5 Dolphins	Y1 Pandas Y2 Dinosaurs Y2 Dragons Y6 Lions Y6 Tigers

Children’s work will be marked via their Google Classroom or verbal feedback will be given. Other learning practices will be reviewed and altered as part of our ongoing Risk Assessment, we will keep you informed. If you have any queries please contact your child’s teacher via the Google Classroom in the first instance, otherwise telephone the school office and any messages will be passed on.

The children have now settled back into school life despite new challenges and changes and are now getting to know their new surroundings in a very different way. We would like to thank our parents and carers for your continued support during these unprecedented times. We are all in this together.



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Symptoms of Coronavirus in children

Fever - not just a high temperature but shivering, hot and clammy to touch. Cough - a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours. A loss or change to sense of smell or taste - this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal. What to do if your child has symptoms: If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus 1. Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible. 2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result - only leave your home to have a test. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result. **Only people with symptoms should get tested.** The evidence from the Chief Medical Officer is very clear that the balance of risk is strongly in favour of children attending school and that serious illness or deaths in children and teenagers from Covid-19 are extremely rare. Therefore, it is really important that all children continue to attend school or college (unless asked to self-isolate) for their educational progress, for their wellbeing and for their wider development.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>



Cleaning

Our school had a full deep clean over the summer holidays as well as sanitised with a vapour machine. Before the children began their new bubbles on 14th September the school was re-sanitised. All areas are regularly cleaned thoroughly daily, including door handles and surfaces and tables wiped with anti bacterial sprays after lunch. Every Friday, the school building will be closed early so that specialist sanitisation can take place, fogging Friday. Our cleaning company has a current certificate for enhanced sanitisation within our school.



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Homework and Google Classroom

On Monday 14th of September, children received their home learning via their Google Classroom. Home learning is assigned on a Monday and should be returned by the Thursday every week of the school term. Every child in school from Y1-6 has a Google Classroom account set up. If your child has misplaced their login details or forgotten the details please contact the class teacher. If your child does not have access to the internet at home please sign your child up for our home learning club. You should have received a letter about our home learning after school clubs.

Commando Joes

Our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils began their Commando Joes' training this week. This outstanding programme will provide a great foundation on which all children will get the chance to achieve, be resilient, tolerate others and make great choices for life - inside and outside school. At the heart of the Commando Joe's curriculum design is the unique child, with the promotion of the Five British Values and the teaching of the 7 core Character traits; Resilience, Empathy, Self Awareness, Passion, Excellence, Communication, Teamwork. Each mission identifies the prevalent Characteristic of Effective Learning. Year 6 missions will be based around the aviation pioneer Amelia Earhart while Year 2 missions will be based on Samuel Pepys. Our children really enjoyed their first week of missions!

General

May we ask that you be respectfully mindful of where you park your cars and not to obstruct access for home owners. We have lots of complaints from our neighbours regarding this. Also, dog owners please refrain from bringing them on to the school yard or allowing your animals to poop outside of the school gates.



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Bike4Health

Our Year 4 children have had a wonderful start to their new year classes, this was made even more spectacular by the introduction of our Bike4Health programme. As part of their PE curriculum, the children in Year 4 will spend the term developing their cycling skills, learning about bike maintenance and safety as well as improving their fitness. Some children who couldn't previously ride a bike are now already able to ride!! It has been an amazing start - the children have loved every minute.



Catering Services

From Monday, 21st September we will be able to offer a hot lunch option to children. The afternoon before, your child will be asked for their choice so that our kitchen can prepare the correct number of meals for the following day. Children will continue to have their meals delivered to their classrooms (bubbles) if they are taking a school lunch. If your child still wishes to bring a packed lunch from home this is fine to do so. If you have not already done so please register for school meals via catering.services@northtyneside.gov.uk

October Half Term Holiday
Break up on Friday, 23rd October 2020
Return to School Monday, 2nd November 2020

Christmas Holiday
Break up Friday, 18th December 2020
Return to School Tuesday, 5th January 2021



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