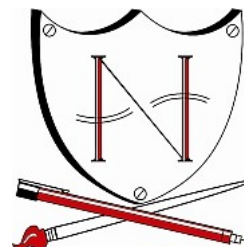


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Dear Parents

We are delighted to say we are able to welcome all children back to school from **Monday 8th March 2021**.

Following the Government announcement from 8th March all children should return to school and attendance will be mandatory from this date. Before and after school wraparound care will be open to parents who need to access it to work, attend education or seek medical care and for vulnerable children.

We will wait until after Easter before making a decision about after school sports clubs.

Timings

We will be continuing with staggered start times and finish times in order to reduce the number of people on the school grounds at any one time. In response to feedback from parents and following consultation with Stoughton Infants school we have slightly altered the times. We appreciate this may not suit everyone, but we ask for you to keep to these times as closely as possible.

Please wear a face covering at all times while you are on the school site.

Year	Start Time	Finishing Time	PE Day
Yr 6	8.30 am	2.45 pm	Monday
Yr 5	9 am	3.15 pm	Tuesday
Yr 4	8.55 am	3.10 pm	Wednesday
Yr 3	8.35 am	2.50 pm	Thursday
COIN	9am	3.15 pm	Friday

- If you have children in more than one year group you may drop off at the earlier time and collect at the later time.
- Childminders who collect children from different year groups may drop children off at 9.00 and collect them at 3.15pm - staff will supervise the children until they are collected.

Please walk down and use the large playground for drop off and pick up rather than wait at the top of the drive.

At the present time **please do not come into the school building** unless you have an appointment.

Children will enter the building through the same doors as they did before. Staff will be around to remind children if they have forgotten, so there is no need for them to feel concerned.

Uniform

Children will need to wear normal school uniform and school shoes every day apart from the day when they have P.E and then we ask they come to school in their P.E kit and trainers. We need to have the school well ventilated with windows and doors open, so an additional layer of dark coloured plain fleece may be helpful.

P.E lessons will start from **Monday 8th March**.

Equipment

All children need to bring a named water bottle and a packed lunch if they do not require a school dinner.

Organisation in school

We have carefully considered how to keep our school community as safe as possible and through referring to Schools coronavirus (COVID -19) operational guidance February 2021 we have completed a detailed risk assessment of all areas of school life. Our guiding principles to ensure a safe routine have been as follows:

- Keeping health, safety and wellbeing at the core of our work.
- Carefully reviewing Government guidance and going beyond the minimum expectations in order to minimise the risks to our school community.

Key actions that we are taking to minimise the risks posed by COVID -19 include:

- Children will be based in consistent class bubbles with a teacher and teaching assistant who will cover each others breaks. Children in the COIN centre will remain in the centre. Children will remain in their bubble for all lessons, outdoor break, eating lunch and outdoor lunch play. We will avoid mixing between classes.
- Classrooms will be set up with rows of desks, so all children are facing forwards. Movement around the school will be limited and supervised with everyone following the one way system and IN and OUT doors.
- Children will be able to share outdoor play resources and these will be cleaned after use. The climbing frame and adventure trail will sadly remain closed. The outdoor gym will be used and cleaned after use.
- Increased hygiene will be insisted upon and children will be required to thoroughly wash their hands upon arrival at school, after break, before lunch and after returning to class from the toilet. Staff will be cleaning surfaces through out the day. Doors will be propped open to reduce contact.
- The curriculum focus will be initially on well being and settling back into school life as well as establishing behaviour expectations.
- If a child needs to isolate work will be provided on google classroom to that individual or group of children.

Health Advice

If a child or member of staff develops symptoms comparable with Coronavirus they will be sent home and advised to book a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS testing and tracing for Coronavirus website or ordered by telephone via NHS 119. If the test is negative, and they feel well, they can stop self-isolating. If the test is positive, they must self isolate for at least 7 days from the day they started showing symptoms. Members of their household should self-isolate for 10 days.

We appreciate this is a lot of information to take on board.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school on

info@northmead.surrey.sch.uk if you would like to discuss any of the details outlined above.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Stay Safe

Debbie Brown

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Do keep staying alert to keep your family and our school community safe. Please remember if anyone in your household shows symptoms, you must self isolate - please don't send your children to school.



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DIARY DATES -

If there are any changes or additional dates we will endeavour to inform you at the earliest opportunity (usually text message, school newsletter or school website)

Monday 8th March 2021	Provisional Re-opening of Schools
Friday 19th March 2021	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 17th March & Thursday 18th March	Provisional Date for Virtual Parent Consultations
Thursday 1st April 2021	School Closes for Easter Break
2nd April - 16th April 2021	EASTER BREAK
Monday 19th April 2021	School opens for Summer Term
Monday 3rd May	BANK HOLIDAY School Closed
31st May - 4th June 2021	HALF TERM
Friday 16th July 2021	Last Day of Term
SUMMER HOLIDAYS	