

Neatishead C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers

Firstly I would like to thank you for all you have done to support your child's education in partnership with the school since the school closure was announced back in March. We were pleased to have remained open for key workers and vulnerable children.

We welcomed many children on June 1st and several more in Years 2, 3, 4 & 5 who spent two mornings in school before the end of term.

I would like to thank pupils, staff, parents and governors for the part they have played in responding so positively to recent events. Home schooling has been very successful and positive. Our school has followed the ever evolving national and local guidance to ensure the control measures put in place are effective in keeping staff and children healthy and safe. It is disappointing that all the usual end of term events have not been able to go ahead. The children have accepted the changes with respect, courage and responsibility and clearly understand the reasons why. There will be much to look forward to in the next academic year.

As we look ahead to September, we are aware that the virus is still in the community. Control measures will be in place to prevent the transmission of the virus and to respond to a possible local outbreak should it happen.

As a federation, teachers will work to plan a recovery programme in the Autumn Term. The children will be assessed to identify any gaps in their learning that need to be addressed. They will not be put under undue pressure when they start back to school although there will be high expectations for their effort and attendance. Time will be prioritized to support children's physical and mental well-being with activities designed to build resilience, restore friendships and develop social interaction. The curriculum will remain broad and balanced. We will aim to cover all subject areas and we will not narrow the curriculum.

We will be welcoming 8 new children in Reception and 7 new children across the other year groups in September. We are all looking forward to meeting and getting to know them and their families.

We are saying a fond farewell to Year 6. They leave us with our very best wishes. We know that Broadland High Ormiston Academy will look after them well. We look forward to hearing how they are doing.

I would like to wish you all a happy, healthy and safe summer holiday.

Best wishes

Julie

Attendance – attendance during lockdown and partial reopening attendance has been voluntary. From September parents, by law, must send their children to school. It is more important than ever that children are not absent to go on holiday during term time following such a long break from their formal education. Arrival

Red Skippers – to arrive at 8.40 and collected at 3.10 Gatekeepers – to arrive at 8.30 and collected at 3.00 Peacocks – to arrive at 8.30 and collected at 3.00

The children will be in three bubbles until half term and will be supported to social distance and follow thorough hygiene and cleaning practices.

Gates - Children will enter at the front gate. A member of staff will be there to open the gate and welcome the children. Parents are expected to keep to a social distance at this time and not gather at the entrances and exits. As children walk in, they will be expected to social distance. Children will leave through this gate too. Staff will walk the children to the gate and dismiss one by one. Again please social distance as you wait to collect your child. It is essential that children arrive at school and are collected punctually.

No parent, unless of course it is essential, will be allowed on the school grounds. Please contact the school office by email or telephone if you wish to make an appointment. Any children arriving by taxi, the company will have their own risk assessment but please be aware that children under the age of 11 are not required to wear a mask.

New Reception Children

There will be no school on the Monday & Tuesday. Their first day will be Wednesday 9^{th} September 9.00 - 11.30, Thursday 10^{th} 9.00 - 11.30, and Friday 9.00 - 1.00 which will include lunchtime.

<u>Uniform</u>

All children will be expected to wear full school uniform but with trainers not school shoes. On pe days (Tuesday – all children and Thursday – Red Skippers) please send your child to school in their pe kit instead of their uniform. We will review the situation at half term. All children will need to bring in a pair of wellies on their first day which must be left in school. Red Skippers will be doing Forest School every Friday starting from 18th September, so will be required to come to school in their waterproof Forest School clothes, remembering to layer if cold.

Please remember that children are only able to bring these items into school: A water bottle, a coat and a packed lunch in a disposable container. Homework

Red Skippers – Please read at home 5 times a week

Gatekeepers – Reading daily at least 3 times a week, Spelling test on Mondays, Times table test on Friday

Peacocks - Please refer to our website class page for details about home

learning: <u>http://www.neatisheadprimaryschool.co.uk/peacocks/</u> updates will follow ahead of September.

Monthly fire drills will take place

Premier Sport will start in the second week of term. It will always be outside and due to our class bubbles, Peacocks will have sessions each Tuesday and Gate keepers and Red Skippers will have alternate Wednesdays. More information to follow.

Lunches – home packed lunches must be in a disposable bag – Norse packed lunch (£2.30 if lunches are paid for) – eaten in classroom. No hot meals available. To be reviewed at a later date.

Medical – please contact the office if your child has any medical conditions so relevant paperwork can be issued.

Music – Violin will continue. Please contact the office for more details.



All school logo uniform is to be bought direct from Brigade. Please note the children are able to wear any old logo uniform in September until they require new.

This is the link to order on line is: http://www.brigade.uk.com/direct/index.php

Their cut-off date for orders to be delivered before the new term is 7th Aug 2020.

Where in previous years we have managed to process orders well after the deadline this will not be possible this Summer due to the current situation. Orders received after 7th August will not be delivered until mid/end of September.

Staffing in September

Executive Headteacher Mrs J Church

Red Skippers	Mrs Davies (Head of School) Mrs Payne
Gatekeepers	Mrs Morton, Mrs Stephens, Mrs Ferrier
Peacocks	Mr Murphy, Mrs Andrews

SENCO Ms S Robinson

Office

Chair of Governors Vice Chair of Governors

Mrs Jane Gay Mrs Laura Jarvis

Mrs Clarke

Caretaker

Mr J Root

Dates

Tuesday 21 st July	Last day of Summer Term – School Closed for the summer holidays
3 rd / 4 th September	Staff Inset Days
Monday 7 th September	First day of Autumn Term (Years 1 – 6)
Wednesday 9 th September	First day of Autumn Term (Reception)
Thursday 22 nd October	Autumn Half Term begins





Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.





Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.









