



6th October 2021

Dear Parents,

Autumn Letter 6 - Autumn Term 2021-2022

Curriculum Information for Parents

Mrs Berry will be leading the first of our planned curriculum information sessions for parents on Wednesday 20th October at 2.30pm. The workshop will focus on the RSE curriculum, looking at both statutory requirements and how the school has written the curriculum to meet the needs of our pupils and families. Mrs Berry will share lesson plans and information about how you can support your child/ren at home. Further information regarding this workshop will be issued shortly.

School Improvement and NJK's 5 Year Vision

The Governing Body have been collating feedback from stakeholders over recent months and adding their own ideas to enhance the 5 Year Strategic Plan. Immediate goals include building additional workspace for classes, groups and wrap around care. Employment of further support staff to be able to offer further pastoral support such as Thrive plus longer-term objectives such as a carpark for parents and/or MUGA (Multi-use Games Area) are also on the list. We would like your feedback. Please complete the slip sent home on Monday and send it back with your ideas by Thursday 7th October.

Staffing

Mrs Shoukry will be resuming her role as SEND Leader this week and returning to the classroom after half term in Ash Class Year 4. She will be teaching 3 days per week and Mrs Marshall will be teaching 2 days per week.

Whole School Communication

We have various methods of communicating with parents. Home School Link books (free of charge this year), school letters, emails, texts, Scholarpack App and the school website. We are always looking for ways to improve our communication. We do know however that with the pace of life not all messages are seen, read or interpreted correctly. If school information does not seem to be coming through regularly or if you hear news indirectly either through your child, another parent or WhatsApp and it does not appear to be accurate-please come in and check.

Remember our door is always open. Mrs Dean on the gate, telephone or email the office or have a conversation with Mrs Cross at the window.

Cauliflower Cards

Please note the date to return your Christmas card design is Friday 15th October.

Parent Consultation Evening

If you would rather have a telephone appointment with your child's teacher just let us know. Whilst we look forward to welcoming you all back into the school building we understand if you would rather avoid a meeting where other people will be gathering.



Interim COVID Procedures

Although the Government Guidance (shown below) allows schools to remove all COVID procedures, we will be keeping some of the systems at the start of the school year. These interim measures will be reviewed at the end of half term:

1. Key Stage 'bubbles' maintained during Breakfast Club and After School Club
2. Collective Worship will be virtual and pupils will remain in their classrooms
3. Face coverings will continue to be worn by staff during the start and end of day routines
4. Staff will continue to do twice weekly lateral flow tests
5. Pupils will mix in Key Stage 'bubbles' at break-times
6. Pupils will gather on the playground in Key Stage 'bubbles' at the start of the day
7. Parents will collect pupils directly from the classrooms at the end of the school day and use the 'COVID' one-way system (Yellow dots)
8. Staff will be sanitizing all shared equipment or putting it into quarantine for 48 hours
9. Willow and Rowan parents will come through the gate in the morning to take pupils to their classrooms then follow the yellow footsteps back out of the gate
10. The library and school office 'waiting room' will remain closed during these interim COVID procedures
11. Reduced visitors on site for activities such as Parents Consultation Evenings by spreading the appointments over more days
12. Telephone appointments with parents if preferred

Kind regards

Mrs Dean
Headteacher