



26<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents,

### **Summer Letter 1**

#### Return to School Survey

Many thanks for completing the Return to School Survey prior to Easter. We had 99 responses and some very useful feedback including the following comments:

*We can't fault NJK and its staff for their amazing support through the whole of lockdown. We feel very blessed that our daughter is able to attend such a wonderful school.*

*The school have been amazing all the way through. We are very grateful.*

*The on-line provision was very good but would have been better if there had been a couple of live lessons so that the children could interact with their friends and teacher.*

*Found communication from all staff at NJK excellent throughout lockdown.*

*I loved having insight into what she was learning and how it was taught. It helped me see how I could help her better in the future.*

*You have all done a wonderful job with the return to school. I feel reassured that he is returning to a happy, safe and supported environment 😊*

*Home schooling was very well organised on Seesaw. Communication from school was very good.*

*The online provision was excellent. The use of videos and teachers talking through PowerPoints made a huge difference.*

*The teachers did a fantastic job of providing a varied range of activities during the home schooling period and responded to work posted really quickly. It was also lovely to have some voice comments as the feedback felt more personal. I wouldn't have expected that for all posts, it was a nice surprise when they came and also added to the variety of the day.*



*Absolutely take my hat off to all teachers and TA's now...you all deserve a pay rise!*

*Overall the work provided was good especially in the middle of a pandemic. At times work was completed quickly but this is to be expected when tasks were done 1-1 in comparison to small groups or whole class.*

*More live sessions would have been good, even just a live story time or activity would have been good for the 'social and interaction' opportunities with peers. Although we can understand this would be very difficult to organise on a regular basis due to other parents' commitments.*

*We would like to say a huge thank you for the ongoing communication and support throughout a very challenging time from class teachers and support staff through to Mrs Dean.*

*I would have liked more Teams meetings earlier on in the process, not just when they were going back to school as a welcome back. Hopefully we won't have to do it all again.*

We all hope there will not be another lockdown however if this was to happen Seesaw would be our main learning platform supported by Teams for more regular class meetings and activities.

#### Transition

We are working closely with Pershore High School to smooth the transition for our pupils from Year 6 to 7. Pupils will shortly be receiving letters regarding the exciting transition activities. We are also looking forward to welcoming a new group of reception pupils next academic year and the families of these pupils have already received a welcome letter from NJK.

Over the next couple of weeks, the governors and I are working on the school structure for next year. A letter regarding this will be sent early May.

#### Birthday Celebrations

All pupils who have had their birthday on 1<sup>st</sup> April up to 30<sup>th</sup> April will be 'invited' to their class birthday party on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Every child in school will take part in the celebration and our birthday boys and girls will take home a birthday balloon.



### Worcester University Initial Teacher Training (ITT) Students

We are delighted to be helping new teachers with their chosen careers. We are currently hosting the trainee teachers who completed their placement in December over the next few weeks. All of the ITT students completed three negative lateral flow tests prior to their placements and will fall into line with the rest of the NJK staff and test twice weekly thereafter. In addition, extensive risk assessments have been carried out by NJK and the university and as aspiring teachers, they will be following the same guidance as our substantive school staff.

### Internet Safety

As part of both the PSHE and Computing curriculum all year groups complete an internet safety module every year in school. In addition, we issue our acceptable use contracts to every pupil on an annual basis. This is to ensure that the safety messages are regularly shared. Here is a reminder (sent originally in the Autumn Term) of the age restrictions for the most common social media platforms:

## Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?

The infographic is divided into four colored boxes representing different age groups:

- Under 13 (Green box):** Roblox, PopJam, FaceTime.
- 13+ (Blue box):** Twitter, Facebook and Messenger, Viber, WeChat, Monkey, Yubo, Dubsplash, Instagram, TikTok, Skype, Google Hangouts, Reddit, Snapchat, Pinterest.
- 16+ (Yellow box):** WhatsApp, Telegram Messenger, Tumblr.
- 17+ (Orange box):** Line, Sarahah, Tellonym.

Sourced from NSPCC website October 2019



### PE Kits

Many thanks in continuing to send your child/ren into school dressed in their PE kits on the correct days. This system is working well. Please remember that any outer layers worn must be school colours blue or navy and sweatshirts/hoodies should not bear slogans or large logos. Joggers/leggings also to be navy, blue or black. A school sweatshirt or cardigan can be worn over the school PE top to keep pupils warm.

### PE and Sports at NJK

Many thanks to our PE Leader Mrs Clarke for organising the whole school cricket engagement day last Thursday. Mrs Clarke has many more exciting sporting activities for the pupils later this term in including Race for Life, an Inter-house cricket festival and National School Sports Week when we will be taking part in the Virtual Summer School Games, with a focus on Paralympic Sports. In addition, swimming resumes for Ash, Maple and Elm. Bikeability has been booked for Years 4 and 6 and Mr Thomas has organised a bell boating day for Year 4 pupils.

Furthermore, Forest School will continue for all classes and a two day West Malvern outdoor and adventurous course for Year 4 pupils. Phew!

### Term Dates

A copy of the term dates and teacher training days for 2021 - 2022 has been added to the school website today and emailed to all parents.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J Dean'.

Mrs Dean  
Headteacher