



2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents,

### **Spring Letter 15 - Return to School**

We are looking forward to reopening for ALL pupils on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. Here is a reminder of the procedures and school organisation for next week:

Pupils will be organised into class bubbles. The latest guidance released on 22<sup>nd</sup> February reiterates that the overarching principle to apply is reducing the number of contacts between pupils and staff and this can be achieved through keeping groups separate (in 'bubbles'). We will also be encouraging pupils to stay socially distanced from each other and the adults in and around school.

An overview of the safety measures:

- To keep children in their class bubbles for the majority of the classroom time but also allow mixing into wider key stage groups for specialist teaching (RWInc and wraparound care).
- To regularly remind children of the need to give each other space where possible.
- To sit pupils side-by-side and not facing each other.

### **COVID Lateral Flow Testing**

Since the 25<sup>th</sup> January, all staff at NJK have been carrying out twice weekly lateral flow testing. This is another procedure to ensure that NJK is as safe as possible. This will continue when the pupils return. There is no requirement for primary aged pupils to be tested although it has been stated in the press that home testing kits will become available for families of school-aged children. I will update you about this once I have received further information from WCF or the DFE.

### **Home Learning**

Attendance will be mandatory for all pupils from the 8<sup>th</sup> March. Schools are still required to provide remote education to pupils covered by the direction where their attendance would be contrary to government guidance or legislation around Coronavirus (COVID-19). This includes, for example, where such guidance means that a class, group or small number of pupils need to self-isolate or that clinically extremely vulnerable children are to shield. All such pupils not physically unwell should have access to remote education as soon as reasonably practicable, which may be the next school day.

As stated on our website work for pupils who are having to shield or isolate will be provided in the following way:

- A text message will be sent to parents to direct them to the home learning page on website for their child's class. This will outline where to find and how to log on to trusted educational websites such as TT Rockstars, Numbots and Education City.
- An age-appropriate paper pack of work is available from school to ensure that the pupil can engage from Day 1 (Packs for each year group have already been prepared and can be readily accessed and delivered to their home address)
- As soon as is practical for the class teacher, work will be set on Seesaw



- The pupils will be set work in line, as far as possible, with the work completed by their peers in the classroom

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

We are delighted to be helping new teachers with their chosen careers. We will be hosting Miss Cartwright in Hazel from next week and the trainee teachers who completed their placement in December will also return after Easter to Rowan, Willow and Elm. All of the ITT students will have 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.

### **Wrap Around Care**

As the guidance states we are able to mix in a wider key stage group for wrap around care, I am pleased to inform you that we will be able to offer breakfast club from 8am and after school provision until 5.30pm. Breakfast Club procedures are outlined in the parent leaflet. For after school club collections please wait outside school and telephone the ASC number: 07541 336810 and a member of staff will bring your child to you.

### **Illness**

Please keep your child at home if they are unwell. If they show any COVID-19 symptoms keep them at home, contact school and follow the NHS Guidance:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/how-long-to-self-isolate/>

The guidance now states an isolation period of 10 days.

### **Innovate**

Hot lunches will be provided by our caterers from 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please ensure you have ordered lunches by the deadline of Saturday to secure meals for next week. Yesterday, Innovate updated their meal choices from the packed lunches to the hot meals. Any packed lunches previously ordered have been deleted.

### **Uniform and PE Kits**

Pupils will not need to bring their PE kit with them. From the 8<sup>th</sup> March, all classes will have allocated PE days. You will receive a text to confirm these. Pupils will be expected to attend school, wearing PE kits on their allocated PE days and uniform on non-PE days.

### **Teams Class Meetings**

How wonderful for our pupils at home to join in with their friends at school! The staff have thoroughly enjoyed offering Teams meetings. These have been well timed to smooth the transition back to school.

Year 6 had their first meeting on Friday and were joined by a surprise visitor! Mr Nocton joined in to introduce himself as Deputy Headteacher of Pershore High School and to give an overview of what to expect during the transition from NJK to Pershore. It was very enjoyable and reassuring.



The pupils in Year 6 received their high school allocation letters yesterday from pupil admissions so we are working through our transition plans and exciting end of year activities. As our first ever Year 6 group to leave NJK it is sure to be a momentous occasion!

I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Dean". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "n".

Mrs J Dean  
Headteacher