



Dear Parents,

Monday 25th January 2021

### **Spring Information Letter 9**

#### School Closures due to Adverse Weather

I would like to say a big thank you to the staff for their efforts today. Early morning gritting, snow shoveling, and careful driving has enabled us to open school for pupils of key workers. In the event of adverse weather, a text message will be sent if the school has to close.

#### Lateral Flow Testing for Staff

All staff at Norton Juxta Kempsey CE Primary School will be undertaking twice weekly lateral flow tests starting this week. The test will provide a NEGATIVE or POSITIVE result for COVID.

If a staff member tests positive for COVID they will be expected to isolate immediately. If that member of staff has been teaching or supporting a bubble at school, then that bubble will have to close, and the pupils will isolate too.

It is an encouraging move forward to ensure the safety of all our community however; I must point out that the closure of a bubble may happen with very little notice. Please ensure that you check your test messages, emails and the school website daily.

#### Children's Mental Health Week-Monday 1st February

The theme for this year's mental health week is *Express Yourself*. Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity. This could be through art, music, writing and poetry, dance and drama, photography and/or film.

To kick start our week there will be a special assembly played in school on Monday 1st February. Then, during the pupils' PSHE lessons there will be some fun activities to enable the children to express themselves and show their creativity.

On Friday 5th February, pupils of key workers are invited to come into school dressed up to express themselves. Children could wear their favourite colour or choose a range of colours to express how they are feeling. Colour can be very personal and mean different things to different people, so this is a great opportunity to encourage self-expression and celebrate a diverse range of emotions.

In school, we will celebrate what everyone is wearing and discuss why the outfits have been chosen and how we can use colour to help make sense of how we're feeling, who we are and the world we live in.

Join in with us at home and have a colourful day, full of self-expression!

Take care and ensure that you stay safe.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'JDean'.

Julia Dean  
Headteacher