



13th November 2020

Dear Parents,

Autumn Information Letter 12

Guidance on what the new national restrictions mean for education and childcare settings

The Government Guidance for educational settings was updated on 5th November. Most of the guidance for schools remains unchanged with the exception of the use of face coverings for pupils in Year 7 and above whilst in communal areas. At NJK, pupils do not need to wear a face covering however, it is now a recommendation that staff do whilst moving through the school. It continues to be a recommendation by the trust for parents to wear one on the school site.

The [new national restrictions](#) makes it clear the government is continuing to prioritise the long term future of children and young people therefore early years settings, schools, colleges and universities will remain open. It is very important for children and young people to attend their education setting for their wellbeing and long-term development. School attendance continues to be mandatory although the expectations have changed for children who have been identified as clinically extremely vulnerable.

Advice on informal childcare bubbles

A question that has been raised recently has been the provision of informal after school care (not after school/wraparound care or registered childminders). The following advice has been sent through by Worcester County Council:

During the period of national restrictions there are limitations on households mixing to reduce the transmission of coronavirus. The only situation where children may visit households other than their own are:

- *Where parents have formed a childcare bubble with another household for the purposes of informal childcare, where the child is 13 or under - this needs to be consistent throughout the time of national restriction; or*
- *Where a household has formed a support bubble, which allows a single adult household to join another household.*
- *If eligible, families can form one childcare bubble and one support bubble with different households. However, they must not meet socially with the support bubble and childcare bubble at the same time.*

Childcare bubbles must be used exclusively for the purposes of childcare. This would include walking another child to their home. The childcare bubble arrangement cannot be changed once agreed. All adults in the household must agree to the childcare bubble arrangement. In practical terms this means that children may not visit friends' houses for play or meals after school unless there is a childcare bubble which has been agreed between all adults in the household. Read guidance on making a childcare bubble with another household:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-a-childcare-bubble-with-another-household#what-a-childcare-bubble-is>



Birthday Celebrations in School

Last week, I shared this new initiative with you. We are looking forward to celebrating the birthdays of all the pupils with September, October and November birthdays on 27th November. Many thanks for your positive feedback about this activity.

PTA

Many thanks to the PTA and other parents who are helping behind the scenes to organise a COVID friendly Christmas Event for the pupils. Some key dates:

Friday 27th November- Wear a Christmas accessory in exchange for a chocolate treat contribution.

Friday 27th November-Pocket Money Presents on sale in each bubble. Pupils will have an opportunity to buy a present for a family member for £1.00 that will be gift-wrapped at school. We have had some beautiful gifts as donations so parents you're in for a treat!

Wednesday 16th December-Christmas Fayre (during the school day)

Spirituality and Inter Faith Week November 2020

Mrs Pasmore our school RE Leader has enabled the pupils to enjoy a wonderful week of activities this week by organising an outstanding Spirituality and Inter Faith Week.

Aims:

- to give pupils an opportunity to explore the sense of awe and wonder in the world and be inspired to be creative and imaginative.
- to explore how faith inspires people to care for our world.

The whole school had a fabulous time celebrating Inter Faith Week. Due to current national restrictions we were unable to have people from different faiths visit our school but we were very fortunate that they kindly offered to send us a video instead.

We asked Josh and Rachel who are Christian, Yvonne who is Jewish and Satya who is Buddhist **"How does your faith inspire you to care for our world?"**

We started the week watching a clip of David Attenborough's 'A life on our planet' which certainly inspired us to explore the sense of awe and wonder in the world and be inspired to be creative and imaginative.

Please view the 'gallery' page on the school website to see what the pupils have been up to and their responses to the week.

Lastly, if your child is having to isolate due to COVID please check the home learning pages of the school website for a guide to NJK's remote learning provision. Please update us immediately of any COVID test result outcomes by telephoning 01905 820420 during school hours and via office@nortonprimary.worcs.sch.uk during the evenings and weekends.

Yours sincerely

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