



3rd November 2020

Dear Parents,

Autumn Information Letter 11

It has been lovely to welcome all of our families back to school this week. Our attendance is excellent continuing the attendance rate of 97.3% we saw prior to half-term. Well done and thank you to all of our families. Many thanks too to the staff who are committed to providing a high quality education in a safe environment despite the strange times we find ourselves in at present. There has not been any further guidance for schools since my previous letter. Dr Kathryn Cobain from Worcestershire County Council did make the following statement:

"I'd like to ask for the support of parents and carers to keep to the social distancing guidelines at all times, when dropping off and picking up your children.

"We strongly advise wearing a face-covering if you're unable to keep apart, by doing this you can help prevent the spread of the virus. Let's continue our hard work and remain in the lowest tier of measures."

Dr Kathryn Cobain, Director of Public Health at Worcestershire County Council.

Government Announcement 31st October

The Prime Minister has announced tougher national restrictions in England from Thursday. From Thursday 5th November, everyone must stay at home, and may leave only for a limited set of reasons. These include:

- For education;
- For work, if you cannot work from home;
- For exercise and recreation outdoors, with your household, support bubble or on your own with one person from another household;
- For all medical reasons, appointments and to escape injury or harm;
- To shop for food and essentials;
- To provide care for vulnerable people, or as a volunteer.

As the Prime Minister and Education Secretary have said, keeping young people in education is a national priority so early years settings, schools, colleges and universities will all remain open. Parents and carers should make sure their children keep attending school.

The guidance for schools states that schools should ensure the following systems of control are in place:

1) Minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, does not attend school.

2) Where recommended, the use of face coverings in schools.



Not mandatory for primary aged pupils but the Trust requests that ALL parents wear a face covering when collecting and dropping off pupils.

- 3) Cleaning hands thoroughly more often than usual.
- 4) Ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- 5) Introducing enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents.

The school has been 'deep-cleaned' during half term and additional cleaning will continue to take place throughout the school day.

- 6) Minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible.

The classrooms have been set out to achieve this. The guidance also states:

Ideally, adults should maintain 2-metre distance from each other, and from children. We know that this is not always possible, particularly when working with younger children, but if adults can do this when circumstances allow that will help. In particular, they should avoid close face-to-face contact and minimise time spent within 1 metre of anyone.

- 7) Where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).
- 8) Always keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.

It is worth bearing in mind that pupils will need to bring a coat every day and wear layers as the classroom windows and doors will be kept open for ventilation. Pupils are still expected to wear the school uniform.

Flu Nasal Spray

We were fortunate to be contacted by the NHS during the spring term to set a date for all pupils to be offered the flu nasal spray. This will take place on Thursday 5th November and was booked and added to the school diary on 7th May 2020.

Birthday Celebrations in School

Finally, on a happy note! We have seen a wonderful idea from another school that we would like to introduce here at NJK.

As a result of COVID restrictions, many children are missing out on celebrating their birthday with family and friends as they usually would, with parties or gatherings. We understand our children have had so many changes and had to adapt to new rules and regulations both at home and school and their emotional wellbeing is something that is very important to us.



Therefore, we would like to give them the opportunity to celebrate their birthdays in school with their friends. We have decided to hold a birthday party within each class in school on the last Friday of each month. During the afternoon, the school will provide treats, fun games, activities, and a party atmosphere. Children must come to school in their school uniform.

If your child/ren has already had their birthday during September and October, they will be included in the first birthday celebration at the end of November.

I will continue to keep you updated with any changes or necessary information throughout the coming days and weeks.

Yours sincerely

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

Mrs J Dean
Headteacher