



16th September 2020

Dear Parents,

Curriculum Update

This year's School Development Plan includes plans for carefully tailored lessons designed to identify and address gaps in pupils learning. It forms part of our Recovery Curriculum, a finely tuned programme of learning adapted to ensure pupils make rapid progress to get back on track having missed many months of education.

Our remote learning system, Seesaw proved to be very useful during lockdown and will continue to be used for homework. It will also be used if there is a class, group or small number of pupils needing to self-isolate, or there is a local lockdown requiring pupils to remain at home.

Prior to lockdown the school had raised curriculum expectations in the foundation subjects offering knowledge organisers to ensure pupils know more and remember more. Our whole curriculum is based on pupils revisiting key knowledge and skills so that they can make links between topics.

Revisiting previous knowledge organisers, based on the Schema and Prototype Theories of developing pupils' long-term memory and is a valuable activity to do, as it will reignite pupils' recall of the key knowledge and skills. Copies of previous knowledge organisers can be found in the class pages of the school website.

Collective Worship

Mrs Pasmore has meticulously planned a virtual collective worship programme with contributions from myself, the church team and i-singpop. The pupils have thoroughly enjoyed the assemblies on offer. I have added a Collective Worship area to the school website for parents to join in with worship:

<https://www.nortonprimary.worcs.sch.uk/collective-worship>

New Procedures

Many thanks to you all for using the one-way systems, staying 2m apart and donning face coverings. All of the measures are in place to keep the members of our school community safe.

Risk assessments have been carried out and therefore the amount of people on the school site needs to be controlled. Please drop off and collect your child/ren at the correct times: KS2 pupils and younger siblings 8.45am and 3.10pm. KS1 pupils 9am and 3pm.

Illness

We do have a number of children absent due to running noses and sore throats. Please ensure that if your child has any of the symptoms listed below you follow the government guidance.



Symptoms of coronavirus in children

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if a child is unable to attend school or a setting because they have COVID-19 symptoms

Anyone who develops symptoms of COVID-19, or whose household member develops symptoms, should immediately self-isolate. They should not attend school or setting and should follow the steps below:-

1. Parent/Carer should notify school of their child's absence by phone.
2. Parent/Carer should contact 111 for advice.
3. The person with symptoms should isolate for 10 days starting from the first day of their symptoms and the rest of their household for 14 days.
4. The school will advise that the pupil must be tested as soon as possible. This would also apply to any parent, household member or member of staff who develops symptoms.

Please let school know immediately of the results of the test (positive or negative).

E-Safety Agreements

The school E-Safety Agreements will be issued next week to all pupils. All pupils in school will be revisiting e-safety as their first computing unit of work during the autumn term. The NSPCC offer some great resources for parents: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>



Kind regards

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

Mrs J Dean
Headteacher