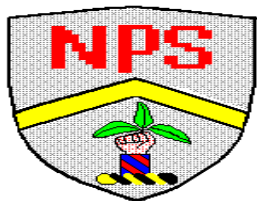


# Summer Term Newsletter



## Prime Minister's Speech

I am sure many of you will have watched the Prime Minister's address to the nation this evening. You will have heard the Prime Minister indicating that the government believes it may be in a position to implement a phased re-opening of schools from 1st June, starting with pupils in reception, year 1 and year 6. This is part of the government's conditional plan which it says will remain under regular review.

Like you, I have only just seen the announcement and that at this stage cannot answer all your questions you will have. We are waiting to receive more information from government about what this means for our school. In the short term, nothing has changed and I will provide further information in the coming days and weeks once I am able to do so.

Thankyou for your support

Donna Lee

## Parent Pay

School dinners are paid through parent pay. Please can you keep a regular check of your account to ensure that you are in credit. We have had a financial audit and debts of £55 or more will be referred to Local Authority.

## PE May Challenges

Hi! We hope you are all staying safe and keeping well.

It has been lovely to see lots of you staying active! Lots of plating in gardens!

Why not try out some mini PE challenges with all the family? Here is a document so give you a few ideas you can do in doors.

Have fun!

[active-may-full-colour](#)

Mrs Aspinall would love to see you doing some of the challenges. Send her your photos!

## Stepping Up Year 6 Transition

Please find useful booklet to help prepare your Year 6 child for secondary school and going into Year 7.

[Stepping Up – Y6 Transition Booklet \(1\)](#)

## Home Learning

Our school website is our central source of information and already contains some great advice, guidance, current topics your child would be studying at school and home learning links. Just a reminder that learning packs produced for after Easter holidays are on the children's class page for you to access. Paper copies of these have been collected, posted or delivered for those who requested. We have loved seeing your emails and examples of the children's work. We would like to say that if your child does not get through all the work set for them-there is absolutely no pressure to do so. We do not expect your child to get through every single piece of work. We do not want to put unnecessary demands on all our families. Please can you contact us via school email or class teacher's email if you need anything. We are here to help wherever we can.

As reopening times are still uncertain at present, we are putting together further home learning packs for after half term and will notify you when they are ready and hear more about schools opening. We also hope you will find the following links helpful in supporting home learning for your child/children:

[www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)

<https://masterthecurriculum.co.uk/>

[www.edtechimpact.co.uk](http://www.edtechimpact.co.uk)

[www.twinkl.co.uk](http://www.twinkl.co.uk)

[www.bbc.co.uk-BBC Bitesize revision](http://www.bbc.co.uk-BBC Bitesize revision)

[www.thenational.academy](http://www.thenational.academy)

[www.classroomsecrets.co.uk](http://www.classroomsecrets.co.uk)

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

[www.mathszone.co.uk](http://www.mathszone.co.uk)

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

[www.myminimaths.co.uk](http://www.myminimaths.co.uk)

[www.plazoom.com](http://www.plazoom.com)

[www.gonoodle.com](http://www.gonoodle.com)

[www.primaryresources.co.uk](http://www.primaryresources.co.uk)

### *Texts/Emails*

We regularly send texts to parents with details of events happening in school or just reminders. We are now also sending emails. Thank you for your patience while we are updating this. Letters have been sent out explaining our new systems. Please notify school if you haven't received any texts/emails in the last week. Your contact details may need updating.

### *School Website*

Please continue to look at our school website on [www.nettleworth.durham.sch.uk](http://www.nettleworth.durham.sch.uk) for diary dates, latest news, celebrations, advice and information.

### *Class 1's Virtual Incubator*

Class 1's new topic is learning all about 'The Farm' so we have teamed up with Stephen the farmer and got our eggs incubating at Miss Grant's House for 21

days...hopefully all 20 of them will

hatch

To learn about the life cycle of a hen click the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNFBR8OwzSA>

### *Durham County Council Free School Meals*

If your circumstances have changed, please check using the following link if you are entitled to Free School Meals. During partial closures, those entitled to Free School Meals will receive a £15 weekly voucher.

<http://durham.gov.uk/article/2204/Free-school-meals>

### *New Reception Children*

We are really looking forward to welcoming all of our new Reception children this year! We can't wait to get to know you and see how you will blossom at our school!

COVID-19

Unfortunately we are unsure at the moment what transition into school will look like this year due to the current Covid-19 situation, however, we promise that we will make the transition as smooth and exciting as possible for our new children! We want to reassure you that we will work together with parents on everything, keeping you informed as we know any more information regarding school opening, and

working together to help your child settle happily in to school life.

We will keep you updated through our website, as well as other forms of communication.

### *Engineering Resources*

Parents, carers and teachers, some resources are available from Engineering: Take a Closer Look to help get your kids to get inspired

about engineering

The Activity Zone is packed full of challenges and projects to get kids thinking and building like engineers

<https://www.engineering.gov.uk/activitieszone>

## **NSPCC- Worried about a child?**

While we are social distancing it can be harder than ever to recognise if a child is in need of help, but if you're worried, the NSPCC's helpline is here.

Call 0808 800 5000, or for advice and info about how you can report any concerns you have, visit [www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-childr.../our-services/nspcc-helpline](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-childr.../our-services/nspcc-helpline)

## Authorfy

Parents and carers, [Authorfy](#) have got a new 10 minute writing challenge every day, hosted by a different children's author. They're fun, inspirational and perfect for home learning

Full video

<http://authorfy.com/10minutechallenges>

Join <https://authorfy.com/>

[#Authorfy10minutechallenge](#)

## Homestay

**Homestay [formally Stonham]** can offer support with finances, rent arrears etc.

To contact gateway ring Durham Homestay team.

Gateway on 0191 332 4935 / e-mail [GatewayDurham@homegroup.org.uk](mailto:GatewayDurham@homegroup.org.uk)

## North East Autism Society

North East Autism Society

Offer support with enquiries via telephone, email, and Facebook.

They also have a private family network page where they are offering lots of support and guidance.

For more information call 0191 4109974

Face book page North east Autism Society

Email [info@ne-as.org.uk](mailto:info@ne-as.org.uk)

## Family Line

**FamilyLine** offer a free service available to support adult family members on all aspects of family life issues, whether it is emotional support or practicable advice on any aspect of parenting or broader family issues – Tel Number: 0808 802 6666, text: 07537 404282 or email: [familyline@family-action.org.uk](mailto:familyline@family-action.org.uk)

## Citizens Advice

**Citizen's advice** can offer support with finances, contact details,

<http://www.citizensadvicecd.org.uk/>

0300 330 9027 – Advice Line Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm

0300 323 2000 – Debt Advice Line Monday to Friday 9am to 1pm

0300 323 1000 – To cancel or rearrange appointments

## Youth Sport Trust

During this time it is still very important to keep active both for good mental and physical health.

You can find some free ideas for secondary school pupils to keep active here: [#ThisIsPE](http://www.youthsporttrust.org/pe-home-learning)

## Online Safety

Schools across the UK are closed to most families, which means we're spending more time on computers at home.

[National Crime Agency](#) has resources to help you learn about online safety

at home with your child

You can find a step-by-step guide at

<https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/>

## Hungry Little Minds

There's nothing more rewarding than doing an activity with your child – for both of you.

Everything you do can make a big difference and will make being at home together more fun.

Search Hungry Little Minds for ideas.

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

[#StayHomeSaveLives](#)

## David Walliams

Parents and carers, looking for 20 minutes a day to sit down and enjoy an audiobook with your children?

Every day at 11am you can listen to the next free audio installment of Fing with Elevenses from the [World Of David Walliams](#).

You can also catch up on any chapters you have missed  
[worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/](http://worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/)

## VE Day 75th Anniversary

From our home to yours have a wonderful bank holiday.

We will be spending the day at home remembering all of the people who

fought for our country and our freedom today!

At this uncertain time remember, we will meet again, but for now stay home and stay safe. Hope you enjoyed our VE Day You Tube Video.