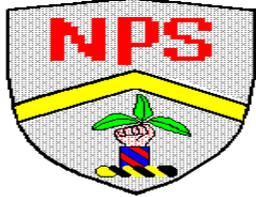


# Summer Term Newsletter



## Welcome Back

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all had a restful half term holiday and welcome to our second remote summer term!

I wanted to take the opportunity again to say what an amazing job you're doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time.

It continues to be a strange and challenging time, so it's ok if you and your child feel wobbly and worried at the moment. As time goes on, children are more reluctant to complete home learning. Please don't worry, we continue to be here for you every step of the way. Class Teachers will continue to ring or email to keep in contact. Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by contacting school office via email [nettlesworth@durhamlearning.net](mailto:nettlesworth@durhamlearning.net) or headteacher email [d.lee103@durhamlearning.net](mailto:d.lee103@durhamlearning.net)

You can also contact class teachers via their email, which is on the covering

letter of the children's first learning pack given out before schools closed.

We continue to miss the children very much, but we must follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. So, we're carrying on with provision for vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers.

Your children will have lots of activities they can get stuck into over the summer term – so keep a close eye on activities which will appear on school website, class sections of the school website and Miss Grant's YouTube channel.

Our school website continues to be our central source of information and already contains some great advice, guidance and home learning links. Just a reminder that I have added further home learning packs on the children's class page for you to access. If you would like a paper copy of these, please can you contact us via school email and we will arrange for paper copies to be posted out to you or you can collect from school.

We also love seeing the children's fantastic learning at home – please keep sending their work in via email.

We hopefully can welcome back Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June but we can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, but rest assured that we'll continue doing our utmost to keep

your child learning and our school community connected.

## 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. We still have many outstanding payments needed from before school closure. Many Thanks

## Cancellation of Robinwood

Dear Parents/Carers

### ROBINWOOD RESIDENTIAL VISIT 2020

It is with regret that we have to inform you that we have decided to cancel the residential visit to Robinwood due to take place in June/July 2020. We have taken advice from Durham Local Authority when coming to this extremely difficult decision and can assure you that it has not been taken lightly. We understand just how disappointed the children will be with this news and we are so sorry that our plans have had to change.

We are following all the current Government, Public Health England and DfE advice and guidelines regarding the COVID-19 (Coronavirus). As such we have made the decision to cancel Robinwood to

help prevent the potential spread of the virus.

All money paid by parents will be refunded in full.

**ParentPay** – We can refund you via ParentPay. This could take several weeks as the system is quite complicated due to the lockdown.

**Unfortunately, due to auditing purposes we are unable to offer you a cash refund and sadly cannot welcome you into the building at this time.**

Again, we are sincerely sorry to have to cancel this trip and for any inconvenience this may have caused. If you have any further questions then please do not hesitate to contact me by email to [d.lee103@durhamlearning.net](mailto:d.lee103@durhamlearning.net)

Yours sincerely,

Donna Lee

HeadTeacher

### *E Safety Home Learning Packs*

Looking for simple online safety activities to do with your child at home?

Try out CEOP's Online Safety At Home activity packs, which can be easily incorporated into home

schooling

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/.../Su.../home-activity-worksheets/>

### *Home Learning*

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**As reopening times are uncertain at present, we hope you will find the following links helpful in supporting home learning for your child/children:**

[Bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://Bbc.co.uk/bitesize)

[The.national.academy](http://The.national.academy)

[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.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.nettlesworth.durham.sch.uk](http://www.nettlesworth.durham.sch.uk) for diary dates, latest news, celebrations, advice and information.

### *Bitesize Daily Lessons*

From 20 April, in response to the coronavirus pandemic and school closures around the United Kingdom, parents/pupils will be able to access regular daily lessons in English, maths and other core subjects, in an expanded version of the BBC Bitesize website and also in special programmes broadcast on BBC iPlayer and BBC Red Button.

Google BBC Bitesize for the website address

### *Year 6 to 7 Bridging Units*

The transitional period between Year 6 to Year 7 is well underway and all our

children now know which secondary school they will be attending come September. One activity all primary schools participate in to prepare Year 6 children for their step to KS3 are bridging units. These normally start in the Summer Term in Primary School and finish during the Autumn Term in their new Secondary school. Durham Johnston Comprehensive School have very kindly sent a bridging unit for both Numeracy and Literacy for all our children to complete. Please have a go and let us know how you found them.

## [Transition to KS3 DJCS Maths](#)

## [Fantasy Genre 1](#)

### *Parent's Guide to Cyber Safety*

From Durham Constabulary's Cyber Protect Team:  
Here are some great tips for parents on setting up the right controls and privacy settings to ensure their child stays safe online. You can find these in detail in our 'Parents Guide to Cyber Safety' advice booklet  
[Parents Guide to Cyber Safety Book](#)

The booklet looks at the following areas:

#### **Smart Devices**

They are a number of different ways to secure your child's device within the phone settings. Some of these are **turning off location settings, blocking inappropriate content and disabling app purchasing.**

#### **Broadband & Mobile Networks**

Did you know you can restrict certain websites on devices connected to your home router? You can also use these settings to make the home Wi-Fi unavailable to a device after say 9pm for example!

#### **Gaming**

We look at questions to ask when buying a games console, such as if the console or games have **chat facilities**, is your child able to make **purchases** using their

games console, or does your child's **gamertag** reveal their identity?

#### **Social Media**

There are many features that you can put in place to ensure social media is safe for your child, like ensuring accounts are **private** not public, filtering out **inappropriate comments** and setting up **two-factor authentication**.

There are also a number of websites that give detailed advice on staying safe online, such as:

[www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls](http://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls)  
[www.ncsc.gov.uk](http://www.ncsc.gov.uk)  
[www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)  
[www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org)

### *Harbour*

**Harbour works with families and individuals who are affected by abuse from a partner, former partner or other family member.**

If you or someone you know is being abused or being abusive to others the please use the information below:

- If in immediate danger always call **999**
- Harbour 24-hour support line 03000202525
- Email [info@myharbour.org.uk](mailto:info@myharbour.org.uk)
- Information available on [myharbour.org.uk](http://myharbour.org.uk)
- Harbour facebook page

#### **National Helplines:**

- National Domestic Violence Helpline 08082000247
- Men's Advice line, for male domestic abuse survivors 08088010327
- The Mix, free advice for under 25's in UK 08088084994
- National LGBT+ Domestic Abuse Helpline 08009995428
- Samaritans 24/7 116 123

### **Lockdown Assembly**

Hi children, It's Revd Caroline here, I am really missing you all, and like many of you, I have been keeping in touch with my friends over the internet.

One of my friends is called Bryony and she has made this video called The Lockdown Assembly  
<https://www.facebook.com/544665755/posts/10157466875500756/>

I liked it so much that I wanted to share it with you all.

The assembly ends with children singing one of my favourite songs – Our God is a Great Big God, and you can have fun joining in the actions.

One day we will be able to have whole school assemblies again. In the meantime I might even have a go at making my own school video assembly! I'm not as clever as my friend Bryony, but I might manage something simpler.

Bye for now  
Revd Caroline

[Tips on Growing Flowers](#)

Need some at-home activities inspiration?

Check out these top tips on growing flowers from [BBC Bitesize](#)

<http://bbc.in/2Xho458>

[Travel Safety](#)

As more staff, parents and pupils travel to education settings from next week, check out the guidance on staying safe on the public transport network.

This includes info on how to cycle and walk safely, where possible.

## #TravelSafely

...See more

### Online Safety

Please find some links to help you continue to spread the online safety message at home, from the CEOP Education Team.

#OnlineSafetyAtHome: new image sharing activity pack and video guides now available!

This week, all of our packs explore sharing images:

- [4-5s](#)
- [5-7s](#)
- [8-10s](#)
- [11-13s](#)
- [14+](#)

### Durham Dash

The SSP have a new challenge for us to complete.....

## Pause for a moment – we have some great news. #DotheDash Launch

We know that the Dash is an event that schools, children and parents love to get involved in – so, we have been working very hard to put together #dothedash

#dothedash will take place during the week commencing the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Children and teachers in school can take part as can children, teachers and parents at home. We would like to encourage as many people to get involved as possible!

#dothedash can be completed by everyone in school and allows you to actively encourage as many children and parents at their homes. We have created guidance documents and recorded videos for you – so you can visually see how events are performed.

We have created 3 categories;

- School
- Home
- Parent/Teacher

There will be 3 events for both the school and home categories, for the children of all ages; Speed Bounce, Target Throw and 400m Run

We are launching this event now to get as many people onboard as possible, so please help us by spreading the word, sourcing any equipment you may need and start practising the activities.

The official events will take place as below

- Speed Bounce – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June
- Target Throw – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June
- 400 Run – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

**All children will receive a certificate for taking part.** Children will be able to see where they are ranked via our website results pages and recognition will be given to the top placed boy/girl from each year group for each event.

We can't wait for #dothedash 2020 and we hope you will join us!

### Lego Education

Parents and carers, check out some home learning resources which are

available from [LEGO Education](#) – including tips for creating your at

home STEAM learning space  
<https://education.lego.com/en-gb/support/homeschool>

### Engineering Resources

Parents, carers and teachers, some resources are available from [Engineering: Take a Closer Look](#) to help get your kids inspired about

engineering

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

engineers

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

### Further information about wider school openings

Dear parents/carers,

Further to the text sent out this morning, please find further information about wider school openings from the 15<sup>th</sup> June on the Durham County website.

Thank you.

Mrs Donna Lee

<http://www.durham.gov.uk/.../Council-provides-further-informa...>

We have provided further information to schools on plans for phased reopening.



DURHAM.GOV.UK

[Council provides further information to schools on reopening – Durham County Council](#)

[Barclay's Playground Sessions](#)

[Barclays Eagle Labs](#)'s Code Playground sessions are a really fun way to learn the basics and develop digital skills for the future and they provide free digital education across

a range of topics

<https://www.barclays.co.uk/digital-confidence/eagles/>

[Change4Life Healthy Recipes](#)

If you're looking for quick, easy and healthy family meal inspiration, check out [Change4Life](#)'s new and

improved recipes.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/dinner>

[Parents and Carers can take children back to nursery from 1st June](#)

Parents and carers can take children back to nursery from 1 June at the earliest, where they can play, learn and grow.

We've answered some common questions you may have about early years settings: <https://www.gov.uk/.../closure-of-educational-settings-inform...>

[Childnet Film Competition 2020](#)

[Childnet International](#) have adapted their film competition to be inclusive to all young people, and to form part of a home learning project with

parents and carers.

It invites young people aged 7-18 to take on the challenge of creating a

short film.

This year's theme is: 'We want an internet where we're free to...'

...[See more](#)

[Lego Education](#)

Parents and carers, some home learning resources are available from [LEGO Education](#) for early

years, primary and secondary

<https://education.lego.com/en-gb/support/homeschool>

[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)

[Mathematic Mastery](#)

Teachers, parents and carers, some free resources to help you with [#homelearning](#) are available

from [Mathematics Mastery](#)

<https://mathematicsmastery.org/free-resources>

[Stay Connected With Others](#)

There are things we can all do to help look after our mental wellbeing during this challenging time.

Whether it's staying connected with friends and family via phone and video calls, creating a regular routine or looking after our body through physical exercise, we all need that extra support to help deal with stress, boost our mood, and feel on top of

things

Visit every mind matters to get your Mind plan this mental health

awareness week

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

[Year 6 Transition to Hermitage](#)

Please could all of our Year 6 children, who are going to Hermitage, please keep checking their school website for updated information.

[It's ok to worry about Corona](#)

[Its ok to worry about Coronavirus under 12's](#)

This has some good ideas for relaxation for younger children.

Below is a link to CAMHS resources which look useful to use now but also after lockdown period.

<https://www.camhs-resources.co.uk/?fbclid=IwAR02kqK5jdK860p3x2cszbwm3hJo47QjYamxuYXIAVMCeD1A6jXWIOILM7I>

Transition for Year 6 pupils who are going to Durham Federation

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to you as a follow up to my previous correspondence about transition arrangements in preparation for September. Transition Planning Further to the government announcement on Sunday the 9th of May we are continuing to work with our feeder primary schools in the lead up to the summer holidays. We have so far gathered smooth transition forms from most of them (or requested them if they have not yet been returned) completed by the year 6 teachers who know your child best. These documents provide us with valuable information in order to plan for their move to secondary school. If your child has been identified as having special educational needs, these plans are informing our draft support plan of which you will be asked to contribute to in the next few weeks.

#### Uniform

Our uniform suppliers have had problems with their internet site and so the process of ordering free school uniform items alongside additional items has been complicated by social distancing rules. This would normally take place in person at our pop up shop

and open events. To solve this problem we have created THIS simple form which we kindly ask you to complete by following the link no later than Monday 1st June. This will allow us to order all free items on your behalf. They will be delivered to your house. Additional items and those not covered in the basic package can then be ordered by yourselves via their website. If you have already purchased items from their site and paid for them please provide proof of purchase and if they are on the list of 'free' garments, we will be happy to reimburse you.

#### Communication

If you are receiving this letter by post and not email please send an email to [pastoral@durhamfederation.net](mailto:pastoral@durhamfederation.net) in order for us to update your details, and so you can complete the order form for uniform. Please state the name of your child and their feeder primary school along with your contact details. It is vital we hold up to date contact details for you to ensure you do not miss important information. This includes home and mobile numbers, email addresses and postal address.

#### Houses & PE Kits

Your child has been allocated a Durham Federation House and they will receive a notification about this in the post. They can find more information about these houses on the school website. We have already shared this information with our uniform suppliers so they know which colour PE logo to supply (Yellow for Heap, Red for Redgrave and Green for Tinkler).

#### Transition Visits & Preparation

We are hoping that the announcement for Year 6 students to return to school from the 1st of June will mean we can visit them in their primary settings and where possible, organise visits to our site. These will be subject to social distancing guidelines and health and safety risk assessments. In any case, they will receive a learning pack and welcome video link from us in the Summer term.

We will write to you again about this in the coming weeks. We will continue to share regular updates with you via email and on the school website. You can find these in the 'joining us' section. If you have any other questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us via [pastoral@durhamfederation.net](mailto:pastoral@durhamfederation.net)

Kind regards,

Ali Jamieson Deputy Headteacher

[A letter from Frawellgate School for Year 6 pupils transitioning there this year](#)

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May 2020

Dear Parents or Carer

We are delighted that so many Year 6 children have become involved in our weekly challenges. We are now mindful of the Government's plans for schools leading up to the summer and I am writing to you to update you on the transition of Year 6 into Framwellgate School Durham. We have made the decision to continue with the transition virtually and we will not be having any visits to the school in the summer term. This

decision has been made with the safety of the children and staff in both the primary schools and secondary school in mind. Students will participate in on site transition in September before beginning timetabled lessons.

We want to reassure you that even though students cannot visit us we are offering a wide variety of activities and resources you can use with your child at home or in their primary schools. We are going to continue with our weekly challenges alongside the staff videos introducing students to the different departments and curriculum they will be part of in September. In addition to this we will be sending all students a guide which will hopefully answer all of the frequently asked questions during transition, which will be accompanied by a virtual tour of the school. The Year 6 Parent/Carer Information Evening will now be virtual. Senior leaders and key staff will be outlining key information on transition. Further information will follow.

Our main activity is the gifting of a specially chosen novel that helps with transition. The novel is The Super Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates. Along with the novel, Year 6 students will also receive an activity pack which we would like them to complete and bring with them to bring to their first English lesson in September. Dr Smith, an English teacher, will also be providing a video to introduce the novel and the expectations of students. We will shortly be in touch with yourself to arrange the most suitable way for your child to receive the reading book.

All essential information, previous letters and challenges are now on the school website, alongside a reminder

of the uniform requirements for September to aid with the transition of your child into the school. If you haven't already done so, we would be grateful if you would complete our data collection forms online or return them by post if you have made this request. If you have any issues please contact  
Transition2020@framdurham.com

Yours sincerely

Leeanne Mersh-Roberts  
Head of Sixth Form/Transition Co-ordinator

Families who have children with complex needs and difficulties

Families with children that have complex needs and disabilities will receive grants for vital equipment to make their lives easier, including computers, specialist equipment and educational toys.

Children with special educational needs and disabilities in England will benefit from £37.3 million of direct support in 2020-21, which is expected to help more than 75,000 low income families in England. £10 million of the total has been committed specifically in response to the unique difficulties presented by the coronavirus pandemic, helping parents educate and look after disabled or critically ill children who are staying at home more than usual.

Find out more: <https://www.gov.uk/.../37-million-to-support-children-with-co...>

Earth School

Sign up to Earth School to embark on a month of daily adventures that will help children understand and celebrate our natural world.

Learn every weekday up until World Environment Day (June 5th).

<https://ed.ted.com/earth-school>

STEM Homelearning

Parents and carers, [STEM Learning](#) have put together a selection of activities and materials suitable for key stage 1 and key stage 2, all of which are completely free for everyone to

access <https://www.stem.org.uk/home-learning>

BookTrust are giving away free books

This Mental Health Awareness

Week [BookTrust](#) are giving away some books to help children's

emotional wellbeing  
<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/.../win-three-brilliant-books-t.../>

Online Resources to help children learn at home

We have created a list of online educational resources to help

children to learn at home

These resources have been identified by leading educational experts and offer a wide range of support and

resources for pupils of all ages

<https://www.gov.uk/.../coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-online-ed...>

Looking after our Mental Wellbeing

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