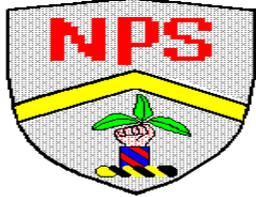


Autumn Term Newsletter



Home Learning Support Information

Home learning support – information for parents & carers

When will my child need to learn from home?

- If your child has to **self-isolate** because of coronavirus – either individually or as part of their class
- If there's a **local lockdown** and the school is advised to partially close or your child has to shield

What is my child expected to do?

We're determined to make every effort to keep our pupils on-track and make sure no one falls behind if they need to learn from home because of coronavirus.

We want to make sure your child can learn as much as possible at home. The following guidelines will explain what we'd like your child to do while learning remotely, and how we plan to support you and them.

When providing remote learning, teachers must be available between 9am-3pm on their working days

If they're unable to work for any reason during this time, for example due to sickness or caring for a dependent, they should report this using the normal absence procedure.

When providing remote learning, teachers are responsible for:

Setting work –

- Teachers will provide learning for their current class. The amount of work they need to provide is daily Maths and English lessons plus 3/4 lessons for foundation subjects each week. Daily phonics lessons will be planned for KS1 and SPAG lessons for KS2.
- Teachers will use resources provide by the Oak National Academy, White Rose Maths and BBC Bitesize, as well as other resources identified by school curriculum leaders.
- The work will be set weekly.
- Teachers will upload weekly learning packs on the school website. The packs can then be accessed at home, printed by staff who are on site, ready for parents to collect or staff can deliver to homes.
- Teachers will outline the work daily via their class activity page.

- Providing feedback on work –

Pupils can email work to their class teachers. All work submitted will be acknowledged by the class teacher. Feedback will be given for English and Maths on an individual basis. Feedback will be age appropriate.

- Keeping in touch with pupils who aren't in school and their parents –
- In the case of a national or local lockdown, Teachers will call pupils/parents at least every 3 weeks. Any concerns should be recorded and Head teacher alerted. In the event of a self/class bubble isolation, communication will be via email. If there has been no communication from either a parent or child via by day 3 of lockdown/self-isolation period starting, teacher or SLT member will call parents/pupils on day 4.
- Vulnerable pupils will be called weekly – CP/EHCP/identified pupils, this will be done by SENCO/DSL.
- Emails received from parents and pupils are to be checked between 9am and 3pm, Mon- Fri. Teachers should respond to pupil/parent emails within 48hours.

What support will our school provide?

- **Regular contact with teachers** through telephone calls/email
- **Regular feedback** via telephone calls and email so your child knows how they're doing
- **Resources**

What can I do to help my child?

Create a positive environment for your child to learn at home, for example:

- **Distinguish between weekdays and weekends, to separate school life and home life**
- **Designate a working space if possible**

- At the end of the day, have a clear cut-off to signal school time is over
 - Create and stick to a routine
 - Put a timetable up on the wall
 - Make time for exercise and breaks throughout the day to keep your child active
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- Reinforce the importance of children staying safe online.
 - Be aware of what your child is being asked to do, including: sites they will be asked to use and school staff your child will interact with
 - Emphasise the importance of a safe online environment set age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices and use internet filters to block malicious websites. These are usually free, but often need to be turned on.

Website Resources

BBC

Bitesize www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize -A range of revision materials and online daily lessons

Oak

Academy <https://www.thenational.academy/> - A range of virtual lessons have been produced on various topics.

Remote Learning 2020

Class 1 and 2 Bike Day

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Some of Class 1 and 2 had lots of fun riding bikes without stabilisers! Look at us fly! Well done everyone.



Punctuality

Thank you all so much for your great support this week in helping to keep everyone safe. The children came into school better than we could ever have imagined .

Just a few reminders of control measures we have in place to reduce number of daily contacts.

-Please ensure you are aware of your child's pick up and drop off times and stick rigidly to these times to help the day run smoothly and keep bubbles apart- Your child's class

teacher will collect children from the gate and they will be escorted into school to wash hands immediately.

-Children and parents must wait alongside school fence and not come to the door and ring buzzer. **If you are late you must ring the office to arrange an alternative drop off/pick up.**

-Only one parent or carer is permitted to bring their child to school and collect them at the allocated time to minimise numbers of people.

-Please maintain social distance

Class 3 Bike Challenge

Class 3 had lots of fun doing their bike challenge and recording our speed scores!



Holidays in Term Time

Our school attendance last year increased to 96.2%. Our school attendance target is 96%. This target is National Average and therefore now slightly above. Thankyou so much for you support. Ofsted evaluate school attendance and a low attendance can affect school's Ofsted judgements. We continue to see a large increase in requests for holidays in term time. Just to remind parents and carers that as of 1st September 2013, Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional

circumstances. Absence during term time should be avoided because children can fall behind with their work and may find it difficult to integrate. An application using the leave of absence form (available from the school office) for leave must be made in writing to the Head Teacher, detailing the exceptional circumstances. The Head Teacher must be satisfied the circumstances warrant the granting of leave. If you do not apply for leave in advance, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. You can be fined for taking your child on holiday during term time without consent from the school.

NHS Advice if you are unsure about sending your child to school

Can my child go to school today

HEALTH and education experts are offering help and advice to parents on when they can safely send their child to school.

County Durham Care Partnership, which brings together NHS organisations, Durham County Council and other providers to deliver improved, joined up health and social care services, has created an easy-read chart to help parents who are unsure if their child should stay at home or go to class.

The information follows Government guidelines on spotting the signs of Covid-19.

Sarah Burns, head of integrated strategic commissioning for Durham County Council and NHS County Durham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), said: "Since pupils returned to schools earlier this month we have become very aware of the increased demand on NHS111 and GP practices from worried parents.

"We know that when it can be difficult for parents to decide if they should send their child to school during the ongoing pandemic. This infographic has been

designed by our local GPs to help inform parents what to do if they worry that their child may be unwell.

“If children are showing signs of Covid-19, a high temperature, a continuous cough or loss of smell or taste then we would recommend that the whole household self-isolate and book a test. All members of the household must stay at home until the test results are known.

“Similarly if children have diarrhoea and vomiting then we would recommend that they remain off school for at least 48 hours or until they feel well enough to return, as tummy bugs can also be very contagious.

“But as long as your child is feeling well, has not otherwise been told to self-isolate and there are no other household members with COVID symptoms, then it is ok to send them to school.”

Parents should continue to seek help from their GP if needed or contact NHS111 if their surgery is closed.”

For further guidance visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Symptoms of Coronavirus

These are the symptoms you should be looking out for if you think your child may have coronavirus.

Check the NHS website for advice: www.nhs.uk/live.../healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school

School Website

Please continue to look at our school website on www.nettlesworth.durham.sch.uk for diary dates, latest news, celebrations, advice and information.

Sainsbury's Games values

Class 2 completed our core task with Mr Beveridge. He was so impressed that he

gave us a Sainburys Value award. Look at how fabulous we are. Keep an eye out for more awards been given in PE lessons!



Absences

If your child is unwell, please contact school office as soon as possible by 9am. It is important that children attend school as often as possible because if they are not in school they cannot learn

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Class 3 Rugby

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