

Friday 4th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back

Everyone is looking forward to children returning to school on Monday. Today, children in Reception and Year 1 have had a short session to orientate themselves and meet their teachers as well as Nursery parents being able to book visits to familiarise their child with the setting.

Like many other local properties, the school site was flooded during the bad weather. The site team have done an excellent job to ensure everything has been cleaned, repaired and made safe in time for opening.

All information sent out prior to the holidays can be found on our website <https://www.newportprimary.devon.sch.uk/> under the parent tab and September 2020.

The risk assessment can be found here: <https://www.newportprimary.devon.sch.uk/policies>

This document will be updated in line with new guidance or if there are areas that require changing once all the children are back in.

Reminders

Children will need to bring their water bottle and fruit snack. Lunches will be ordered in the classroom.

All medical and absence request forms can be found on our website under the downloadable forms parent tab. Please complete these and email to the office via admin@newportprimary.devon.sch.uk

If your child has a new continuous cough and/or high temperature over 38 degrees and/or a loss of taste/smell please do not send them to school. You will need to book a COVID-19 test and isolate until results are received. Please inform the school office as soon as possible.

If your child will not be in school for any reason please contact the school office each day of the absence by 9.15am. Please leave any necessary information about the absence using the absence reporting option on the phone or by email.

PE Kit

In the July information you were informed that your child would need a PE kit for school. This continues to be the case – but children in years 2 – 6 will be wearing their kit into school on these days and remain in it.

Year Group	Day to wear PE to school
Year 2	Friday
Year 3	Friday
Year 4	Monday
Year 5	Tuesday
Year 6	Wednesday

On all other days, children will wear their school uniform. No trainers are required to be worn unlike previous years.

Children in **Reception and Year 1**, will need to bring their PE kit into school. They will not be changing, but this ensures they all have a spare change of clothing in school.

Children accessing the CAIRB will be advised on Monday which day they will be bringing their PE kit in by Miss Vickery.

Uniform

School Threads have updated us on their current stock position:

Orders placed before the 1st of August will definitely be fulfilled in time for the return to school. Orders placed between the 1st and the 20th of August should be fulfilled in time. Late orders placed after the 20th cannot be guaranteed, and this would be the case during 'normal' circumstances without a pandemic. School Threads will continue to do everything to ensure ALL of the remaining orders are fulfilled. Blank garment orders coming from Europe are also going through very stringent quarantine at customs (understandably) which is causing additional delays.

If your child does not have all of their uniform, please do not worry. Substitute with plain, suitable items until orders are received.

Belongings left prior to lockdown

There are a number of children's items that have remained in school and have been located once all areas have been opened up and cleaned. Your child will be handed back their belongings on the first day to bring home.

Pens and Pencils

Children do not need to bring stationary to school. Provision is in place for each child to have their own resources in the classroom.

Drop Off and Pick Up

Signs will be out to show you where your child is to be dropped off. Older children can make their way into school through the allocated gates and to the outside door of their classroom. Adults will be around the school site directing and helping children. It is important that children **do not arrive**

before 8.20am and wait to come in. Please move from the school site as quickly as possible so that gatherings are avoided. **Please do not arrive before allocated time for pick up or waiting at the school gates.**

Children with SEND including medical needs

As part of usual transition arrangements, all children's information on their additional needs has been passed on to the new teacher and relevant staff. Your child's termly SEND review will take place prior to half term.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday morning.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher