



Executive Headteacher Mrs C Adams
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5th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We look forward to welcoming all of our children back into school next week. We have ensured that all of the safety measures are fully in place to keep your child as safe as we possibly can. Please continue to help keep our school safe by following all of the measures we have put in place carefully.

When the children return, we will be working hard to help them settle back into school and the routines, as smoothly as we can. We understand that all of the children will have had different experiences whilst at home. We know they might not be able to concentrate as well as they used to, that they have got out of some of their routines, that they spend more time playing outside than they do in school, that they may have some anxieties and we will do everything we can to help them with all of that, so don't worry, we know them and we love them and we will do the best for them.

During the next few weeks, up until Easter, our priority is to help them settle back into school and enjoy having their friends around them. We will help them build up their stamina for learning and get back on track, but we will not do that by pushing them too hard, testing them or putting additional pressure on them. We will do it the way we always do, by working alongside them, supporting them and working at their pace. It is not their fault they have missed some time in school and we need to give them some time to adjust. Our staff are very experienced teachers, and good quality teaching will help the children get back on track at the right time and at the right pace. It will happen but we need to give it time.

Over the next few weeks, don't worry if they say they have spent more time outside than usual, because that will be helping them reform friendships, learn to work together and give them some brain breaks. Much of our learning may move outdoors as the weather improves as this also helps reduce our risk.

Reporting Covid.

Please continue to let us know if your child has tested positive for Coronavirus or has been in contact with a positive case regardless of whether you are home learning or in school. Please email: c.mccrory@northbrook-pri.lancs.sch.uk.



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If your child is due to be in school, please stay at home to isolate as per the guidelines and notify school immediately.

Toast and Dinners

Due to COVID restrictions, we can no longer accept cash for toast or dinners. If you would like your child to have toast at break time or a school dinner (or both) please contact Luke on bursar@northbrook-pri.lancs.sch.uk Luke will add your child to the list. Toast and School dinners will be paid for using the Parent Pay app.

If for any reason you have not yet signed up to Parent Pay please make sure this is done and funds are loaded on before Monday. If you have any trouble with this please contact Luke in the office on 01772 421 599.

If your child is entitled to free school meals please email Luke to confirm you would like to receive them.

When you send your email in to confirm dinners please can you let me know what your child would like to choose for the first day back from the following:

1. Ham Sandwich 2. Cheese Sandwich 3. Jam Sandwich 4. Tuna Sandwich or 5. Sausage in a bread roll with potatoes and veg.

Free School Meals (Pupil Premium)

Just a reminder that in addition to all infant children (Reception to Y2) being eligible for Universal Free School Meals, all children from **Nursery to Year 6** may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit



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In addition to your child receiving free school meals, schools receive valuable funding of £1,345 per pupil to help improve progress for children who may need it. You can apply to check your eligibility at any time, as understandably, family circumstances may change, especially in the current uncertain times we are facing.

To apply please click here or speak to the school office if you need any help:

https://lancashire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free_school_meals_and_pupil_premium

Uniform

As mentioned above, we will expect all students back in full uniform, but we are also aware that they may have outgrown shoes and clothing. It is more important that they are back in school so if you anticipate any issues then let us know and we will work around it.

If finances are an issue with regards to replacement items (uniform or equipment), then please don't hesitate to contact us so that we can support you with this.

If your son/daughter has any items of uniform that are still in good condition but they have outgrown, then we will happily accept donations in school which we will pass on to good homes.

Start and finish times

The following is our entrance and exit procedures for children in reception, year 1 and year 2. All of the children in these year groups should enter through the infant gate, which is the gate which leads onto Headley Road.

Year group	Entrance time	Exit time.
Reception all children	9.00	3.00
Year 1	8.50	3.05
Year 2	8.55	3.10

The following is our entrance and exit procedure for children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6. All of the children in these year groups should enter through the Bannister Drive gate.

Year group	Entrance time	Exit time.
Year 3	9.00	3.00



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Year 4	8.55	3.05
Year 5	8.50	3.10
Year 6	8.45	3.15

Please only come at the specified time and do not congregate at the gates if you arrive early. Please move through as quickly as possible to avoid any bottlenecks.

Collection: Collect from the usual playground area, **PLEASE USE THE WHOLE YARD TO DISTANCE, DO NOT GATHER ROUND THE GATE.**

Siblings

If you have siblings in different classes, drop off is at the earliest time for your family and collect at the later time. E.g. a family with children in year 1, 3 & 6 would drop off at 8:45 (y6 drop off time) and collect at 3:15 (y6 collection time)

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs McCrory.