



**Northwood Broom Academy**  
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Our ref. YG.GA

2nd March, 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

### **Returning to School on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2021**

Thank you for your patience and co-operation with our academy during this very difficult time. I am so proud of the way parents/carers and children have embraced our remote learning and I appreciate how tricky this has been. I have loved seeing the work produced by our children together with the lovely photographs which you have sent in showing the fantastic learning which they have been doing. I'm sure that you'll agree that our children are superstars!

As you will be aware, the Government have now announced that all schools and academies are to reopen to ALL pupils from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2021. This is great news and we very much look forward to welcoming all of our children back into the classrooms. The Government have made it very clear that school attendance is mandatory and we will continue to follow our Attendance Policy.

I wanted to begin by reassuring you all to try not to worry about your children coming back to school, if they are not already in. There has been much media hype about 'lost learning' and children needing to 'catch up'. This is our job as teachers, to work our magic to help children to make accelerated progress. Nobody really knows what the impact of this pandemic will be on children in the future. The vast majority of children will have built their characters in ways we would never have imagined, developing resilience, creativity and self-sufficiency. Many have learned new skills including baking, cleaning, car washing; and many have enjoyed more family time together, with more time for walks, etc. All of this is just as important as the more academic learning that would have been going on in school, arguably more important as these are really valuable skills for life. So please try not to worry about your child's progress, our focus will be on welcoming children back to school and helping them to enjoy school again, focussing on their wellbeing first and foremost, because until they feel happy and relaxed they won't be able to learn.

We have continued to review our risk assessments, following the updated Government guidance, to ensure that we all remain as safe as possible and the details can be found in our Risk Assessment and Parent Handbook on the website [here](#).



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### **Dropping off and collecting children:**

Parents/carers and children are already familiar with the dropping off and collection arrangements which were in place before Christmas and these will continue from 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2021. We would remind all parents and carers to follow the details of our Risk Assessment to ensure everyone's safety including yours, the children and our staff. Unfortunately, if staff or children contract the virus then it will mean we have no choice but to close bubbles. So please can I ask for your support in the following safety measures:

- It is vital that **ALL** children arrive to school and are collected promptly (no crossing of year group bubbles is permitted)
- Only 1 adult per family to drop off / collect pupils
- Anyone collecting or dropping off a child **MUST** wear a face covering
- Parents/carers **MUST NOT** congregate with other adults at the school gates – this is now prohibited by law
- Anyone collecting or dropping off children **MUST** socially distance from everyone else by 2 meters
- DO NOT attempt to speak to any member of staff to pass messages on or ask questions – please call (01782 234379) or email the school office ([northwoodbroom@espritmat.org](mailto:northwoodbroom@espritmat.org)) or contact the teacher via Class Dojo between the hours of 8:30am and 4:00pm.

***Please be extra careful when travelling to and from our school as we are aware that there are road and payment closures in the surrounding areas so, please do take care and allow extra time for car journeys.***

### **Uniform and ventilation of classrooms**

**We continue to expect all children to wear full school uniform** but we will continue to follow the Government advice with regard to the ventilation of our sites. Classroom windows will be kept ajar every day to increase the flow of air. Whilst we have the heating on to warm the school the effect is compromised by needing to have windows open all day and, until the warmer weather is with us, it may be more practical if children were able to wear more clothes to school. In the first instance, we would like to ensure that children always wear their school jumper or cardigan every day. The following options are now also permitted:

- Base layer of thermals, vest or T-shirt
- Wearing a gilet over their uniform
- In extreme circumstances, coats or fleeces can be worn in classrooms

***As always, please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name.***

I am sure that you will join me in congratulating Miss Horton on her recently announced pregnancy and parents/carers of children in Year 1 will be delighted to know that she will be working with Mrs Wiltshaw and Miss Stubbs until her maternity leave commences.



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Mrs Robertson, who is already a very familiar face at Northwood Broom as she has worked here for several years, is very much looking forward to teaching our Reception children alongside Miss Slinn and they will continue to be supported by Mrs Phillips and Mrs Kennedy.

As always, thank you for your continued support, we will update you with any changes as they arise.

Regards

*Y. Glaister*

Mrs Glaister  
Academy Principal



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