

NORTHBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL

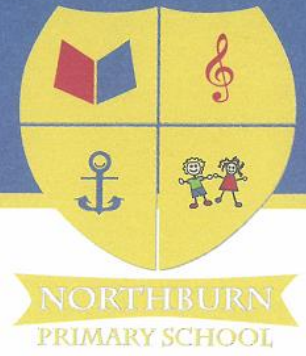
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Dear Parents

It has been lovely to see all the children settling back into school, enjoying their lessons and catching up with friends. Welcome to all the children who have joined us in Nursery and Reception and to those who have joined other year groups throughout school. Welcome also to all our new families.

Where can I find more information about school?

I hope that everyone is getting used to new routines and timetables. Please remember that you can also find information on our website:

<http://www.northburn.northumberland.sch.uk/web>. We hope that you find it a useful source of information.

Children in Reception, Key Stage 1 and Lower Key Stage 2 have got Blue Books where you can find more information about routines, logins etc. The children in Years 5 and 6, have a Planner to help them organise their learning. They also include additional information to support learning.

If you need to contact the office, you can call 01670 739111 or email

admin@northburn.northumberland.sch.uk

A reminder that our SENCO (Special Educational Needs and Disability Coordinator) is Miss Lucy Dawson and she can be contacted via: admin@northburn.northumberland.sch.uk

Emails will be forwarded to her.

Free National Trust Voucher

Visit National Trust online to claim a voucher for a free family pass that can be used on any one day up to **Friday 20 October** (excluding school half-term, though for most that's after this date).

[Free autumn National Trust passes | National Trust](#)

Ofsted Report (2022):

"The school offers a diverse, rich and well sequenced curriculum. This ensures that pupils have every chance of success."



You can get a pass up to 20 October, or until all available passes have been claimed, if that's sooner.

This single-use family pass allows two adults and up to three children, or one adult and up to four children, to visit a National Trust site for free in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland (National Trust Scotland locations aren't included). For this deal, children must be 5-17 years old (under 5s go free). You can also use this as a couple or as a single person. On average, the pass would normally cost £25 to £35.

If your child is poorly

It is not always easy to decide if your child is too unwell to be off school or could still attend school.

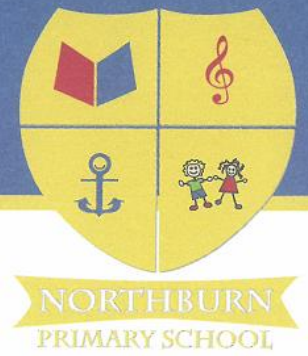
The NHS has provided some guidance to support you in making the decision.

Please visit: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

If your child has diarrhoea or is sick, it is important that your child stays away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for 48 hours.

Medicines in school

Wherever possible, medication should be given at home by parents. If prescribed medicines are to be taken three or more times per day, parents should ask the prescribing doctor if the administration of the medication can occur outside normal school hours. Some non-prescription over the counter medication (such as paracetamol, cough medicines, hay fever eye drops etc) can be administered in school. If your child requires over the counter medication, please ask at the office for further details.



Food in school

No nuts in school, either in packed lunches or as a snack, please - this is to protect children in school who have nut allergies.

Uniform

Everyone is looking very smart. Please remember to ensure all uniform is named. The lost property boxes are already full in some phases and most of the uniform that finds its way into the boxes is not named.

Please do not send your child into school with an expensive water bottle. It causes great upset when they are broken or lost. It can also cause upset for families that can't afford them.

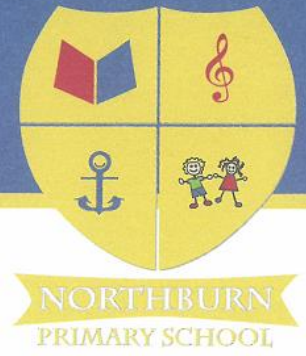
No jewellery please, including earrings. Plastic earring retainers can be worn whilst recently pierced ears are healing.

Operation Encompass and Operation Endeavour

Northburn continues to be part of the Northumberland County Council and Northumbria Police initiative to ensure effective communication between agencies to safeguard children.

School will be notified if the police are called to a domestic abuse incident so that they communicate, if it is appropriate, with relevant agencies e.g. social services and support children when they are in school. This initiative is referred to as Operation Encompass.

Similarly, the school will be notified if a child is missing from home. This initiative is referred to as Operation Endeavour.



School Admissions for Year 7 and Reception (2024)

If your child is due to start Reception or Year 7 in September 2024, you can now make an application. The portal for those applying for a **Year 7** place opened on the 12th of September and closes on the 31st of October. Confirmation of offer of a place will be sent to parents by the Local Authority on 1st March 2024.

If your child is in Nursery, and is due to join a **Reception class** in September 2024, the portal will open on the 1st of November and close on the 15th of January 2024. Confirmation of the offer of a place will be on 15th April 2024.

Events planned

It is going to be a busy term with lots of events planned. The P.T.A are organising their annual obstacle event which the children thoroughly enjoy. Year 5 are looking forward to Bikeability and excitement is growing in Year 6 as it's not long until their residential trip to Hawkhirst. I have attached a list of confirmed dates for your diary.

Please note, not all dates for all events have been confirmed. We will let you know of any additional dates as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Clare Scott

Headteacher