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Dear Parents

It has been lovely seeing everyone again and having your children back into school. Welcome to those children and their families who have just started at Northburn. Staff and children have settled into new routines and there is a lovely calm atmosphere around school. I am thoroughly enjoying having chats with your children again. I have missed them!

Our risk assessment is now on our website. I update it regularly in response to new guidance from the Government.

<http://www.northburn.northumberland.sch.uk/website>

What to do if anyone in my family is displaying symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)

Detailed guidance can be found in the Government guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Northumberland County Council have provided a summary:

- If your child displays symptoms of coronavirus, (i.e. a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or loss or change to sense of smell or taste) they should self-isolate, arrange to be tested immediately and await the results of the test.
- If your child then tests negative, they can return to school when feeling well and the rest of the household can stop self-isolating.
- If your child receives a positive test result, they must self-isolate for at least 10 days.
- If a pupil lives with someone (or is attached to a support bubble with someone), who is displaying the symptoms listed above, they must isolate within their home - even if they are not displaying symptoms themselves - until the symptomatic person is tested and receives the results of their test.
- If the symptomatic test is negative and the symptoms are gone, the pupil can return to school and the rest of the household can stop self-isolating.
- If their test is positive, the pupil and the rest of their household must isolate for 14 days.

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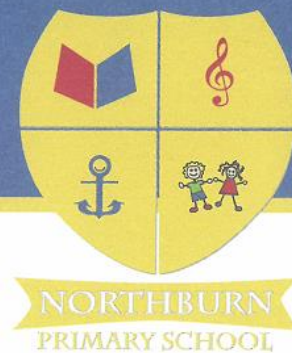
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- If a family has recently returned from one of the countries on the government's list, they should self-isolate for 14 days from the day of their return.
- If a family is contacted by the NHS Test and Trace system and told to isolate, they should do so and their children must not attend school.

What I will do:

I will notify our local Health Protection Team (HPT) immediately in the event that I am informed of a possible or confirmed case. I will also inform our local HPT if there is an indication of an increase in sickness absence. The HPT will then work with me to carry out a rapid risk assessment of the situation and agree the next steps that need to be taken.

Thank you very much to those who have informed me that their child has had a test. All those tested have been negative.

Advice circulated from Forum Family Practice:

If your child becomes unwell with a fever, continuous cough or loss of taste or smell, you must urgently contact [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk) or 119 to arrange a test.

See: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

What about school work?

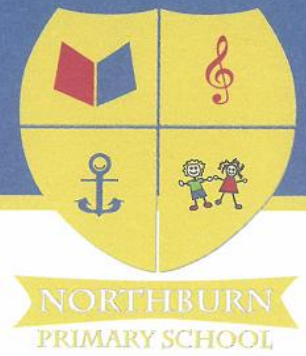
If your child is not able to attend school because they are isolating but they feel well we will be able to provide work for them to complete at home. Teachers are finalising home learning plans so that we can respond to need quickly. Plans will be available on our website but your child's teacher will give you a call if your child needs to isolate.

Birthday sweets

Children can bring in sweets for their birthday to share with other children as long as they are family bags with individually wrapped sweets inside. They are handed out at the end of the day so that your child can eat them when they get home.

Books

Please could any books that your child may still have from last year be returned to school. We seem to be missing a lot from Key Stage 2. Thank you.



Uniform

The Hope Centre Uniform and Baby Bank is based in the Hope Centre Cramlington. They redistribute uniform freely, with no donations accepted. They have asked that I pass on this information to you.

If you have queries or would like more information, visit their website:

<https://www.cramlingtoncofe.org/hopecentre>

Year 6 Hawkhirst Residential Trip

Unfortunately, we have now cancelled the Year 6 residential trip to Hawkhirst. I know the Year 6 staff are planning an alternative week of activities for later in the year.

P.T.A Sponsored Obstacle Course

We are hoping to go ahead with our annual sponsored obstacle course and are planning a COVID safe course and undertaking the appropriate risk assessment. We have pencilled in Wednesday the 21st of October for this event.

Parent Consultations

We are planning how to manage Parent Consultation. They are likely to take a different format to usual but are pencilled in to take place in the week beginning the 12th October.

Messages from our Phase Leaders

What a fantastic start! The children have settled so quickly, we are very proud of them. They have coped exceptionally well with having to collect jumpers, coats, bags, letters etc. The children are doing well learning all of the new routines. Dinnertime has been successful with children in Reception collecting their own lunches and trying hard to use knives and forks. Well done and keep practising. Nursery are enjoying trying lot of different foods. Reception children particularly enjoyed our first yoga session last Tuesday. Thank you for naming all their belongings too as it has made things so much easier.

Mrs Boxshall Foundation Stage Phase Leader

We are so happy to have all of the children back and Key Stage One staff are so proud of how well pupils are coping with new routines. Our daily handwashing procedure is now thoroughly embedded; children have already developed an understanding of the importance of this new normal. We have enjoyed hearing about all of the fantastic things that children have done during lockdown and are excited to see how these activities will extend into the School Challenge Award. After a fantastic creative start, we are now ready to tackle our topics with enthusiasm.

Mr Aird KS1 Phase Leader

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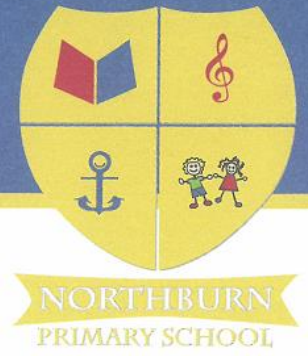
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Lower Key Stage 2 have made us proud and have done an excellent job of settling into school life once more. They are quickly developing their independence skills and are happy to be back. Well done.

Mr Boxshall LKS2 Phase Leader

It was lovely to see children coming into school on Tuesday 2nd September ready for the new school year. A little different to previous years, but the big smiles on faces and chattering voices are just the same. As we would expect, pupils have taken the changes we have made in their stride and have settled well into the familiar routines of school.

Miss Dawson UKS2 Phase Leader

Mrs Davison would like to thank you all for returning forms back to us so quickly. We had all data sheets returned in record time this year, which was really helpful.

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter. Request to follow us @NorthburnSchool. Please email admin@northburn.northumberland.sch.uk with your Twitter handle so we know to accept you.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Clare Scott