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# NEWSLETTER 308 – AUGUST UPDATES

FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC - AUGUST 2020

Dear Parents and Friends,

AUGUST UPDATE - 14th August

## VACANCY

Our vacancy for a Mid Day Supervisor remains unfilled. There are plenty of details here:

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/vacancies/>

Please note that we are prepared to split the 4 days required between 2 or more applicants, and can offer a fixed-term contract if you are able to help us out on a temporary basis until a more permanent applicant is found. The vacancy is becoming critical.

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## GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER

The last newsletter of the year (Annual Report) is attached. Please read it for a closer idea of what happens behind the scenes to support your children.

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

There have been a number of revisions to the school website over the summer, including the addition of Governor Meeting Minutes from Terms 4 and 5 (Term 6 waits until September) and the addition of the last Parent Survey. Much of this has, of course, been 'overtaken by events'. With close to 1000 links, including those to external sites, it's inevitable that some links expire. If you find a 'broken link' please let me know whilst I have time to correct it!

## INSET UPDATE

As per my communications in July, BOTH Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd Sept have been confirmed as INSET days. As a consequence, INSET planned for July 2nd 2021 has been re-designated a normal school day for pupils. The current website download reflects these changes.

## COVID-19 – ATTENDANCE FROM SEPTEMBER

The guidance issued by the DfE on 2nd July 2020 still stands: attendance is mandatory for all children from the beginning of the Autumn term 2020.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/action-s-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

#### COVID-19 – ABSENCE FROM SEPTEMBER

I have provided a 'handy' FAQ, including What to do if, What action is needed and When to return to school ... in a number of different covid-related scenarios, including suspected symptoms, testing, shielding and travelling. You can find this on the webpage

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/autumn2020/>

#### FACEMASKS

Department for Education wrote a blog on July 27, 2020, entitled "Why we do not expect pupils to wear face coverings in schools". Find it here -

<https://t.co/Qq1zQ2t9No>

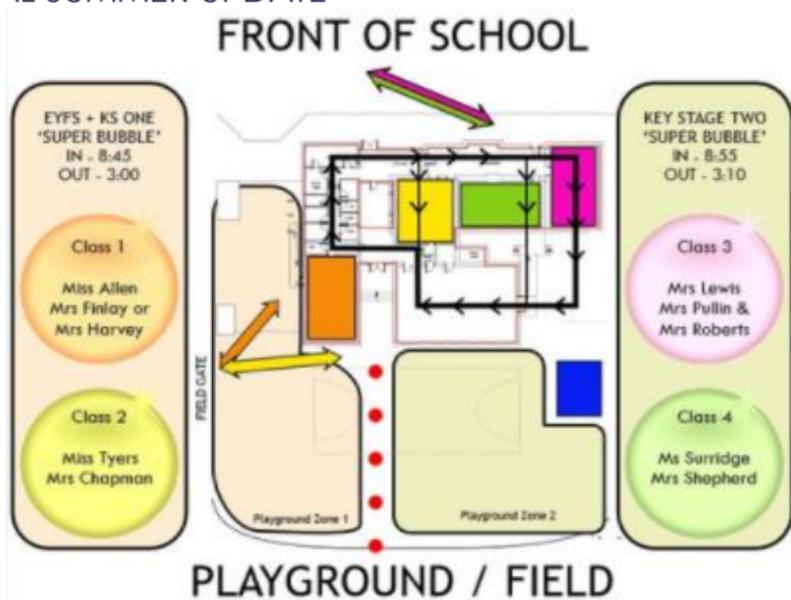
#### YEAR 6 LEAVERS AND GDPR

Under data processing rules, we will begin deleting contact details from our systems for all FAMILIES whose youngest/only child has now left us. We complete this process at the end of July 2021. Always a moment of sadness, since unless you choose to tell us, we never know what successes are achieved. Doesn't mean we're not interested though!

I will send a second update in the last few days before your child returns. Enjoy the rest of the summer, and this inconsistent weather! Stay well.

Mr B.

#### FINAL SUMMER UPDATE



I've titled this the "FINAL" Summer update, but with more U-turns than I care to remember over the holiday, who knows! (If you missed the update on Aug 14th, read that next!)

The teachers and I have been busy preparing for the pupil's return. Given the successful nature of our teaching over the Summer Term (bubbles, processes, procedures and ongoing vigilance etc) where we had 5 bubbles in operation, this coming term sees us

adapting slightly our COVID-19 safe measures rather than adopting wholesale change, as we look forward to welcoming back all pupils, including our new Reception. The risk assessment on this page - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/autumn2020/> remains in place.

The largest amount of preparation, therefore, has been around the nature of the curriculum, and assessment. The extent to which pupils have been able (or willing) to engage in learning since 20th March will be wildly different. Teachers will need time to fully understand the gaps that have arisen, before tailoring their response, and so have planned activities (not tests) which will support assessment in these early days, as well as those which re-establish school routines.

The other 'unknown' is the mental health of the children, once the initial excitement of being back is over.

YOU CAN HELP. Please be clear in communicating your concerns, including the behaviour of your children, to school. If there are issues around separation (from home), bereavement or socialisation, we'd rather hear about them BEFORE greeting the children.

#### ATTENDANCE

Attendance is mandatory for all children from the beginning of the Autumn term 2020. However DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL IF...

...your child has coronavirus symptoms

...your child tests positive for coronavirus

...somebody in your household has coronavirus symptoms

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... NHS test and trace have identified your child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms or confirmed coronavirus

...you/your child travelled and has to self-isolate a part of a period of quarantine

...you have received medical advice that your child must resume shielding.

It is of paramount importance to us all that you share with us IMMEDIATELY any suspicion of coronavirus infection. Do not wait. Do not put other children at risk. Do not put the school staff and their families at risk. (Sorry to be so heavy but this did not happen in the summer term when it should have!)

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#### TIMETABLE

On our INSET days (Tuesday and Wednesday) we will put the finishing touches to the timetable, and clarify PE days for the term. However, we are not expecting children to arrive in PE kit on Thursday! Please keep these at home.

Please note also the arrival & departure times and places in the graphic attached.

#### LUNCHES

A quick reminder, packed lunch (from home, or ordered from the school kitchens) only. We are a NUT-FREE school (lunches AND snacks). This is a matter of critical importance for a number in our school.

#### MID-DAY SUPERVISION

Thank you to four in our community who came forward. I believe we are sorted temporarily until the end of September, allowing us the time required to process applications for the permanent role (as a single position or job-share). The deadline is tomorrow. Full details can be found here -

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/vacancies/>

#### SCHOOL SPACES

Do you know of any child NOT returning to North Nibley? We've had many requests this summer, but we only have spaces in Year 5. Unexpected gaps may be filled and benefit local families, but only if we act quickly.

#### CLASS DOJO

You can expect a few interruptions as we 'migrate' pupils from one class to another. For our 'Year 6 Leavers' / new 'YEAR 7', this will include the deletion of Class Dojo online photos, videos and work from the lockdown period. So if you wanted to make sure you had a copy, please download it before the weekend!

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#### CURRENT GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE

Parents are reminded that mask wearing for pupils in congested areas is only applicable for SECONDARY schools.

The Government write "Parents are encouraged to visit <http://www.gov.uk/backtoschool> for information and practical guidance to help them plan for their children's return to school. This includes our latest update to the guidance for parents and carers on what they need to know about early years providers,

schools and colleges in the autumn term."

Finally...

We are looking forward to being back. Slightly apprehensive about the 'unknown's' waiting to be discovered, but confident in our ability to work together, to overcome any difficulties and make progress, for the sake of your children. Welcome to Term 1!

Mr B.

