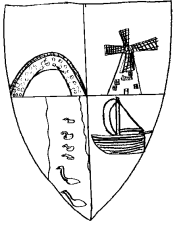
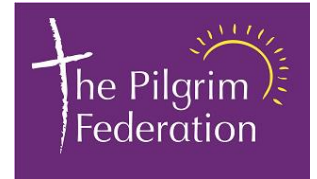


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Dear Parents and carers

I am writing to inform you of the arrangements for the return to school of all children in September 2020.

In order to plan for this, we have undertaken the updated Norfolk County Council comprehensive risk assessment and we have also followed Department for Education guidance. The safety of our children and of staff is paramount.

The arrangements for all children coming to school will be as follows:

1. Children should bring a book bag or small bag for reading books and letters, a named water bottle and a sun hat with optional sun cream, which should also be named and nothing else except for a packed lunch if required.
2. In their own classroom, children will have their own seat and their own set of basic resources.
3. Lunch arrangements will return to normal with hot Free School meals provided to eligible families and to all infant children. School meals can also be purchased. You will receive the menu on 7th September.
4. Children should wear their normal school uniform, however, to avoid needing a change of clothing for PE, children should wear their PE kits to school with trainers on the two days that they will be doing PE. We will inform you of the days on 7th September, therefore children should wear their school uniform on the first day back.
5. As the whole school will only have 29 children, it will form one bubble and children will play together and eat in the hall.
6. At Blakeney School, Mr Tattam will be teaching 17 Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children in his classroom. Mrs Martin will be teaching 12 Year R, 1 and 2 children in her classroom. When parents arrive at school between 8:30 and 8:45 am, if necessary, they should queue, two metres apart from other families on the pavement outside the school gate. A member of staff, will greet the children and send them to their separate entrances where they will be welcomed and directed to their tables. Parents will not come onto the school site unless absolutely necessary, messages can be passed onto the member of staff on duty. Please do not hesitate to email or telephone the school office in order to communicate with us. We are happy to try and answer any questions that you may have.
7. At the end of the day children will be put on the school bus or handed over to parents at the school gate, parents can collect between 3:00 and 3:15 pm and should wait on the pavements, again keeping to social distancing guidelines.
8. Attendance will return to pre lockdown expectations and with the disruption that the children have had to their learning, it is even more important than ever.

9. There will be no clubs. Class teachers will be teaching PE. Specialist music teaching will return. Day trips can go ahead and you will be given the details if any are planned.
10. Social distancing for infant children, especially those of Nursery and KS1 age will be difficult, and at times impossible, however we will do everything we can to limit contact. We will be regularly disinfecting toys and resources. We will reduce access to some toys but we will still make sure that learning is still enjoyable and purposeful. For all other children and staff, we will aim to ensure that we maintain social distancing where we can throughout the day, however, children may now be sharing a table, facing forward, rather than having their own one.
11. The school will be thoroughly cleaned each day after school, and during the day we will be wiping surfaces regularly and washing hands regularly.
12. If your child will require School Transport, then you need to contact the school office immediately so that the Local Authority can try and provide it. Primary age children are exempt from wearing face coverings but this is good practice, especially for KS2 children.
13. It is crucial that you do not send a child to school if they, or any members of your household have Covid-19 symptoms. The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are the recent onset of any of the following: a new continuous cough, a high temperature, a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms above you must stay at home and arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19, go to: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/> to arrange this.
14. Do not send your child into school if they are at all unwell. Please call the school office if you are unsure what to do.
15. Please make sure that you send your child in with any medication that they need such as asthma inhalers and inform the member of staff at the school gate.
16. Following Norfolk County Council guidance, staff will only be wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when dealing with intimate care, when administering first aid, or when dealing with any person that develops COVID-19 symptoms.

These arrangements are subject to continuous review during the summer in case there are changes to Government advice. We will inform you if there are any changes.

We look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Monday 7th September 2020.

As part of their induction, new Reception children will attend for mornings only on Monday and Tuesday until 12:00pm then staying for lunch until 1:00pm on Wednesday and Thursday, with a full day on the Friday.

If you would like to continue with home learning during the summer holiday, then we have many activities and links on our school website.

We hope that you and your family have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Yours faithfully

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Mr John Burrows
Chair of Governors