

Nacton Church of England Primary

Newsletter

Autumn 1



8th September 2020

Welcome back

We are delighted to have our school community back together after such a disrupted and unusual year. We've also welcomed our 14 new reception children and their families into our 'Nacton Family'. It's been great to see how quickly they have settled in.

What to do if my child feels unwell

As the children begin to mix with each other, even with increased hand washing, and as we move into autumn and winter the children will begin to catch colds and other illnesses. I appreciate that it may be difficult to tell the difference between a cold and COVID-19. **If your child has a high temperature or a new continuous cough or a loss of taste and smell they must have a COVID test.** If you are at all concerned that the symptoms your child is displaying could be COVID-19 related we encourage you to get a test.

Our latest advice is: if your child is displaying mild cold symptoms, doesn't have a continuous cough, doesn't have a high temperature and still has a normal sense of smell and taste it is still best to keep them off school at the start of their symptoms to ensure that they don't develop into COVID-19 symptoms. Once you are happy it isn't anything more serious than a cold, and they feel well enough, they can return to school.

If you are at all concerned then seek advice from 111 and book a test. As a school we expect that as we move into the term it will be a regular occurrence that pupils are off school awaiting a test/test results. We'd prefer this to a child coming into school and potentially spreading it to other children and staff.

Tests are booked through this online portal <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>.

School drop off and pick up

Please try to make sure that you arrive at the set time for your child, in particular at the pick up at the end of the day. If you are having to wait please wait in a **single file line, to the right of the track while ensuring you follow social distancing guidelines of 2m.** Please ensure also that you maintain 2m distance if you need to talk to a member of staff.

If you 'car share' with another family and the drop off and pick up times don't match please let me know. We're trying to be as flexible as possible to ensure that the new arrangements are as convenient for you as possible while we maintain the safety of our staff, pupils and families.

Communication between home and school

Please keep visits to the office to a minimum. The main method of communication will be via letters sent by our email system. Please let us know if you are not receiving these so we can check your email address is correct on the system.

Any updates to the risk assessment will be put on the school website and you will be informed.

At the moment the majority of meetings between parents/carers and staff will be via the telephone.

Classroom communication will be through Class Dojo for our Year 1 – Year 6 pupils and Tapestry for our Reception pupils. Please make sure that you are signed up so that you are aware of all messages and communications from your child's class teacher.

After school clubs

The after school clubs letter was sent home yesterday via email. Please note the new finish time of **4.30pm**. For the performing arts club on Monday children do not need a change of clothing. On a Wednesday all pupils will already be in their PE kit, so they don't need a change of clothing. For the football clubs on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday pupils will need to bring in a small bag with their football kit in.

Applying for a High School 2021-22

An email has been sent to Year 6 parents & carers with information from Suffolk County Council regarding applying for a High School place for 2021-22. The deadline for applications is before midnight on: **Saturday 31st October 2020**.

Learning at home

As we begin the new term, the staff are working hard to support the children in their return to school. In the next few weeks we'll be focusing on how we can support the pupils when they aren't in school. This is in case they are having to self-isolate at home or in the case of local lockdowns. The current guidance from the government shows that other measures, including pupils in on rotas at high schools, will take place before large scale closures of primary schools.

Items to bring to school

Please ensure that children have: a **water bottle**, sun hats (weather dependent) and a suitable **water proof jacket/coat** with them every day. They should not bring in their own alcohol hand gel.

School lunches

At present we are only offering a cold packed lunch style school meal. I appreciate that parents may prefer for their child to have a hot meal offered but, with the children eating in their classrooms and lunchtime being spread over two hours, at present this isn't an option. We'll be reviewing this at the end of the half term.

Payment for School Items

As we are currently unable to receive any cash or cheques into school, please could payments for items such as school lunches and clubs be paid by BACS to the following Bank Account: RBS; St Eds & Ips Diocesan MAT; Sort Code: 16-22-17; Ac No: 10909209. Please quote your child's surname and 'NAC' as the payment reference.

Useful Contact Numbers

Premier Breakfast Club: The breakfast club runs every day from 8am at school. Please book your place at www.premier-education.com, can book in advance or the night before.

Looking for advice on your child's medical needs? Contact:

School nurse: 01473 275838

School Nurse Chathealth text number 07507 333356

Are you concerned about the welfare or safety of a child? Contact: Customer First: **0808 800 4005**