

Nacton Church of England Primary

Newsletter

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Home learning: I understand that parents have, once again, suddenly found themselves in the position of being expected to educate their children at home. Although the COVID-19 situation was worsening in the last week, there was a clear message that primary schools would be returning. This meant that all of the teachers' and my focus was on how we could provide a safe and purposeful learning environment for the children when they returned to school. Obviously, this changed at very short notice. All of the teachers were in school yesterday, sharing between them covering critical worker and vulnerable pupils as well as preparing learning for the pupils at home. We are currently focussed on updating procedures for the pupils that are eligible to be in school as well as tightening up the details of the home learning provision we'll offer pupils at home. In the next couple of days this will be published on our website and shared with parents. This will clarify how home learning will be delivered and what is expected regarding feedback on learning.

I would like to remind parents, that every family's situation is different, and may even change on a daily or hourly basis! I know that you will all be doing your best to support your child's learning. Some days it may feel like a 'success' other days perhaps not; some days may be calm and focussed others not; some days it may feel like everyone else is achieving more with their children than you are. Please be kind to yourselves and remember that not every day will go as you have planned but the next day will be better. This isn't a situation that any of us have chosen to be in.

Communication: Thank you for bearing with us and sharing the letter we sent on Monday evening when our email and text system crashed. I'm hoping that there won't be any more urgent communications that we need to share with parents/carers in the coming weeks! We will continue to communicate via email, text and also Class Dojo and Tapestry. I know many parents/carers have emailed us over the last few days. I can assure you that they have been read, but due to the sheer volume of emails we haven't been able to reply to them all. We're now beginning to return to 'normal' business.

Critical worker and vulnerable pupils: I really appreciate that several of our parents who could send their children in to school, have chosen/are able to keep them at home. This has helped to keep the numbers of pupils in school at a low and manageable level. If your child is eligible to be in school and you require them to come in, please inform us the Monday before the week that your child needs to attend school e.g. we'll need to know by the 11th January if you need provision for your child during the week of 18th-22nd January.

Congratulations: To Indie and her family for the arrival of her baby brother. We look forward to better times, when we get meet him.

Thank you: A huge thank you from the staff for the Christmas gifts that many received.

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**