

Nacton Church of England Primary

Newsletter

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Opening times: The school is currently providing emergency childcare for keyworker children and vulnerable pupils, there are only a small number of pupils currently accessing this. The staff are working on a rota system, ensuring we have enough staff in for the needs of our pupils. On the days that there is no demand for childcare the school will remain closed with staff working from home. If you fit the criteria for your child to be in school and you find that you need us to provide emergency childcare please email the school on admin@nacton.suffolk.sch.uk.

Home learning: The staff continue to use ClassDojo and Tapestry to share home learning activities with you. As I have said previously, this is very different from normal teaching practice so we are continually discussing what is working well and what we could improve. Please be aware that as staff are now in school as well as setting the home learning activities, you may find that they are a bit 'quieter' on some days, this will be due to them being in school.

Mental Health Support: We appreciate that some of our families may be struggling with the impact the current restrictions are having on our mental health. I know this affecting the wider community, with people often saying they have 'good days' and 'not so good days'. If your child is having a 'not so good day' please don't feel that you have to complete home learning activities, take the time to support their wellbeing instead. Pearson have a number of resources that you may find useful if your child is struggling with the current situation which can be found here <https://www.pearson.com/uk/educators/schools/update-for-schools/mindfulness.html>. Please also make sure that you are kind to yourself. Trying to home school alongside dealing with the current restrictions on our daily lives, and possibly working from home, can be very tough at times.

Home School Communications: Parents and teachers are able to message each other using the message service on Class Dojo or by creating an observation on Tapestry. Please be aware that teachers may take time to respond. I am also phoning families when I am in school to 'check in' and see how you and your child/ren are getting on. I have enjoyed speaking to some of our families already and hearing how their children are getting on. It's nice to know lots people are enjoying doing some baking together!

Free School Meals: If your child is entitled to Free School Meals (not Universal Infant Free Schools Meals) we are signed up to the National Scheme to provide you with a £15 voucher per week to cover the cost of providing your child with lunch. You are entitled if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit but **no element of Working Tax Credit** and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenues & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190

- If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work fewer hours per week
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (£616.67 per month), as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).

Due to the current economic climate you may be claiming benefits which you haven't done previously if so I highly recommend applying online if you think you might fit the criteria. Once your eligibility is confirmed we will arrange vouchers for you immediately. Please click [here](#) to find out further information and to apply.

Department for Education: I continue to get daily Covid-19 emails from the Department of Education with updates on the situation for schools. As of yet we are still unsure of when or how schools will open once the restrictions begin to be lifted. I know there has been a lot of speculation and rumours surrounding this in the media and social media. It is expected that the Government will be releasing information soon.

Suffolk Families Magazine: Here is the link to Suffolk Families Magazine which has some advice for parents during the current restrictions <https://bit.ly/3bXgblD> .

PE Activities: Just a reminder that:

- Xtra-Time, who run some of our after school clubs, have added some 'PE at Home' activities on their website <https://xtratimesportsdevelopment.co.uk/pe-at-home.aspx> to help provide some inspiration on staying active.
- Louise is currently running free live sessions for children who have taken part in her yoga before. All you need to do is to contact her on louise@treefroggyoga.co.uk and mention your child is a pupil at our school, you will then get details for the classes. You can find out more on her [Facebook page](#) or her [website](#) . If there is a lot of interest from our school then she is happy to do a special session just for our pupils.

The inclusion of details of extra-curricular, local and out-of-School activities in this Newsletter in no way implies that they are supported or endorsed by Nacton C of E Primary School, its Governors or any member of Staff. Parents are advised to make the appropriate enquiries regarding supervision, insurance and other matters.

Useful Contact Numbers

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**