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Dear Parent / carer,

We will be welcoming all children back on **Wednesday 2nd September** unless the Government guidance changes. We are aware that many children, due to the current situation, have not had opportunity to meet their new class teacher and may be anxious so we have put some photographs on the school website. It will be a very strange time for everyone and we will still have to abide by some 'rules'.

Here are some of the things we are putting in place to safeguard you, your children and staff:

Arriving at school - From 8.50am to 9am.

Leaving school - 2.55pm to 3pm.

Entering and leaving the school grounds.

Foundation Children.

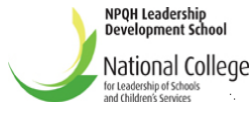
All Foundation children and 30 hour children will enter by the bottom gate from the road and follow the path round into the Foundation yard. Please note parents will not be allowed in the units. If a child is upset, parents will need to calm and reassure their child before they leave. Children will leave from the unit at their normal time. Parents are asked to leave the site by following the one way system which leads them past the hall and round the back of the carpark to the exit gate.

Year 1 / 2 Children.

All Y1 / 2 children will enter by the bottom gate from the road and follow the path round to the gate next to the Foundation unit. Y1 / 2 children must be collected from the hall at home time. Parents are asked to leave the site by following the one way system which leads them past the hall and round the back of the carpark to the exit gate.

Year 3 / 4 Children.

All Y3/4 children will enter the school site from the road by the steps (if a parent has a pram etc they will need to enter by the bottom gate) and go through the main gate. We would prefer if parents did not come onto the school site but realise they may wish to for the first few days while children may be anxious. At hometime, these children will leave by the main gate and leave the site by the steps (unless parents have a pram etc).



Year 5 / 6 Children.

All Y5/6 children will enter the school site from the road by the steps (if a parent has a pram etc they will need to enter by the bottom gate) and go through the Y5/6 door. We would prefer if parents did not come onto the school site but realise they may wish to for the first few days while children may be anxious. At hometime, these children will leave by the Y5/6 door and leave the site by the steps (unless parents have a pram etc).

PLEASE NOTE - IN A MORNING THE STEPS WILL BE ONE WAY COMING DOWN AND AT HOMETIME THE STEPS WILL BE ONE WAY GOING UP.

Although social distancing is being relaxed, please respect the space of others and do not come onto the school site unless you have to so we can keep everyone safe.

Water bottles - All children will need their own water bottle.

PE kit, Book bags, lunch boxes - these are the only items that should be coming from home. Please do not let children bring pencil cases or other personal items from home.

Hygiene - Children will be encouraged to wash their hands as soon as they arrive at school and at regular intervals throughout the day.

Masks - Children will not be allowed to wear masks in school.

Cleaning - Our cleaning staff are absolutely dedicated and are working continuously to ensure that the school is a safe environment in which to learn and work. Daily deep cleans take place at the end of each school day and all school staff have a cleaning routine to follow throughout the day on classroom surfaces (handles, equipment, etc) at very regular intervals. Our toilets are already cleaned at lunch time and this will continue to happen.

Play times - Breaks will be staggered and children will play in different areas of the school grounds (weather permitting). Children will remain in their set social groups in order to minimise contact.

Lunch times - Children will eat their lunches in the dining room with their class bubble and have a designated SMSA. Following lunch children will be allowed to 'play' with their social group in their designated area.

Illness - Any child complaining of feeling ill or who has a temperature will be cared for following our usual procedure. If we feel your child may have coronavirus symptoms we will tell you that you need to take your child for a test. We need to know the results of the test. If your child's results are negative they may return to school. If they test positive for coronavirus they cannot return to school for 7 days and the rest of their class / bubble will be sent home to self isolate. If a child is sent home to self isolate they will be given a home / school work pack to complete at home.

Attendance - From September all children will be expected to be back in school. We will be visiting homes where children have not returned unless there is a valid reason.

Regards, Thornhill Teaching Staff.



