

## News and events from Northwold Primary School



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### Week Beginning 14.09.2020

Day	Event
Monday	
Tuesday	
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Friday	Jeans for Genes (Children wear jeans with school jumpers and bring £1 to support charity) New Parents Coffee Morning Meeting at 9:30am

#### Letter from Headteacher

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of the new academic year. We were very excited to see all the children and their parents this week. We are happy to be back and are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. We hope that we will be able to get through this academic year with minimum disruptions.

The start of any new academic year is always important for parents and children but this year seems even more important. There is always excitement, anxiety and some apprehension about the start of the year and the expectations of all stakeholders.

We acknowledge that the transition may be difficult for some children after the extended stay at home due to COVID19. However, we hope that the children will see the year as one in which they will consolidate learning, move forward, realise their aspirations and improve their outcomes.

I would like to thank all members of staff, the children and parents for their hard work and commitment in preparing for the start of the new year during these unprecedented times.

*Please find below some key information.*

#### Drop Off and Pick Up Arrangements

##### Drop Off

As of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September we will be having a soft start to the day. This means that you can drop off your child/ren between 8:35 and 8:55am at the assigned gate for their year group.

##### Pick Up

Pick up will now occur between 3:20 and 3:40 each day. To avoid overcrowding at the gates we request the following:

- Nursery, Reception, Years 2 and 4 parents arrive between 3:20pm and 3:30pm
- Years 1, 3, 5 and 6 parents arrive between 3:30pm and 3:40pm

##### Attendance

Attendance at the school is compulsory. This means that every child should be in school every day. While the Government has stated that fines will be issued to parents who do not send their children to school, we feel that this can be avoided. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

##### Classes

The children will spend all their time with the children in their class or year group during their time at school. They will be in class bubbles. There will be no mixing of different year groups for assemblies or playtimes. All assemblies will be conducted remotely.

#### Get in touch

Tel: 020 8806 6352 | Fax: 020 8806 6315 | email: [office@northwold.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:office@northwold.hackney.sch.uk)

### Teaching and Learning/ Curriculum

This week we launched our Recovery Curriculum. The curriculum is a way for schools to help children come back into school life, acknowledging the experiences the children have had. We want children to be happy, feel safe and able to be engaged in their learning.

We had PSHE lessons daily this week to discuss and share different issues. The children also made their Happy boxes.

### Playtimes

All lunch and morning playtime are staggered. Classes are assigned to designated zones in the playground during playtimes.

### Trips

During the first term we will not be organising school trips that involve the use of public transport. We will only be engaging in local visits.

### Cleaning

We have intensified the cleaning of the school. This means that the toilets, classrooms and shared spaces are cleaned more often and as a result provides an extra level of protection. We also have gloves, masks, aprons and antibacterial sprays and wipes for any incidences that may occur during the school day. Each classroom has a wipe down box with all the resources needed to maintain the daily cleaning and sanitising in classrooms.

### Building a Greener Hackney

From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September Geldeston Road from its junctions with Alconbury Road and Northwold Road became a school street. **This means, Geldeston Road was made a pedestrian and cycle zone between 8:30 and 9:30 and 3:00-4:00.** The school street will not operate on weekends or during the school holidays. Signage has been erected at the entrance points of the zone, informing drivers of the restrictions.

### Parking on Northwold Road

Please do not park on the zigzag and double yellow lines on Northwold Road when dropping or picking up your child/ren. You may be subject to a penalty charge from traffic wardens.

### What if there is a case of COVID?

With all these measures in place we hope to maintain a COVID free school environment. However, if someone does show symptoms, or gets ill, they will be sent home and asked to take a NHS test. If the result is positive we may need to ask the rest of the class to self-isolate. Please help us by ensuring you follow all the safety guidance at home and do not send your child to school if there are symptoms in your home. Communication is important, so please keep us informed if there are any changes in your circumstances.

We are also asking parents to ensure that we are able to contact them during the course of the day in the event that their child becomes unwell. **Please ensure that the school office has ALL up to date contact details.** In the event you receive a call to pick up your child please ensure that you do so promptly.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,  
Shelly-Ann Goulbourne

### COVID 19- Information for Parents

- Please click on the below link to access COVID 19 Stay at home guidance. This is available in different languages

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

### Nursery Notice

#### *Northwold Primary Nursery Provision*

We are proud to announce that our 2 year old provision is now operational. All necessary adjustments have been made to a very high specification to meet the needs of our youngest members of the Northwold Community. If you are interested in joining our 2 year old provision, please contact the office on 0208 806 6352 or email [office@northwold.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:office@northwold.hackney.sch.uk) for further details. We look forward in great anticipation to your request for further information.

## Parents' Handbook

Please visit your child's class page on the website to view our Parents' Handbook.

## Northwold Photo Gallery

Below are some photos of our newly decorated classrooms layout and play areas.

### Years 1-6 classroom layout



### Nursery Classroom/2 year olds



### Nursery outdoor areas



**Nursery Classroom**



**Reception Outdoor areas**



Classroom Doors

