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School Update: Reopening

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see our Year 1 children return this week and we are looking forward to welcoming more children next week. The children have been busy doing lots of different activities in their classroom and have been following the new rules extremely well. Thank you to everyone for showing patience and understanding at this time and for supporting your child with our new routines. I would also like to thank all the dedicated staff at Newton Hill for their incredible hard work preparing our school for reopening.

There are a few key messages to bring to your attention:

- Please ensure you adhere to the set times for drop off and pick up as this ensures that our 'bubbles' are not mixed.
- School will close at 12:00 on a Friday afternoon.
- School will close for key workers at 1:00pm on a Friday (should key workers require provision until 3pm, this needs to be booked a week in advance).
- If you require Newts provision this will need to be booked in advance by Friday at 11am for the following week.
- If you have stated that you require a key worker place and you have not taken it up, can you please inform us if there has been a change in circumstances as we have arranged our staffing based on the information you have provided.
- Parents who indicated that they would like their child to attend (Year 1, Reception and Nursery) have received further information. For those who indicated no or did not respond, if you would like your child to return to school please contact school on admin@newton-hill.org.uk . We will need at least one week's notice.
- The return of other year groups, in particular Year 6, is provisional at this moment in time; Mr Duce will communicate with Year 6 parents and carers.

Other information

- You will receive an end of year report for your child. All national tests were cancelled therefore reports will be based purely on teacher assessment prior to school closure.
- Unfortunately, this year there will be no Year 5/6 production or sports day.
- School meals will be grab bags until the end of term.

In order to prepare your child/children for returning to school we ask if you could reiterate the following messages:

- Social distancing – what this is and why we need to follow this rule. What does 2 metres look like?
- The importance of handwashing – how to wash your hands properly.
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/>
- The 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' rule.
- Changes to drop off and pick up - parents/carers will wait at the school gates. Only one parent/carer will be able to drop off.
- Changes to school and classrooms – in order to keep everyone safe, the classrooms will look different. Children will have their own resources e.g. pencils that cannot be shared
- Children will be seated at separate tables to complete activities.
- Staff will wear a mask, gloves and apron if first aid is required



Advice for travelling to school:

The government advice is that parents/carers and children should consider walking and cycling where possible, or driving if necessary. They should avoid the use of public transport where possible, particularly at peak times. The government has published guidance on how to travel safely, which schools, parents and young people can refer to when planning their travel, particularly if they need to use public transport. For more information, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>

For further information please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

C. Wheatley

Mrs C Wheatley – Headteacher