



Weekly Update: Fri 28th August 2020

Dear parent or carer

Welcome to our first Weekly Update of the school year. I will be issuing an update each week over the coming months which will keep you informed about life in New Row.

It is absolutely wonderful to have the children back in New Row. As you know, we have been so busy since June getting everything ready. However, it wasn't until the kids came through the doors from Tuesday that the light switched from black and white to glorious technicolour!

The week ahead

Mon 31 st August	School Closed: Bank Holiday
Tues 1 st Sept	All Y1-7 pupils in school – check pick up times overleaf School dinners (book and pay through ParentPay) Children bring break this week
Fri 4 th Sept	Our first Whole School Assembly (using Teams) Book & pay canteen break today!
Mon 7 th Sept	Canteen break & milk begin today

Well done, everyone at home!

Thanks for wish lists, extra supplies, water bottles, disposable lunch bags, hand washing lessons, beautiful memory stones...we are so grateful for all you have done in helping your children return. The kids are like new pins in their uniforms and the shoes are definitely suitable for the daily activity. This all didn't happen by accident – thank you! We are blessed with great support.

The new school day

We are promoting 3 key messages:

- Be a SOAPER Hero – wash your hands
- Be smart – stay apart
- Coughs and sneezes: Catch it - bin it - wash your hands

Please reinforce these messages at home!

School visitors

From Tues 1st Sept children should be dropped off at the front door or gate as parents/carers are not permitted on school premises. If parents have to visit for any reason, like all visitors we ask that you wear a face mask. Please always be reassured that although routines have changed, we are still the same welcoming school, nurturing and caring for your children behind doors.

ParentPay Cashless System

As our office is cashless, all payments must be through ParentPay, including dinners, milk and canteen break. Use the same login details as last year. Any credit remains and any unpaid amounts carried over. Parents of Y1 should have received login details by post. Any issues, please contact the office.

Parental Consent Forms

We are introducing a system so parental consent can be granted online. We have worked with Child Protection Services to ensure this is safe and appropriate. You will receive a link for the start of year consent form shortly by text. For other consents, we may post a photo of the consent form on Seesaw and follow it up with an electronic link.

Other arrangements

School bags will not be used for first few weeks. Arrangements for their reintroduction and **lunchbags, homework and reading books, breakfast & afterschool clubs** will be outlined in the coming weeks. **Y7 transfer preparations** will also be finalised

Drop off & Collection times: Weeks 1 & 2													
	Arrive	Tues 1 st – Fri 4 th Sept	Mon 7 th – Fri 11 th Sept	Collect from:									
Y1	from 9.20am	12.30pm	12.30pm	Front door									
Y2	from 8.45am	1. 45pm	1. 45pm	Back gate									
Y3	from 8.50am	1. 50pm	1. 50pm	Back gate									
Y4	from 8.55am	1. 55pm	2. 55pm* (*Fri: 1.55pm)	Back gate									
Y5	from 8.50am	1.55pm	2.55pm* (*Fri: 1.55pm)	Front door									
Y6	from 8.50am	2pm	3pm* (*Fri: 2pm)	Back gate									
Y7	from 8.55am	2pm	3pm* (*Fri: 2pm)	Front door									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School starts at 9am Children should only arrive at their drop off time – they are not supervised outside. Families can arrive together (with the exception of Y1 pupils). Y1-5 must be collected by an adult – and not older family members in Y6 or Y7 Y6 & 7 will be permitted to walk home once consent has been given. 													
Break and lunch arrangements													
<p>Lunches & breaks should be brought in disposable wrapper. Children should bring a <i>reusable water bottle</i> which will travel between home and school daily. These must be washed thoroughly at home each evening.</p> <p>Canteen break will commence on Monday 7th September. It will be delivered to the classrooms. <i>We strongly encourage the parents of all pupils (particularly those in Y1-3) to avail of canteen break as it is a popular and healthy choice.</i> Please book and pay via ParentPay before Friday 4th September. Cost £5.50 per month. Refunds from last year have been organised and will be returned to parents when school resumes.</p> <p>School meals & packed lunch arrangements</p> <p>Break and lunches should be brought to school in a disposable bag/wrapper. From Tues 1st Sept, school dinners are available. This will consist of a meal served in the canteen. Please book and pay via ParentPay before 9.30am each morning. Menu available on our website.</p> <p>Free School Meals (FSM)</p> <p>We have been notified by EA that there is a delay in processing free school meals. If you have applied but have not received notification, please contact the office immediately. <i>If you think your child might be entitled to FSM please complete an online application.</i></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Dinner</td> <td>£2.60 daily, £13 weekly</td> <td>Book and pay before 9.30am to secure</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Milk</td> <td>£4 per month</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Canteen Break</td> <td>£5.50 per month</td> <td>Book and pay before first Friday of month</td> </tr> </table> <p>Milk and canteen break are non-refundable as they are ordered monthly from the supplier</p>					Dinner	£2.60 daily, £13 weekly	Book and pay before 9.30am to secure	Milk	£4 per month		Canteen Break	£5.50 per month	Book and pay before first Friday of month
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your child uses an inhaler, this should be signed in to the office in a clearly labelled box (Name, DOB and parent contact details) along with spacers and care plan. Any other medication (epipen etc.) should also be stored in a clearly labelled box and signed in to the office along with care plans. Does your child have special dietary requirements? Marie (Kitchen supervisor) will be sending home a form required by School Meals to all those she is aware of. If you are concerned that your child has a medical condition that we are not already aware of, please contact the school. Talk to your child’s doctor for more advice also 													

Many thanks for your continued support and cooperation.

Mrs D Griffin

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Principal

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EDUCATION RESTART



Everyone has a role to play in keeping our schools safe and helping to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Everyone should continue to:

- wash hands regularly
- cover coughs and sneezes
- practise social distancing
- follow the latest public health advice

What should I not do?

- Don't** send your child to school if they have COVID-19 symptoms
- Don't** allow your child to use public transport unless you have no alternative
- Don't** gather at the school entrance/gate
- Don't** allow your child to share food/drinks with friends

What should I do?

- Do** let the school know if your child will be absent due to COVID-19 symptoms
- Do** encourage your child to socially distance, if it is possible
- Do** encourage good hand hygiene
- Do** use alternative transport if you can
- Do** walk or cycle if it's safe and appropriate to do so
- Do** use park and ride or other car-parking facilities (if available) and walk the remainder of the journey to school
- Do** avoid parking close to or at the school gates
- Do** encourage the use of face coverings on school transport

Further information, including Frequently Asked Questions for parents and carers, can be found on the Department of Education's website at www.education-ni.gov.uk.