

Weekly Update: Friday 30th October 2020

Dear parent or carer

I hope and trust that you have all had a peaceful break and the batteries recharged. We are really looking forward to welcoming the children back on Monday. The teachers have lots of plans for the new half term and the cleaners have been busy giving the school some extra-special attention over the break. This brief update is just to remind you of a few things to get us up and running again. Please remember to follow the guidance should your child or a close contact, display symptoms or test positive for COVID. Thanks to everyone who has done this so far – in no small way helping to keep us all safe. Once again, thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Stay safe and God bless.

Mrs D Graffin

Mrs Deirdre Graffin

Principal

Dates for your diary

Mon 2 nd Nov <i>Term 1B begins</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No longer a staff training day – all pupils should attend • Y1 Baseline interviews (in Recobox – use back gate) • Make sure milk and break are paid for via ParentPay. (more info below) • Road of Hope Collection begins
Tues 3 rd Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y1 Baseline interviews (in Recobox – use back gate)
Wed 4 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y1 Baseline interviews (in Recobox – use back gate)
Thur 5 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treat Thursday. • Bring a small snack (NO NUTS - including Buenos). We are a nut-free school!
Fri 6 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y7 Transfer Club 8am
Mon 9 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day for donations: Road of Hope Appeal

November Milk and Break

Milk £3 and Break £4 – Please pay before Monday 2nd November via ParentPay.

As we were off for an additional week in October, we have reduced the amounts due for November. We will also adjust the accounts for people who have paid up until the end of the year.

Leadership Teams: The pupil voice matters!



This year we reformed our leadership groups so every Y7 pupil is part of one of our teams: Eco Council, Digital Leaders, School Council. There are also members in each class who will help make sure our leadership teams know the views and opinions of the rest of the school. Watch out for further updates on their very valuable work in New Row.

In November we remember

In November we will take time in school to remember all the people who have died.

What can we do at home?

- ❖ We can attend the grave of our loved ones and pray for them
- ❖ We can light a candle in the Chapel for them.
- ❖ We can create a little spot in the home where we can stop, say a prayer and remember our loved ones.
- ❖ We can think of happy times we spent with our loved ones.



Prayer for those who have died (or say a prayer of your own):

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

And let perpetual light shine on them

May they rest in peace...Amen

Neon Day: Thank You!



We were truly amazed with the way the New Row community supported our Neon Day before Hallowe'en break. The outfits were so creative, while the children were reminded of how important it is to be bright and be seen during the dark evenings! The

donations were beyond what we ever expected, raising over £2100 for funds. This will be put to excellent use in helping to purchase the last interactive panel which will find a home in Y1. We are surely the envy of so many – having such high-tech learning spaces! Thanks again.

Friends of New Row – plans for 2020/21

Plans are well underway for our annual calendar and are very sympathetic to the financial strain so many businesses are under. However, if there are any new families who are involved in a business and would be interested in donating towards printing costs, please get in touch with Mrs Graffin in the first instance to pass your details on. Friends of New Row are also working on plans to help support those who may need a little hand. More information next week.

Road of Hope

Once again we would like to show how we care for others less fortunate around Christmas. This is the 6th year we will support the great work of **Road of Hope** who transport gifts and essentials to those who need it in places far from home. The traditional shoebox appeal will not take place. Instead, they charity are asking for donations. We will arrange for a collection box to be left in the foyer **immediately after mid-term i.e. Mon 2nd Nov** Gifts can be dropped into this.

Suggested gifts include:



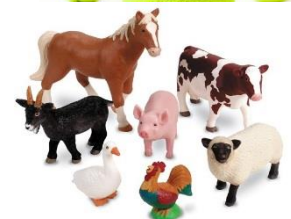
All classes: SOCKS!

For all ages from child to adult, male & female

Y1, 2 & 3: A small toy for ages 3-6 years

Y4 & 5: tennis ball or bouncy ball

Y6 & 7: Hand cream/sudocrem, Farm animals, Pretend jewellery sets



Road of Hope is very grateful for any support we can give to of their charity.

Helping others: The Little Princess Trust

Just a reminder that Y7 pupil Niamh Diamond is getting her hair cut to raise money for The Little Princess Trust who help children who lose their hair. Still time to donate. Click on:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/niamhs-little-princess-trust?fbclid=IwAR2LmYUxG92gqmrS0O84vLG2wQTyLYs-cRKD8Jrwf7uwVfRqKus2NfvQFXc>

Financial or other worries? Need some assistance or support?
Call ST VINCENT DE PAUL Confidential Local Helpline 028 7930 0819.

We care ~ We share ~ We learn

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

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

DON'T SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS.

VISIT [NIDIRECT.GOV.UK/](https://nidirect.gov.uk/) CORONAVIRUS TO BOOK A TEST ONLINE. CALL 119 IF YOU CANNOT BOOK A TEST ONLINE.

YOU SHOULD BOOK A COVID-19 TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

A HIGH TEMPERATURE

This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature).

OR

A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).

OR

A LOSS OR CHANGE TO THEIR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE

This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 BUT HAS OTHER COLD-LIKE SYMPTOMS, SUCH AS A RUNNY NOSE, THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE TESTED AND THEY OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD DO NOT NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE. YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND SCHOOL IF FIT TO DO SO.

HERE'S WHAT TO DO IF:

YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the test is negative providing they are well enough, have not had a fever for 48 hours and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result
- Self-isolate for at least 10 days as advised by the PHA.

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school after 10 days even if they still have a cough / loss of smell or taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- The household member should book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the symptomatic household member's test is negative and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

CONTACT TRACING HAS IDENTIFIED MY CHILD AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for at least 14 days as advised by the PHA Contact Tracing Service

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- Attend school as normal
- If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities.

YOUR CHILD HAS TRAVELLED ABROAD AND HAS TO SELF-ISOLATE

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for 14 days in line with quarantine advice

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

*If your child has been identified as a close contact of a case of COVID-19, or has returned from travel abroad and is self-isolating, they must self-isolate for 14 days regardless of a negative COVID-19 test result.

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



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