

Newburgh CE School

Newsletter

15/05/20



Dear Parents and Carers,

The Department for Education published a series of guidance documents following the publication of the Prime Minister's recovery strategy. This includes 'Guidance for Parents and Carers' <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

The Government want to get all children back into education as soon as the scientific advice allows because they believe it is the best place for them to learn, and because it is good for children's mental wellbeing to have social interactions with other children, carers and teachers.

From the week commencing Monday 1st June, **at the earliest**, Primary Schools will be asked to welcome back children from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, alongside priority groups, which includes children whose parents are critical workers and identified pupils who are already attending school. If you are a key worker whose child is not in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 and you will need school to provide childcare, please email bursar@newburgh.lancs.sch.uk to request a place so we can plan for this.

We are currently seeking advice, both at local and national level, to inform our planning for a phased return to school, putting children and all members of the school community's safety and wellbeing first, as our utmost priority. As you will appreciate, information and guidance is regularly updated, and we will keep you well-informed of any decisions and plans in the coming weeks.

In addition to starting to plan to re-open our school improvements have been ongoing. Our Early Years area has nearly been fully re-painted and we look forward to welcoming our children back there. The website also has some more additional sections on it. Under "Statutory Information" and "Curriculum" there is now additional information on the English section, and there are new History, Geography and PSHE (Personal, Social, Health, Economic education) sections. There are useful documents on each section about how progress and skills are identified in each year group which you may find useful at this time.

Our remote learning continues to be well received and I thank you all for engaging with this so far as you are able. We do acknowledge that not all children will be able to do all tasks all the time. Little and often is better than nothing at all and the time you spend with your children is always valuable, however you spend that time. Please do keep sending photos of your child's work in though—we love seeing what you are all up to.

I'm attaching a document from The British Psychological Society with help and advice for Key Workers and their children. I think it is useful for all of us at this most difficult of times.

Continued thanks for your support,
Mrs R Fowler

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Thought for the Week

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You might not need me to tell you that there was a slight change in the weather over the weekend! Where did the sunshine go? I was tempted to switch on the heating! As I look out of my window while writing this I can see the leaves on the trees being blown by the wind. Its amazing to see the amount of power that wind has even though we can't see it.

In a similar but far more powerful way we can't see God but can see his power at work in the world. In the Bible Jesus talks to his disciples several times about what would happen after his death and resurrection which must have confused them. In John chapter 14 verses 1-2 Jesus says: "Do not be worried and upset. Believe in God and believe also in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going to prepare a place for you." This is a wonderful message of hope. Firstly, the reassurance not to worry. God has everything under his control. Then the promise that God loves us so much he is preparing a place in heaven for each one of us so that we can spend time with him. We are that important to him.

To live as God wants us to means that we need to follow his example and ensure that we make space for other people and share Gods message of love and hope with them. We can see this care for other people at the moment with the selfless time medical staff are giving to look after people with the coronavirus along with all other key workers who take risks on a daily basis to help us all. We also saw evidence of this from the VE day celebrations last week when we remembered those who gave their lives in the war for our freedom.

It may be that we can't support others in the way the people I mentioned are doing. However, we can share Gods hope with people that we speak to and through our actions show others that they are important and that God does have a place for each one of us with him forever.

Loving Lord Jesus,

Thank you that you see us right where we are, even when isolated from others, worried or scared. Thank you that you did not leave us when you rose from death but are watching over us now

Thank you that you have not forgotten us and never will. Forgive us when we struggle to trust you or find it hard to believe that you are there.

Help us to see your goodness, power and hope in the world around us Amen

Suzanne Finch—Local Missional Leader