



Northfield Manor News

September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

It was wonderful to see happy and excited children back in school on Monday morning. Our first week has gone very well and the children are settled and enjoying seeing their friends and teachers. They have coped well with new ways of working inside and outside the classroom and given that some children haven't been to school for over 5 months, this is impressive. Children really are incredibly resilient. Of course, it's early days and some children may still find this transition challenging so teachers will continue to support.

I'd like to thank you for your support in getting the children to and from school at their new allotted times – I know this can be a challenge for parents who have children in different schools. Thank you for waiting on the opposite side of the road if you arrive early to help everyone be socially distant. Space is tight at the key stage 1 end of the building so I have requested support from the council/highways regarding additional road markings to help reduce parking on the pavement. I have requested this before (to no avail) however, the current situation may mean a more positive outcome this time. I'll let you know. In the meantime, if parents can park a bit further away, it helps all of us.

Parent feedback on start and end of day

Your feedback is always valuable, and we get the best outcomes when we work together. We want to continue to improve the new systems we have in place so please let us know your thoughts – both on what is working well and how you think we can make things even better. Link: <https://forms.gle/Ek7Wxn5SdbGk1sei7>

This link will also be sent through Class Dojo and text.

Parent Checklist

Thanks also for bearing with us regarding the amount of information that's been sent your way over the past few weeks – I know it's been a lot to keep up with. If you want to check that you've had everything or review any information previously sent out, go to <https://northfieldmanoracademy.org.uk/announcements-and-information/> The link takes you to a parent checklist which has links to relevant documents.

Once we have safely started and reviewed other elements of the school that are being introduced next week such as full-time Reception classes, wrap-around care and hot meals we will begin to look forward to what else will be coming up in the school year. We will need to think about how we will adapt and make safe parents' evenings, parent forum, SEND coffee mornings etc We will let you know dates and how we intend to carry out these activities as soon as we can. In the meantime, thanks again for your support in getting the children safely back to school this autumn. We are delighted to have them all with us again.

Mrs Pennington

Recovery Curriculum

Although the children have been working hard at home with their home learning, they have spent a long time out of school because of the pandemic; it has impacted hugely on their daily life. We know that the children have all had both similar and different experiences during this time and that the lack of social interactions and 'normal' routines may have affected them. To support them with their reintegration to school, we are beginning with a special learning topic: History in the Making. This is our recovery curriculum. The topic will focus on worries and anxieties about school or the current local climate, children's mental health and supporting them with their social-emotional needs. We will do this through daily assemblies, discussion-led PSHE lessons, class books around related themes and an increase in mentoring and wellbeing support. Children have been given the forum to express themselves and explore any concerns.

Mr Seex

Challenge Curriculum

In addition to the Recovery Curriculum, this is what the children will be learning about this term:

Reception: **The Real World** – The children will be learning about how special they are by exploring the similarities they share with their classmates whilst celebrating their differences.

Year One: **Born and Bred** – Through the use of maps and globes the children will begin to explore where they live and how our local area has changed over time.

Year Two: **Sparks will fly** – Taking a step back in time, the children will research the life and times of Guy Fawkes and the events of the Great Fire of London.

Year Three: **Scavengers and Settlers** – The children will be studying the time-period from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, including geographical features of a location.

Year Four: **Ancient Greece** – The children will be learning about the Ancient Greeks, looking at their influence on the western world.

Year Five: **Current Catastrophes** – The children will study the effect of phenomenon such as volcanoes and earthquakes and how they impact on people and places.

Year Six: **World War 2** – The study will focus on historical remembrance of local war heroes.

Reading at home

Reading at home is more important than ever. We know that the more a child reads, the more confident they become at reading. Even just 10-20 minutes reading a night will benefit them hugely. This is the single most important thing you can do to support your child. Scroll to the bottom of our parents' page for last year's Reading Inspire Powerpoint, which will help with supporting your child at home with reading (using the PEER framework): <https://northfieldmanoracademy.org.uk/parents/>

Miss Holden – English Lead

Keeping Children Safe in Education

#YOU'VEBEENMISSED-You will notice a new banner displayed outside the main entrance. We are taking a supportive and preventative approach to reduce emotionally based school avoidance and promote wellbeing within our school. A range of resources and previously recorded webinars are available to support parents, carers and children on <https://bwc.nhs.uk/youve-been-missed>

ONLINE-SAFETY-The Department for Education (DfE) has emphasised the importance of keeping children safe online. Online safety often overlaps with other safeguarding issues. Abuse can take place completely online, or online and physically. Please make sure if you allow your child to be on any social media apps that you are monitoring them on a regular basis. Most age restrictions are age 13 and above or require parental consent. I am sure everyone has seen the concern raised on social media and the news from Tiktok this week.

Mrs Sheldon

ATTENDANCE

All children should now be attending school unless they are ill. Our school attendance this week has been 95.5%

Coronavirus Symptoms

Should your child have symptoms of coronavirus (or a member of your household) they must not attend school. Anyone with symptoms must isolate for 10 days and take a test. Members of the household must isolate for 14 days. Remember should your child need to isolate this will be recorded with an X code and does not count on the child's overall attendance figure. Please read the following letter for full details if you have not already done so: <https://northfieldmanoracademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Covid-Letter.pdf>

Symptoms are:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If you are unsure or would like further advice on what to do if your child or a member of the household has symptoms phone the school office.



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| CERTIFICATE WINNERS | | GENERAL INFORMATION REMINDERS - DATES |
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| 1SB-Leo | 4RS-Elizabeth | <p><u>Reception classes</u> Our new Reception classes have been into school this week for their Stay and Play sessions. They will be into their full timetable next week.</p> <p><u>Hot Meals</u> Hot meals will begin next week. We will soon have a new system where children will be able to choose their meals from home. We will give you further information regarding this shortly.</p> <p><u>Breakfast and After-School Clubs</u> Breakfast and After-School Clubs will start on Monday 14th September. We have managed to accommodate all requests so far for wrap-around care however, we are now full and have a waiting list. Please contact the office if you would like to be added to the list.</p> |
| 1HK-Micah | 4AJ-Leo | |
| 2SV-Mylah-Rhys | 5EH- Chloe | |
| 2CH-Isabella | 5SS- Salih | |
| | 6LR- Vansh | |
| | 6EF- Jaydon | |