

Statement of Intent for return to School-September and beyond.



Dear Families,

In September a new tab will be launched on our school website. You will be able to select Parent Information and then a Mental Health and Well-Being Tab. Here you will be able to find our whole school policy and approach including a range of useful resources and support tools for your family. A key feature, will be our 5 Ways to Well-being approach inspired by the NHS initiative and New Economics Foundation, which focuses on;

- *Connecting
- *Being Active
- *Taking Notice
- *Keeping Learning
- *Giving

We know that when the children come back to school they will have had a wide range of experiences during this Lock-down Period. We acknowledge that our children need a child-centered holistic approach rooted in faith which focuses on mental health and well-being. This approach will support re-connecting our children to other adults, children, learning and the curriculum. We will start with our mission statement and love being at the core of all we do, giving children reassurance and a focus on reconnecting and re-building relationships here at school but also beyond. We will provide a nurturing environment supported by our focus on values and education with our Gospel Value of the Term and Monthly character values. We have all worked together and will also share for each subject area a recovery statement that along with our policy we will share with you how we plan to re-engage your child with a broad and balanced world class curriculum.

We will be following health and safety guidance and our risk assessment to provide a space that is playful, accepting, stimulates curiosity and empathy to ensure our school family returns to a new way of life and learning that will ensure they thrive and shine.

We cannot wait to help your children to take flight in September and so we are delighted to share our new Class 'bubble' names. From September we will welcome back:

- The Reception-The Green Woodpeckers led by Mrs Bradley and Mrs Wright
- The Year 1- The Chaffinches led by Miss Whyles and Mrs Dear
- The Year 2- The Starlings led by Mrs Hibbert and Mrs Amess
- The Year 3- The Goldfinches led by Mrs Simons, Mrs Fairbanks and Mrs McMurray
- The Year 4- The Kingfishers led by Mrs Franklin and Mrs Barratt
- The Year 5- The Robins led by Miss Bools and Mrs Szczygiel
- The Year 6-The Red Kites led by Mr Morton and Mrs Beavis

The Year 3 Goldfinch bubble will be a little different, on-site Mrs Fairbanks and Mrs McMurray will be supporting the children as Mrs Simons logs on daily and teaches through Microsoft Teams Remote Learning Platform. I am delighted to announce this is because her and her husband are expecting their first child, I am sure you will join us in sending our best wishes and congratulations. Mrs Simons has been shielding and has been advised to work from home as we move into the Advent Term. She has been busy learning all about Microsoft Teams and is ready to teach the children with her team.

From September, we still do need to have a robust Risk Assessment in place and this has been approved by the St. Therese of Lisieux Trust Board.

Arrival times will be staggered from 8:40 and then every 5 minutes dropped by car or pedestrian travel (maintaining social distancing) through a one-way system through to a sanitisation station and then into school.

- 8:40am: EYFS plus any associated siblings in any other year groups.
- 8:45am: Year 1 plus any associated siblings in any other year groups.
- 8:50am: Year 2 plus any associated siblings in any other year groups.
- 8:55am: Year 3/4 plus any associated siblings in any other year groups.
- 9:00am: Year 5/6 plus any associated siblings in any other year groups.

Children will line up on their spots on playground and wait to be collected, staff member on playground duty will facilitate keep fit activities. If it is too wet the children will enter their bubbles directly as they arrive. We must ask that adults drop their children and leave immediately there is simply not enough space to stay and watch children at the gate at this time.

Home time is always going to be a challenge the children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 will be out on the playground with any other siblings in a family bubble, so that at 3:10 promptly they can be released to the appropriate adult. Please can you ensure only one adult collects wherever possible to keep site traffic to a minimum. We are happy to operate a drive through system, if you place an A4 sign in your vehicle window with family name so we can call for the children and get to you promptly. At 3:15pm any remaining children will be on playground in family groups and again released promptly. We must ask that you leave the site safely and promptly to avoid delays.

At drop off and collection times the office will be closed as parents are not allowed on site, if you need to hand something in please place in an envelope and send in with your child. For anything else you must call the office on 01775 722889 or email enquiries@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk.

Morning Break time will be staggered as below;

10-10:15am EYFS-Playground/Year 1 Field

10:15-10:30am-Y2 Playground/Y3 Field

10:30-10.45am-Year 4 Playground/Year 5 Field

10:45-11:00am-Year 6 Playground

As all classes must remain in bubbles, all children will eat lunch between 12-12:30pm in their classrooms. Packed lunches will be the only option available from either Farm Kitchen or you can send in your own. Additional fresh air time will be built in throughout the day and other lessons and sessions including half a day a week Outdoor Learning in the forest area.

We will have high levels of cleaning and hygiene measures in place, toilets will be cleaned during the day, bins regularly emptied and resources sanitised. We ask that children only bring one bag to school with bottle of water, packed lunch, reading book, coat, and hat if required.

A PE bag may also be brought in on a Monday with outdoor shoes, indoor plimsolls and usual items, this will be brought home every Friday to be washed. EYFS/KS1 pupils are allowed to change in class. KS2 children cannot use the changing rooms at this time so where possible only footwear will be changed. If a full change is required changing rooms will be deep cleaned after use.

Every Monday the children will be issued depending on Reading Stage and age two books and these should be returned the following Monday when they will be sanitised and new books issued.

If your child travels to school using public transport and is wearing PPE/Face Mask on arrival to school this will be safely disposed of at the sanitisation station at the school gate. Other than this your child does not require PPE at school so please do not send it.

Clubs will be kept to an absolute minimum to start with and only for cohort bubbles, we will write to you soon about what is available, as soon as guidance allows we will return to further variety.

Parents' Consultation will not take place in the same way in Advent Terms, so using our remote learning platform Microsoft Teams you will be able to meet with your child's Class Teacher and we will write to you nearer the time about this. In the mean time you will all be issued with your child's log on and you can access Microsoft Teams now, where shortly Summer Activity Packs will be posted and other useful information. In September the classes will merge into their next year group and we will use Teams to upload the weekly homework on a Friday, the following week each teacher will post a short video to go through the home learning, answers and strategies, which we think will be really useful. This also avoids additional paper travelling between home and school. You can log onto Microsoft Teams via your web browser. To access you will need their email and password. This information is being emailed separately.

Our Risk Assessment includes much more detail and I have tried to include here the key things to support a smooth school re-opening in September. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via jenna.withers@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk Thank you once again for your overwhelming support and kindness over these past few months, this is a new normal but we are very much excited to be able to welcome back all of our amazing children.

You remain as ever in my thoughts and prayers,
Mrs J. Withers
Headteacher