



Dear Families,

I hope you have been able to enjoy some quality time together this Summer and have been able to connect with friends and family you may have not seen in a while. I am very much looking forward to the start of a new school year and welcoming all the children back to school and of course welcoming all our new starters in Reception. As the term starts we will write to you with an overview of key areas like Attendance and Homework with our annual update letters.

The purpose of this letter is to provide an overview of start and finish times and uniform expectations.

We are continuing to support the wider social, emotional and mental health of all our pupils and will continue to do this through a focus on the 5 Ways to Well-being:

- *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 the Summer and last 18 months of the Pandemic. 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 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 Class names. From September we will welcome back:

Reception-**The Green Woodpeckers** led by Mrs Bradley and Mrs Wright

Year 1- **The Chaffinches** led by Miss Whyles and Mrs Dear

Year 2- **The Starlings** led by Mr Morton and Mrs Barrett

Year 3- **The Goldfinches** led by Mrs Simons and Mrs Bell

Year 4- **The Kingfishers** led by Mrs Franklin and Mrs Beavis

Year 5- **The Robins** led by Mrs Fairbanks and Mrs McMurray

Year 6-**The Red Kites** led by Miss Bools and Mrs Szczygiel

All children have moved into their new MS Teams school account and will be able to log in as before in Year 1-6. We will issue new Reception pupils with log in information in September.

From September, we still do need to have a Risk Assessment in place and this has been approved by the St. Therese of Lisieux Trust Board and ensures we are working hard to keep you and your families safe.

Arrival times will be from 8:40m to 8:55am for all pupils dropped by car or pedestrian travel (maintaining social distancing) through a one-way system through to a sanitisation station and then into school. The bell goes at 8:55am pupils arriving after this time are late and will need to enter school via the main entrance. In the morning as prior to Lockdown no parents will enter the playground. In the first week additional staff will be on the gate to support our new youngest children coming into school for the first time. If they have older brothers or sisters, encourage them to walk in with them as this can provide a huge support.

Children will be able to walk and talk including use of daily mile once they enter school until they are asked to line up by the staff member on morning playground duty. If it is too wet the children will enter their classes 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 3:15pm, a member of staff will be on duty and unlock the green gates at 3:05pm daily. Families are encouraged to use the entire playground to space out and wait for children to be released from classrooms. Reception, Year 1,2 and 3 all exit via classroom doors directly to playground. Year 4,5 and 6 will depart via double doors near the hall. Please do not allow younger children or pupils to play on or use trim trail, climbing wall or pirate ship whilst you wait or on your way out please. We also ask that children with bikes and scooters walk their equipment out of school grounds and ride once they have left the school car park.

At drop off and collection times the office will be closed, 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. Or speak to a member of staff on gate duty who will be able to assist you. Please report illness absence by calling school or emailing.

Morning Break time will be as below;

10:15-10:30am EYFS Year 1 and Year 2

10:30-10.45am-Year 3/4/5/6

Lunch break is 12pm until 1pm. EYFS/Year 1 and Year 2 are in the hall 12-12:30pm for lunch followed by 12:30pm-1pm outside. Year 3/4/5/6 are outside 12-12:30pm and then have lunch 12:30pm-1pm. We welcome new Midday Supervisors Mrs Probert and Miss Lattimer. We will continue to 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 a bottle of water, packed lunch (if not having hot meals), reading book, coat, and hat if required.

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.

We strongly recommend sturdy black trainer style shoes, that are comfortable for school. With our Daily Mile, Outdoor Learning and 'Maths on the Move' activities children need comfortable shoes that allow for activity and movement. We want to keep the children as active as we can. We are also keeping the PE day system in place so that your child comes to school in full PE kit on the following days, please ensure all jewellery is removed on PE days-no earrings are permitted. For full uniform lists see our website. Our PE Days are as follows;

Reception: Monday

Year 1: Tuesday

Year 2: Tuesday and Wednesday (Dance with Miss Wilmott)

Year 3: Friday

Year 4: Wednesday

Year 5: Friday

Year 6: Wednesday (Dance with Miss Wilmott) and Thursday

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 and years, this is a new normal but we are very much excited to be able to welcome back all of our amazing children, I hope you enjoy these last days of Summer and we will see you on Monday 6th September.

You remain as ever in my thoughts and prayers,

Mrs J. Withers

Headteacher