



4<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back after half term. We are pleased to now have all classes back in school and the children have settled back into their routines.



### Covid-19 Update

As you are aware we had a staff member test positive before half term and 1 class bubble had to self-isolate as a result. We are pleased that no other cases have been reported and Covid-19 was not passed on in school to any other member of our school community. We are pleased that our systems in school are keeping everyone safe. However, we do constantly review what we do, especially in light of the national lockdown from tomorrow. We have been informed by the Department for Education that they will shortly be publishing an update to school's guidance due to the national lockdown. One change we will be implementing immediately is that teachers will not be coming outside in the mornings or after school. If you have a message to pass on, please contact them via Class Dojo, which will be checked by the teachers every morning. Please call the school office if you have an urgent message.

### Remote Learning

Our first remote learning experience this academic year took place on Monday and Tuesday when we had lots of self-isolating children logged on to see their teacher. Feedback from parents was that the children really enjoyed seeing their teacher every day and I know that the teachers enjoyed it too. We do intend to use technology for remote learning in the future, with children interacting ideally on a laptop or ipad. If your child would not be able to access technology, please let us know, as we may be able to lend some devices if a class has to self-isolate again.

### Catch up/Tutoring

The government National Tutoring Programme is now up and running. We are currently in the process of arranging tutoring with outside agencies for pupils who have been identified as either a) Pupil Premium (see details about this below) or b) further behind their peers and in need of 'catch up'. We are going to be targeting Maths as we feel this area is where children have fallen behind most across the school. Parents will be informed if their child is being put forward for tutoring in the next few weeks.

### Children in Need

Children in Need is taking place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November and we will be having a day of well-being activities to join in with the 'Five to Thrive' theme this year. We would like the children to dress up for the day and are asking them to come in dressed in any outfit that makes them feel good. This means they can dress up or dress down – whatever makes them feel good about themselves! Donations for the day can be made via the Gateway App, where a payment item is now available.



## **Parent Governor**

We are currently looking for another parent governor to help make decisions about the strategic direction of the school. If you are interested and would like further information please email the current Chair of Governors, Georgina Ager at [g.ager@newcangle.co.uk](mailto:g.ager@newcangle.co.uk) or speak to myself for further information.



## **Pupil Premium Entitlement**

Pupil Premium is an extra fund given to schools on a per pupil basis for children who: are currently or have been in receipt of Free School Meals; are Looked After Children; or come from a military background. This funding goes to the school to support learning and is not usually spent individually on each child. However, as a school we offer children who have been identified as Pupil Premium the following entitlement:

- 1) One third off school trips
- 2) Free books
- 3) Help with school uniform
- 4) Catch up Tutoring as above

If you feel your circumstances have changed and your child may now be entitled to free school meals please see the details below.

Your child will be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, as long as you do not get a Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenues & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

To check if your child is eligible, simply call 01473 260989 or apply online at

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-transport-travel-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me, either in person before school, or by Class Dojo, email or a phone call.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'J. Brading'.

Ms J Brading  
Headteacher