



New Cangle Community Primary School

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14th May 2021,

Dear parents and carers,

Over the past few weeks it has been fabulous to see many classes enjoy having their breaks and lunchtimes in the newly accessible school woodland. There has been a lot of den building and tree climbing happening and we are passionate that this connection with nature is good for the children's wellbeing.



Pond and woodland improvements

We are continuing to improve our premises and will be tackling the school pond and undertaking further work in the woodlands on Saturday 19th June. Members of the school staff have kindly volunteered to come in but we would also welcome assistance from keen and willing parents. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate children joining us for this date, as we will not be able to supervise them whilst working in the woodland or pond. If you would be willing to help out for a couple of hours, please do get in contact with me via Class Dojo or via the school office.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Miss Griggs to our staff this term. Miss Griggs is studying for her teaching qualification and is teaching in our Year 3 class.

Changes from Monday 17th May

- As restrictions are eased, we will no longer be requiring all parents to wear face masks when dropping off and picking up. However, we do ask that parents still adhere to social distancing on the school grounds.
- Government guidance states that masks should no longer be worn in class by students at Secondary Schools. As such, we do not expect any pupils at New Cangle to be wearing masks in school.
- As the weather is now warmer, there is no need for any pupils to be wearing coats or hoodies inside the school on top of jumpers, therefore these will no longer be allowed to be worn in classrooms. Branded school hoodies, that are part of the uniform, are allowed.
- We have taken on feedback from parents that it is hard to stop children from playing when waiting for siblings after school. Therefore, **if they are directly supervised by an adult**, children are allowed to play on the playground or field when waiting for siblings. However, we request that they do not play with any school equipment in the boxes.

Relationships, Sex and Health Education

Thank you to all parents who responded to the consultation process. We took on board parental feedback and have added to the policy that staff will provide parents with details of topics covered in each lesson in the 'Changing Me' topic, so that it can be followed up at home. The policy has now been ratified by the governing board and can be found at: <https://www.newcangle.co.uk/key-information/school-policies>

Holidays/Attendance

Please be aware that the latest Government guidance states that:

'As restrictions begin to lift, some families may be looking to take holidays. As usual, parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and not take their children out of school on holiday during term time. Where a parent wishes to take their child out of school for whatever reason, the onus is on them to apply for a leave of absence and demonstrate why they believe the circumstances are **exceptional**. Schools make decisions on granting leave of absence, but will **not** normally do so for a holiday.'

Sports Day – provisional date

We are planning to hold a Sports Day on Wednesday 7th July. At the moment we hope that this day will include parents, but we cannot guarantee anything yet. We hope to have more information after 14th June when the government will give more details about changes from the 21st June.

Transition Dates

The end of term is a long way away with a lot of learning to fit in before then. However, once more, I would like to make parents aware of the following diary dates:

Wednesday 14th July 3.30-4.30pm – Meet the new teacher session for parents. We are hopeful that parents will be able to come in to classes and meet their child's new teacher, but as above, it will depend on restrictions at the time.

Thursday 15th July – Transition Day – children move up to their new class for the day.

Friday 16th July – Last day of term

School trips

We are pleased that we can now resume school visits and our Year 4 pupils are very excited to be visiting Burwell House on Tuesday. We are also looking forward to hosting our Year 6 pupils in July for a camp out overnight on the school field. We hope that other visits will be taking place in other year groups before the end of term.



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". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jacqueline Brading
Headteacher