



Weekly Newsletter - Monday 14th September 2020

It's been lovely to welcome the boys and girls back to breakfast club this morning. It's another step in the right direction of a new 'normal' in these difficult times. I'd like to thank you all for your continued patience and understanding as we try to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Can I remind you that:

- Any staff member or pupil who has possible symptoms of COVID-19 must not attend the school setting. They must remain home and self-isolate, arrange a COVID-19 test and notify the school of this by phone on 01639 645414 or email to melinprimary@npt.school.
- If any family/household member of any member of staff member or pupil displays possible symptoms of COVID-19 then the staff member or pupil must not attend the school setting. They must remain at home and commence a period of household isolation. Again the school should be notified of this by phone on 01639 645414 or email to melinprimary@npt.school. This also means that other brothers and sisters can not attend school.
- Where a staff member or pupil becomes unwell at the school setting with possible symptoms of COVID-19 they will be sent home immediately where they should self-isolate and arrange a COVID-19 test. Until they leave the school setting (in the case of a pupil waiting to be collected by a parent/carer) their contact with all other individuals at the setting will be minimised. They will be made comfortable in a separate room until they are able to be collected and leave the school building.

It's been positive to have so many parents taking the opportunity to ring us at the school to discuss their individual child's circumstances and symptoms so we can give tailored advice following the Welsh Government guidance. It may well be that there will be children who will need to access a test to rule out COVID as the cause of a cough or a high temperature. If we were notified by Public Health Wales that any test was to come back positive and we have a confirmed case, the school would be contacted by Test, Trace and Protect who will then instruct the school on how to proceed in each individual case. We will only be sharing information with parents when there is a confirmed case, and not when a child has a high temperature or a cough in school. Further information on Test, Trace and Protect can be found on the school website in the 'returning to school in September' section.

If any parent would like to discuss this guidance at any time, I'd be more than happy to answer any questions you may have. This can be done by phoning the school or emailing melinprimary@npt.school. I'd like to remind parents that the Facebook groups are not run by the school and ask that any questions or issues that parents have are raised with the school directly by phone or email rather than using Facebook. If you need to contact us before or after office hours, please use the email address melinprimary@npt.school. Also, don't forget the 'returning to school in September' page on the school website has lots of information and advice for parents.

Please don't forget that the closing date for nominations for the role of Parent Governor is Friday 18th of September 2020.

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