

18 May 2020

Good Morning all

I hope my update finds you, your friends and family well and everyone is still managing to take care of each other during what is still very different times. I would imagine for some of our children the expansion of 'out of the house time' for exercise will be equally as difficult to explain as staying at home, as they will now see friends around and be desperate to say hello, hug each other and all of the things children do, tough explanations but I am sure we all continue to do our very best and that is all you can ever do.

On the general update front:

Work Packs

Are now available at the front of school, next to the recycling area. The packs are labelled in year group and there to be picked up when you get a chance. If you would prefer an email with the pack in then please contact [office5@netherfieldpriaryschool.com](mailto:office5@netherfieldpriaryschool.com). Old packs should be kept at home, more on that later. These packs are designed to take us up to Monday June 8th and don't forget that next week is half term, so although you may still want to use that pack we don't count that in when I am asking colleagues to put work together. Also, please remember that there are daily lessons on <https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom>, many of our staff are adding additional activities on Class Dojo and you are more than welcome to take an additional pack (year up or year down) which will help consolidate previous work or explore new topics. (Just a set of ideas to support, it doesn't have to be done).

Free School Meal Vouchers

Postal FSM vouchers arrived on Saturday morning, so they will drop through letter boxes as soon as Mrs Taylor and I can get out and about to deliver them. This means that everyone has had vouchers for up until half term. I now have to order more for beyond this week, however there is a lack of guidance as to what to do in regard to half term, year groups who should be in school and such, so I will do my best to sort but you may need to exercise that fantastic patience you have given me on a number of occasions already.

Return to school

The return of children to school, from 1st June 2020 has not moved a great deal since the announcement last Sunday. Additional guidance was sent out to schools on Friday afternoon and there has been substantial press coverage over the weekend. I am discussing options with the Trust almost daily and when I have more concrete news, I will share it. At present, the expectations of central Government will mean that any return that is possible from June 1st will look and feel very different from the school routine that our children left at the time of lockdown.

#### Half-Term

Once again we will remain open for a small number of children over the half term, this means that Dojo will be more quiet than usual on a day to day basis as colleagues will be away from work and my thanks to those staff who have volunteered to come into school and provide provision.

I think that is everything caught up as can be, as ever please get in touch through [office5@netherfieldprimaryschool.com](mailto:office5@netherfieldprimaryschool.com) which is the easiest method for us to manage requests, the phones are on, but we are still operating remotely.

Best regards,

Mr Crone