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Dear parents & carers,

It has been an exciting week for us as we begin our phased opening. I'd like to firstly thank the whole staff team at New Park who have pulled together like never before to get the classrooms and school site ready for your children. I have also been so impressed this week by how considerately the children have responded to the new way of doing school. Even though they can't play with their friends in the same way they are used to, the classrooms and playground have been full of smiles and laughter.



We are looking forward to even more children joining us next week and will be opening two new groups on Monday. Your email explains where your child needs to line up and be collected from each day. Please arrive on time for your group. If your circumstances change and you need to send your child to school you must give us two weeks' notice. We will do our best to accommodate your child but are already close to capacity.



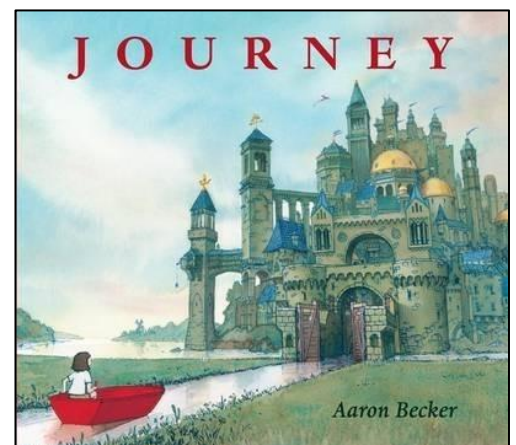
### Free School Meals eligibility

Millions of families have been hit financially during this crisis. If you have been affected you may now be eligible to receive Free School Meals for your children. At New Park we also offer free uniform, free trips and free clubs for children who receive Free School Meals. Please follow this link to find out more and complete the form if you think you qualify.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

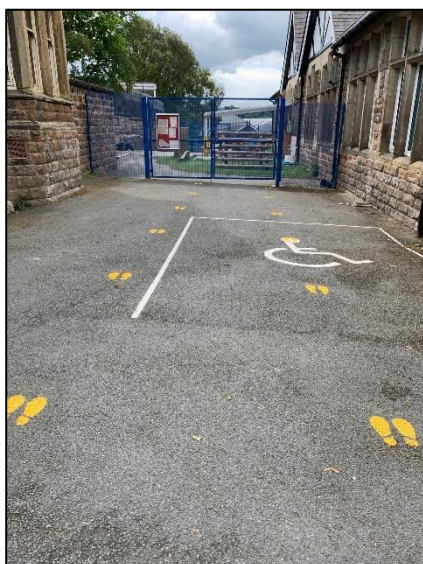
### Home learning

I am really excited to announce the launch of our new curriculum for the Summer term. We wanted to plan a novel study for the whole school, that every child could be a part of and that captured something of the strangeness of the last twelve weeks. We have chosen the brilliant 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. From Monday you will find daily lessons and resources on our website including worksheets, images from the book and suggestions. If you don't have internet access or a printer and would like a paper copy, please ring or email school and we will deliver a set of work to you. We would love to see examples of the work the children are completing at home, please email, tweet or add photos of their learning on our Facebook page.



### Repeating a year

As parents, many of you will be concerned about the impact school closures and lockdown are having on your child's academic progress and several parents have already requested that their child repeats a year of schooling. Firstly, there is no mechanism that allows me to offer this, as progression through the English school system is based on a child's date of birth. With that being said, I want to reassure you that every child in the country has missed months of schooling. **If all children are 'behind', then no one is.** As a staff team we are reviewing and re-planning our curriculum for the next academic year to fill any missing gaps in knowledge. You can help your children by encouraging them to engage with our home learning and reading with them daily.



### Leavers' Hoodies

We are desperately sad that we will not be able to celebrate with our Year 6 leavers as we normally do each year. We are writing to all Y6 parents as some have requested leavers hoodies. There is no pressure to purchase one and school does not make any profit from these.

### Food parcels

We continue to offer food parcels and support for families in need. Please ring or email and we will book a delivery for you.

I hope you and your families are well, please do get in touch if you need anything.

With my very best wishes,

Mr Mold