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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly a huge thank you to all our children and families for adapting so well to the changes to drop-off and collection each day and for taking the threat of Coronavirus so seriously. We currently have approximately 20% of the school off every day with coughs and temperatures but have so far had no positive cases. It is vitally important that you keep your child away from school if they develop the symptoms of Coronavirus – multiple schools in Harrogate have already been forced to close some of their classes and we are trying to prevent that happening at New Park. We are sending a handy guide with this letter that tells you what to do if you or your child develop symptoms.



Remote learning

We have uploaded remote learning packs for all classes onto the school website. These are to be used if your child needs isolate at home but is still well enough to complete schoolwork. We are making great use of the Government-funded Oak National Academy online lessons – please contact us if internet access is a challenge.

Our curriculum

We have had a brilliant three weeks back at school. Each class chose a different artist and spent the first two weeks learning about their artwork and creating their own masterpieces! We have now moved on to the first of our three Science ‘blocks’ – keep an eye out on our Facebook and Twitter pages for regular updates and photographs.

Relationships and Sex Education

Relationships and Sex Education became compulsory from September and we deliver this teaching through our PSHE curriculum. You can find information on what we teach and to which year groups on our website.

Secondary school applications

Today we are sending out the details of our local secondary school open evenings and events in the run-up to the school admissions deadline. If your child is in Year 6 you must have completed your application by 31st October. Please ring the office if you need support to complete the forms and we will be happy to help you.



Reception Starters 2021

We are currently putting together our plans for open days and will announce these in the coming weeks. These will take place after half-term.

Uniform

School uniform at New Park is compulsory. Please familiarise yourselves with our policy and make sure your children are wearing the correct clothes and shoes for school.

School dinners and Packed lunches

Our staggered lunchtimes are working well and the children have been both sensible and patient with the need to wait a little longer before eating their lunch. As the weather turns colder and wetter we will be allowing children with packed lunches to eat indoors. We have noticed an increasing number of prohibited items in the children's packed lunches. Please do not send children to school with crisps, chocolate, sweets, nuts or any food with added sugar (choose sugar-free yoghurts, jelly and dried fruit) or drinks other than water. You can find brilliant lunchbox inspiration from the NHS at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life> and there is a useful app for ios and Android devices.



Universal Infant Free School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can choose from three free meal options every day and we encourage them to have hot dinners. If your child hasn't had school dinners before, look at the menu on the website and choose one or two days a week for them to try options that you know they will like.

Have a safe and restful weekend,

Mr Mold

