



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We have all been digesting the announcement made by Boris Johnson on Sunday evening and the further guidance which was released on Monday, looking for the best way forward for our school community.

Many things remain unclear and much more clarification is needed. While we look to make a plan for a return to school, in whatever form that may take, there are several key points we must keep at the forefront of any decisions taken. These include:

- Overcoming the concerns of parents
- Preventing spread amongst teachers, school workers and parents
- Maintaining social distancing or containment with children
- Managing a 'staggered' return
- Staffing fears and availability
- Mitigating the impact of the pandemic in terms of learning and mental health and well-being.

There will be some of you who may feel you do not want to send your children back just yet and that is understandable. Initially we will be offering provision for the three year groups mentioned in the PMs Announcement - Year R, Year 1 and Year 6. We do not yet know what our plan for the 1st June will look like but it will also include provision for the children of key workers, who continued to attend school since the 23rd March. My aim is to write to you all again next week with details as to how our return to 'normal' will work. However, please be assured that any plans and decisions we make will have safeguarding as the number one priority.

CONTACT: Over the last two weeks, teachers have been contacting you directly, either via email or by phone but, just as another reminder, please see staff emails below. If you have any queries, particularly those learning related, please do contact us:

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As mentioned previously, please do let us know if you are in any way concerned about the welfare and safety of any of pupils via the designated safeguarding lead email: dsl@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk
It is a confidential email address.

MS TEAMS: As mentioned previously in the process of setting up class groups so that the teachers can speak to their children about their learning, share stories etc. using MS Teams. We have our first trial session with Nightingales class on Friday. If successful we will look to roll this out to other classes next week.

And Finally...More Happy News...

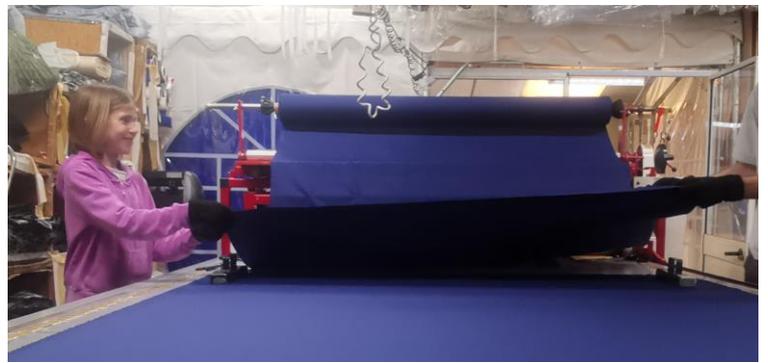
VE Day

The children who were in school last Friday had a memorable day building an air raid shelter (they even had an air raid siren altering them to rush to their shelter.) The deciphered messages in Morse Code, undertook map reading and fact finding activities culminating in a tea party at the front of the school the afternoon.



London to Cairo Challenge

Congratulations and a huge well done to everyone who participated in the London to Cairo Children's Challenge. You all did amazingly well and collectively walked, ran and cycled 4446km over the course of the week! This meant that you made it to Cairo and a bit beyond! A special mention to Kingfishers Class who were amazing, really got behind it and pushed themselves to exercise every day for it...job well done!



Thank you Heather!

Heather spent all Bank Holiday Friday laying out and cutting material that local people are sewing in to scrubs, all time and facilities donated.