



Be the best you can be, every day

Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Well what a busy couple of weeks! Hopefully you have all been able to access the year group information made available on Streams last week. If you have been unable to access this through the link provided please do let us know. We are endeavouring to embrace the opportunities provided within our online systems - assemblies are now pre-recorded and made available to classes via their class screens. Our next step is to provide homework via Teams and next week you will receive instructions on how your child needs to log in, along with the login details. We hope to establish a system for online homework which could then be used for daily online learning, should there be the need for any class or year group to go into lockdown. We are therefore keen to ensure that all of our families have access to online provision and we will address this issues in our communications next week.

There has been much coverage in the news regarding the challenges faced in being tested if Covid symptoms present. We received updated information this week regarding sickness and what should be done if your child or one of the family members displays any of the Covid symptoms.

The key message is:

- When a child presents with **any of** the Covid-related symptoms, parents will be asked to book their child a test as soon as possible.
- The whole family must isolate during this period until the test result has been received. If the test is negative, the child can return when fit to do so and the family continue as normal.
- If the test is positive, then the family must isolate for 14 days with the person who tested positive isolating at home for 10 days from when symptoms started.
- The school **MUST** be kept informed, as there are **very specific actions and communications for the school to follow**.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Parent Feedback

We have been very touched by words of appreciation and support from our parents, in respect to the systems and arrangements we have put in place for the return to school at each of the sites. However, we are mindful of the fact that we must continue to review these procedures to ensure they are as safe and effective as possible. To that end, we have inserted a link below to an online form, as we are very interested in using feedback in order to adapt any approaches.

<https://tinyurl.com/y5sple56>

Parking (Brockham site)

Thank you to the many of you who have respected our request not to park opposite any of the gates being used for pick up or drop off. In addition, please do not park in The Smithers opposite the school. This is a tiny cul-de-sac and is a pedestrian walkthrough for the children. I spoke to a very irate resident earlier this week who was so upset and frustrated by the continued use of the road by some parents. I do appreciate how difficult it is, particularly with the resumption of the roadworks but PLEASE do not ignore requests from the residents or the school.

I would, therefore just like to offer a few reminders for drop off and pick up:

- Please do not park opposite the field gate used by Year 5 and 6. The cones have been out in the mornings but if there are not there at pick up time PLEASE continue not to park in this area.
- Year 3 and Year 4 parents - please do not enter the site for pick up prior to 3.10. This allows the parents of Years 1 and 2 to leave the site first.

- Only one adult per family to come onto the school site at pick up time.

Pick up without doubt provides the greatest challenge. We have discussed a one way system but narrow gateways and lack of pavement at two of the gates makes this more difficult. We welcome any suggestions as to how this could be improved.

Leigh site

I am also aware of issues at the Leigh site. There is not enough parking outside the school and it creates a very dangerous situation when no passing spaces are available. We therefore ask that parents 'park and stride' if at all possible. We can only make things safe by working together.

FONDS

A warm welcome back from everyone at FONDS. Fundraising will be a little bit different this term, however fear not...we are planning some fun "virtual" events for the children. WATCH THIS SPACE!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN FONDS?

We are looking for a Secretary to join the FONDS team!

Sadly, our lovely secretary Helen Stevens is stepping down from her role in October. We would like to thank her for her time and support over the years.

As secretary, you would be required to minute the annual AGM and other FONDS meetings throughout the year (roughly 4 max). Some other ad hoc support duties may be required but mainly we are looking for a parent/carer who can spare a few hours and would like to be part of our FONDS team.

If you are interested, please email Abbi or Cassie at fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk

DATE FOR THE DIARY

Our AGM will be held on **Thursday 1st October at 8pm**. We will be hosting this via TEAMS this year and would love to have as many parents join as possible. FONDS is great fun and extremely rewarding, we know that everyone has busy lives, however if you can spare some time we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with ABBI LAMPARD via facebook or fonds@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk for the invitation link.



Brockham Badgers FC Under 7's

If your child is in Year R, 1 or 2, and interested in playing football, bring them down to Brockham Rec (cricket pitch/playground) for a free session with the Brockham Badgers. Training is with our UEFA B qualified coach on Saturday mornings from 9am - 10:30am. Contact Simon Haines at simon.bbfc@gmail.com for more information. Boys and girls of all levels are welcome.

NDPS Behaviour Policy Update

Back in January, we began the process of reviewing our school Behaviour Policy. In order to ensure all members of the school community were involved in the process surveys were undertaken by the school staff, the pupils, parents and governors. From the survey responses, the key messages for inclusion in the policy was ensuring effective communications between home and school should incidents occur and ensuring that rewards and sanctions are implemented consistently.

We have worked hard to ensure that feedback given has been incorporated into our updated policy. The policy has now been approved by our school governors and has been presented to the children. Please see the link below where you will find the policy on the school website. We appreciate your involvement and support in its development and implementation.

<https://www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Policies&pid=279>

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