



Newsletter

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Be the best you can be, every day

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Well we have made it! Thank you so much to you all for your continued support over this last term. We are incredibly grateful. This last Newsletter of the year, contains some information regarding contact with school over the break, in the event of any confirmed COVID cases once school has finished for the term. You will also find links to our Christmas videos. In the absence of usual Christmas events and activities, we hope they bring you all some much needed Christmas cheer.

Parent Teacher Consultations - Feedback

Thank you so much to those parents who completed our feedback form regarding this term's Parent Teacher Consultations. Comments were overwhelmingly positive and the overall star rating awarded by parents was 4 out of a possible 5 stars! The only comments which were made were around whether or not appointments could be longer. We have always offered 10 minute slots but appointments lasting either 15 or 20 minutes would take 8 or 10 hours to complete, which I am sure you appreciate is not practicable. In all likelihood we will therefore use School Cloud for our appointments next term too.

School Contact Information over the Holiday Break

We would like to thank you for your support and vigilance in adhering to our restrictions and requests regarding COVID-19. The school will need to be notified of any positive cases up to 24th December. Please note that after 24th December for all notifications of positive cases we ask that parents follow the NHS Test and Trace instructions.

- For pupils who have symptoms - when parents get a test result please contact the school to inform a) date of 1st symptom, b) date of test and c) date of result.
- Please contact by email only to the email addresses below and in the subject heading state: COVID

head@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk

admin2@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk

- If a positive test result has been received, the school will have to notify anyone who has been in close proximity during the 48-hour period before the symptoms were first noticed or, if no symptoms, 48 hours from the test date. This obviously applies when the 48 hours coincides with a school day.
- Those who have been in close proximity will receive a letter by email and will have to isolate for 10 days and get a test, if they develop symptoms.
- Should your son/daughter contract COVID, or has to self-isolate due to close contact, after 24th December please let the school know when term starts again on 4th January, if self- isolation still applies and he/she will be absent from school.

Remote Learning Policy

We have been working very hard since the summer to further develop our online learning provision. We have taken on board the views of staff, pupils and parents in the design of our offer for remote learning and would like to share this document with you. Please see below a link to our Remote Learning Policy on our school website which outlines our approach for all pupils who may not be in school, as a result of restrictions related to COVID-19.

<https://www.northdowns.surrey.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=6120&type=pdf>

End of Term Christmas Show

Firstly, a huge well done to the children for their wonderful performances. Secondly an enormous thank you to the staff for their efforts. Finally a massive thank you to our 'Production Team' comprising Mrs Knapp, Mr Berwick and Mrs Blumire (ably assisted by her son Thomas).

**We very much hope you enjoy watching the films.
Just one very important thing...
make sure you watch right to the end.
We would hate you to miss something extra special!**

Just to remind you that we have an INSET Day on Monday 4th January so children will return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

On behalf of all of the staff and governors we would like to wish you a safe and peaceful Christmas and all our hopes for a Happy New Year.