



Newsletter October 2020



Dear families and friends,

I hope you are all well?

Thank you so much for working so closely with us to ensure everyone in and around our school remains as safe as possible.

Remember to have your child's SeeSaw details at home. If there are any local lockdowns or we have to close a pod, work will be set via this platform.

Parent Teacher calls:

Our parent teacher phone calls will take place this week and next week. Please make sure you have booked an appointment with your child's teacher. On Wednesday and Thursday this week and Tuesday next week, please be aware that the phone lines will be in use with teacher's calling parents. During this period, you may want to email school rather than phone. (office@wensum.norfolk.sch.uk OR office@nelson.norfolk.sch.uk)

Lunches:

We are currently provided with meals from Norse. This contract has just been out to tender and from November 2nd, our meals will be provided by Aspens.

All Norse staff will be TUPE'd so your child will not see a change except in the menu. Please find attached a sample menu and information. I will be asking for feedback next half term.

On Tuesday, Nelson's menu is changing to Chicken Wrap with pasta salad & sweetcorn.

Wensum's menu will remain the same (beef meatballs)

We break up for October half term on Wednesday October 21st. On this day, the kitchen are not offering the usually roast dinner but offering Fridays meal— either Fish Fingers or Vegetable goujons.

Pupil Council at Wensum:

We feel very strongly about giving 'a strong voice to young people' (part of the Norwich 2040 vision) and as a school community, we are committed to this.

Every week, two class representatives attend a forum in which they have been set target from our school improvement and development plan.

Their targets are:

- ◆ To look after and respect shared spaces.
- ◆ To ensure we are all physically healthy.

The children discuss problems and ideas in class then bring them to pupil council. These ideas will then help shape the future of our school journey.

*Best wishes,
Victoria McConnell*

IMPORTANT:

Our main aim is to keep everyone SAFE!

We have nearly 400 children coming into and leaving our two schools every single day. Please be respectful and do not drive and park in a way to compromise this.

I cannot be any clearer:

DO NOT PARK ON THE ROADS DIRECTLY OUTSIDE SCHOOL.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE SPEED LIMIT OF 20MPH.

PLEASE USE THE CROSSINGS AT SCHOOL RATHER THAN ASK YOUR CHILD TO RUN ACROSS THE ROAD.

WHEN PARKING, DO NOT BLOCK THE PAVEMENT.

IF PARKING BY THE SWIMMING POOL, PLEASE TAKE CARE IN THE CAR PARK.

There are no parking permit restrictions around our schools so there is no excuse not to park around the corner and walk a few meters to collect your child. We would rather you were two minutes late for collection than compromise the safety of someone else's child.

Free School Meals?

If your circumstances have changed, apply for Free School Meals. See our Webpage for information <http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/neo> or go straight to the council website <http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/neo>

Reminders:

Please try to book Opticians and Dentists appointments outside of school hours if possible.

If the classroom gate or door is closed because your child has arrived too late, please tell them to go directly to reception.

Pupil Asset Parent App: As well as being able to book Parent Teacher Interviews, you can use it to check your details. You can update your contact details using the app. If you spot any other details that are incorrect, please let the office know.

Please do not allow your child to bring in any personal belongings and toys from home. To try to limit the potential spread of COVID, we are asking for only lunch boxes, water bottles and spare shoes to come in.

The windows are open in school to increase ventilation. Please ensure your child is adequately dressed for this (you can provide an additional layer if you wish).

If your child cycles to school, their bike needs to be road worthy and they need to wear a helmet.

Please provide Slippers/Wellies in school so mud is not walked into the carpets.

If you need to change the collection arrangements at the end of the day, please give us as much notice as possible. Our office staff struggle to get messages to class if it is given too late.