

Welcome to the Summer Term

As a school, we are really pleased with the way all of our pupils have returned after their Easter Break. Looking back it's hard to remember that for most of the spring term, most of our pupils were working remotely from home, with a limited number of pupils in school. We had pupils and parents coming into school to pick up packs or had Teams lessons going on throughout the day. This created a totally different approach to the traditional school model we had.

As we enter the summer term, we are looking forward to taking small steps to getting back to normal. Our first step is making sure that all pupils are in school so that they can access the education they need, as well as any extra 'catch up' that will help them recover from the disrupted 14 months we have had.

Another step is to ensure that pupils stick to the routines and systems we have in school. This means that we will be making sure our pupils are wearing school uniform and have their PE kit with them on their PE day. These small steps will help pupils recognise that we are back in school; ready to learn.

Although we are taking steps to get back to normal, we cannot take our focus away from combatting coronavirus. I am delighted that local infection rates are 29/100000, the lowest it has been since we started accessing the [NEU COVID map](#), but we know that without the precautions we must all take, those numbers could increase quickly.

Within this in mind we would still ask parents to wear face masks when on the school grounds and ensure that social distancing is used when around school.

If children are ill with a temperature above 37.8°, a new and persistent cough or issues to do with taste and smell, they must go for a COVID test and everyone in the household must isolate.

We would still recommend that if a child is unwell, but not with COVID symptoms, they should be kept off school.

As we enter the final term of this academic year, I am hopeful that by the end of June and into July, there will be more things that we can do as a school that will indicate that we are back to normal, but to help us with that, we should still make sure we are taking the precautions we need to now.

Term Dates

As we enter this term, there are a limited number of events planned. As soon as new events are organised, parents will be informed.

- Monday 3rd of May
 - May bank holiday
- Friday 28th May
 - End of half term
- Monday 7th June
 - Start of second half term
- Tuesday 20th July
 - End of Summer Term

Duke of Edinburgh



Following the sad news of the death of His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh, we are now in a period of national mourning.

There will be a minute's silence tomorrow at 3pm. Pupils were told about this in this morning's assembly.

If any parents or pupils would like to pay their respects, the [Royal website](#) has a book of condolence where comments can be left.