



Nettlefield News

24th September 2021

Thank You!

As always we are thankful for families who have helped with our restart of the new school year. Please remember to keep our rules and routines for school so that we can make Nettlefield the best school community it can be.

School Photographer

Our school photographer will be in on Monday 27th and 28th September 2021. Every child will receive an individual photograph but there is also a slot to book family photos for children who attend school only. Sign up here <https://forms.office.com/r/DzP8qtT7Gs>

School Interviews

The end of October will see Parent – Teacher interviews take place for all pupils in school. We are still in the process of setting up our plan for these, but we know they will run in the afternoons between Monday 18th – Thursday 24th October 2021. To help specify times and dates that would suit you please complete our information form here <https://forms.office.com/r/DMA nhaP7jB>

School Snack

School Snack will be starting for all pupils on 4th October 2021. The cost is priced at £2.50 per week to cover costs. This means that children can be assured of a healthy snack at breaktime that does not need to be prepared at home. In order to be organised ahead of 4th October, families must pay next week (week commencing 26th September) to have stock ready to go on the 4th October. This can be paid through the School Money App.

School Fund

School Fund is also due on the School Money app. This is a contribution for Arts and Crafts materials in P1-P4 and Photocopying costs in P5 – P7. Cost is £5 per pupil or £10 per family. We very much appreciate this financial support for 2021/22.

EA Principals' Meeting

The Education Minister and Prof. McBride (Chief Medical Officer) met with Principals on Tuesday via Webinar to relay the updated information for schools re: COVID 19.

The message was clearly that our focus must be to keep the majority of children being educated in school – avoiding long spells away from classroom settings. To do this, everyone needs to work together to contain the risk of disease spreading in young children.

Everything is being kept under review – for now the strongest mitigations are: Face coverings, Testing, as needed/requested, and keeping children in consistent groupings. Currently we are doing these things.

Absence and Illness

Absences from school should be reported to the school office where attendance figures are recorded. You can also complete our form here

<https://forms.office.com/r/XDnUDKkUvZ>

School Standards

In school, teachers work hard to have consistent rules and routines for their classes. These have been shared in many ways with your children and we know they enjoy living up to them. Mr McLean continues to have three simple rules that match those in class. It is helpful to talk these over with your child so they can be supported to do well in school. We expect children to

- Be Ready (to learn)
- Be Respectful (to their peers and adults)
- Be Safe (in all that they do in school)

These are very simple to remember, and we hope children can apply their meaning in lots of ways around school.



HOW DO I RAISE A CONCERN?

The Principal and Staff always try to make themselves available outside at the start of the school day in the playground and at the end of each school day as the children leave to address issues informally.

This often provides a point of clarification for a parent and offers support on any further action that may be necessary. As you know, teachers respond to many minor queries or concerns via Seesaw, when needed.

If you have a more serious concern, you may also need to:

- 1) **Make a telephone appointment to speak to your child's class teacher, Head of Key Stage or Vice-Principal.**

This is most easily done by contacting the school office. Alternatively, a Seesaw message to the teacher will ensure that an appointment is arranged. At the telephone meeting, your concerns will be noted and investigated. Your child's class teacher will make every effort to resolve your concern speedily and efficiently. Any findings or action taken, if deemed necessary, will be reported to you at the earliest opportunity.

[We advise making a set appointment rather than simply messaging the teacher within the school day as supervision, Covid-19 routines and teaching responsibilities are not likely to give the teacher the necessary time to address your concerns.]

- 2) **Make a telephone appointment to speak to the Principal.**

This is most easily done by contacting the school office. At the phone meeting your concerns will be noted and investigated. The Principal will make every effort to resolve your concern speedily and efficiently. Any findings, or action taken, will be reported to you on resolution of the concern. An email may also be a useful way to make contact – help@nettlefield.co.uk

- 3) **Write to the Chairperson of the Board of Governors.**

If you are not satisfied with the decision reached in any matter, after all the above people have been contacted, you may put your concern in writing to the Chairperson of the Board of Governors. You can write to the Chairperson at the school address. A full investigation will be conducted and following this you will receive a response to your concern.

It is always hoped that a concern can be discussed and resolved amicably as this encourages good relations and a good partnership to exist between home and school.

There is always someone willing and ready to help.

CONTACTS:

Principal: Mr McLean

Vice-Principal (& Head of Key Stage 2): Mrs Fullerton

Head of Key Stage 1: Please See Mr McLean

Nursery Coordinator & Head of Foundation Stage: Mrs Cardy

SENCO & Inclusion / Diversity Coordinator: Mrs Kane

Chair of Governors: Mrs M.E. McCartney