



Nettlefield News

19th November 2021

Children in Need

Thank you so much to all our Nettlefield families who donated to our Children in Need day! After we collected our totals we have raised £300 for our PJ Day at school!

Foodbank Donations –

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our Foodbank appeal this will end on Wednesday 25th November 2021

PSNI TikTok Update

The PSNI have released a YouTube video regarding the recent trend of Tiktok Rating Videos. Please share this with older pupils at home if you feel this is appropriate to do <https://youtu.be/JIJGIQ1ulv0>

Emergency Procedures

As all parents will know there has been much publicity about the time we are living in with the NHS being overstretched, both in the provision needed and the staffing available to meet the needs.

I am writing to make you aware that Education is in a similar position. While not a “life or death” situation by any means – all schools have been instructed to continue to function “as best they can” in the current climate. To this end, I have to inform you that we really appreciate parents supporting us in this time of extreme challenge.

Parents, pupils and staff can be unwell, without warning, and our contingency plans - no matter how strong in the past – are under extreme pressure. Getting additional support/childcare at home can be a very big challenge for parents and getting staff cover at cleaner, catering, classroom assistant and even teacher level is at a critical stage in all schools. As you know, we are seeing closures within our community in all sectors, due to staffing issues.

For schools, this is a last resort but for some of our local schools it has been a reality to close classrooms, use communal hall facilities and access Remote Learning. For ourselves, we have been able to access

additional staff cover via our own part time staff doing additional hours and some very limited substitute teacher cover. Substitute cover is not easily available.

Emergency Procedures for the future of our school system overall in Northern Ireland will be in the following way:

STAGE 1 - School will function completely normally with all staff in place.

STAGE 2 - School will function normally with additional existing cover staff in place, if absence occurs.

STAGE 3 - School will function normally with additional outside cover staff in place, if we can access available people.

STAGE 4 - Should there not be staff available to ensure classes can be covered safely, either with assistants or teachers, then we will inform parents of potential reduced school day or, in extreme circumstances, a classroom closure and return to Remote Learning for a short time.

As all parents face challenges ahead this winter we would ask you to remain aware of the challenges faced by schools in all sectors and areas.

Survey

Please see our attached letter about a Nettlefield Parent Survey (Page 2).

GL Assessment

We are now on Week 2 of 4 for our P7 assessments and we would like to say a huge ‘All the Best!’ to our pupils who are sitting the first AQE Assessment tomorrow. We know they will give their very best.

Absences

Please remember our absence reporting

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

Further Support

Should there be any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mr McLean on Help@Nettlefield.co.uk



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Dear Parent/Carer,

We would love to ask for your help in improving Nettlefield Primary School.

We are constantly trying to improve the education that we offer the pupils of our school and are now at a stage in the school year where we need you to tell us how well you think we are doing and how we can improve the things that are important to you.

Please spare 10 minutes to complete a questionnaire by going to

<https://survey.gl-assessment.co.uk/s/SNZ8M4/>

and logging on using the password provided below.

Your password is: **NPS99104Parent**

(The password is case sensitive)

By completing the questionnaire, you will be telling us how you think we should be spending our time and resources, to make our school the best that it can be for your child.

Each completed questionnaire is vital in finding out what parents think. Your answers will be treated in the strictest confidence and will make a difference to how we run the school and plan for the future.

With thanks in anticipation of your help.

Yours faithfully

Mr S A McLean

Principal