



PARK LIFE!

COVID-19 SPECIAL EDITION

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Naunton Park Primary School is a safe, supportive and happy environment where every child thrives in their work and play. Our lively, vibrant and stimulating curriculum nurtures curious minds, providing opportunities for every child to flourish. As a large school with a small school feel, we support children to find their voice in the world and ensure that individuality is celebrated. At the end of their primary school journey, we would like our children to look back fondly and forward with excitement and confidence.

Weekly round up

Dear all

Once again this has been a very testing week with yet further guidance, I am very grateful to the resilience of the children, flexibility of my staff and understanding of my parents throughout this continued crazy time.

- As well as our children of key workers, who are crucial to the COVID response, and those children who are vulnerable, we also welcomed back our Reception children this week (on a part-time basis).
- Children in Year 1 and Year 6 will start back next week also on a part time basis .
- We are looking into what our 'recovery curriculum' may look like to address any curriculum gaps and/or social and emotional needs once our children are able to return to school.
- It has been lovely to see what so many of the children have been up to via Class Padlets.
- To support children at home, Jigsaw (who we use for PSHE) have offered some of their resources for free. Please visit <https://families.jigsawpshe.com/stuck-at-home/>

#staysafe

Mrs Hill ✖

We are supporting the children to be:

RESPECTFUL

KIND

CURIOUS

RESILIENT

RESPONSIBLE

DETERMINED



Javelin



Meteor



Hurricane



Gladiator

FAQs

As we are receiving a number of emails regarding the same topic, I thought it may be beneficial to share some FAQs (and answers) with you:

Why has the school not had Year 1 or Year 6 children in yet?

Throughout Gloucestershire, many schools have been offering/continue to offer something slightly different to get as close as possible to the Government's original request. Many local schools, such as Leckhampton and St James, for example, have been doing exactly the same as us. The Local Authority are well aware of this and understand the reasons why.

The decision had to be an individual school one, and was the responsibility of the Head and Governing Body, and had to take into account a number of factors such as number of key workers (of which we have a very high number), size of classrooms, number of available staff (non-shielding) and much, much more.

We are now moving out of Phase 1 or original plan, into Phase 2, where we welcome children from Year 1 and Year 6 back into school on a part-time basis.

When will the rest of the school population be able to return to school?

Honestly, we don't know yet. We are missing all the other children very much, but cannot yet find a way to welcome them back while the restrictions on class sizes still apply.

What is happening in September?

It is impossible for me to start to let parents know how I envisage school operating in September because, quite honestly, I don't know and I also don't know when I will know. I have started to have discussions with the Local Authority (I am on the COVID crisis leadership team) but there is no information being passed to the authority yet from Central Government or the DfE. As an authority, we are pushing the DfE to give us some timely warning and not wait until the end of August to let school leaders know what the guidance is.

Why has home learning be altered?

All teaching staff, who are able to, are now in school working their normal hours. Oak National Academy was commissioned by the Department of Education to serve the purpose of addressing the continued home learning need. Anything that is sent home from school over and above this is additional to requirements.

Home learning advice will continue to be sent until you are invited to return to school. In response to parental feedback (someone asking for more home learning and some asking for less) we are offering a project approach. Each week, there will be a project sent out via Powerpoint - there will be one for EYFS and one that can be used by all other year groups. This will, hopefully, make it more manageable to families because children in different year groups can do similar tasks. These projects will include all subject areas. There will also be a weekly virtual assembly and access to class Padlets.

Why has the school created Class Padlets?

We have created these to provide a safe platform to share photographs of their home learning projects (or anything else they are learning to do). This, then, allows for the opportunity for teachers to comment on your child's work and for children to 'see' some of their class mates. This is a place to celebrate children's achievements and not as an additional pressure to be placed on others.

When will I know what class my child will be in next year?

These are included in this edition of Park Life.

Will the school be open for key worker provision in the summer holidays?

It is likely that there may be some form of provision in the County for the children of NHS workers, but this is not likely to be the responsibility of schools or the education department at the LA. Once more information is received, I will let you know.

Are there still key worker places available?

There are still Key Worker places available and we are, as ever, following Government guidance by prioritising provision for children of key workers. That said, we have a very high number of “key worker children” in school already and therefore our groups are almost full, especially on certain days. If you are a key worker and find that you require provision for your child, then please be aware that (a) your request may take up to two weeks to process if staffing/rooms need to be altered, (b) that your child may be placed in a group with children from other year groups, (c) that your child will remain in his/her Key Worker Group even if their year group peers are invited back this term. Please note that Mondays-Thursdays are full in most Key Stage 2 groups now and we may, therefore, need to place KS2 children (from new requests) with children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2

Why can't the school provide hot meals at the moment?

As you may be aware, the school has a contract with Caterlink to provide our school meals. At present, Caterlink have not re-opened all of their kitchens and, instead, are operating a hub approach. This means that our food is prepared in the kitchen at another school and delivered here. At present, Caterlink are only preparing packed lunches. When this changes, we will let you know.

Why is the drop off and collection time for OSCC so specific, rather than allowing for flexibility?

We need to ensure the following:

- No parents in the school building.
- OSCC children remaining in the same ‘bubble’ that they have been in all day.
- A member of staff being able to be with their OSCC group at all times.

The only way to meet all of the above is to have a set drop off and collection **in the playground**.

Can my child attend OSCC?

If you are a Key Worker then you can request a place in breakfast or after school club for your child. We are, at this time, only offering OSCC provision to key workers. This is because children must stay in their same groups before/during/after school and we only have a limited number of OSCC staff to supervise children in different locations around the school. All children attending OSCC will remain in their Key Worker Group's classroom during OSCC hours and have the same member(s) of staff supporting them for each day they attend .

What happens if my child develops symptoms of COVID-19 at school?

They will be taken to a recovery room, in between Mrs Hill's and Miss Hudson's offices, and you will be called to collect them. **We respectfully ask that you collect them as soon as you receive a call from us to keep all members of the school community safe and well.** Staff will need to use Personal Protective Equipment (aprons, masks, gloves) when helping your child in this instance and it is very likely that they would simply want a cuddle from someone they love at home if they're feeling under the weather.

If your child shows symptoms of Covid-19, even if you think they are actually struggling with another medical need such as hayfever or asthma, we will still need to send them home in the interests of infection control – this is because, in this instance it will not be suitable for staff members or other children to be exposed to a child who is constantly sneezing or coughing.

Why is there a one-way system in the playground?

This has been put in place following advice from GCC's Health and Safety team, as well as from the school's own risk assessment. Majority of schools in Cheltenham have a similar approach apart from those with a large number of entrances into the playground/building.

What will be arranged to celebrate Year 6 leaving?

Sadly, we will not be able to enjoy the normal 'closure' type activities that we arrange for our Year 6 children—residential trip, leavers' assembly and disco. However, the Year 6 team are working frantically to put something in place to ensure the fact they are moving on from this school is recognised and celebrated.

How will transition arrangements for Year 6 be carried out?

Like all other Gloucestershire Primary Schools, we are liaising with our secondary schools. Some of the administrative side of transition is already underway—conversations have been had with secondary colleagues, virtual meetings have been attended by Year 6 staff and more strategic conversations are currently being held between Gloucestershire Association of Primary Heads (GAPH) and Gloucestershire Association of Secondary Heads (GASH) to determine whether any form of physical or virtual transition events for Y6 pupils are possible and what these might look like. If physical transition is offered at secondary schools, it may be that Y6 will 'finish' at their primary school a week early (so there is no cross-contamination on return) but this will be looked into at an individual school level and more details regarding this will follow in due course.

Are you still checking the authenticity of key workers?

Yes, parents are asked to specify their occupation and roles in order to help with the prioritisation process.

Why are you not doing live/online teaching to those children still at home?

At present, we do not have the staff capacity to do this, as all of our staff are now in groups with children, and now is not the time for us to introduce a new system given the safeguarding and ICT implications of this.

Class Allocations

Whilst we don't yet know what September will look like, I thought it would be useful for your child to know which class they will be in during next academic year.

Year Group	Class	Teacher	2019-20 class receiving	PPA cover	Teaching Partner	1:1 support
Reception	Green	Nicky Farrow	New entrants	Nikki Hill and Katie Turner	Stephanie Francis Stephanie Eckford	n/a
Reception	Red	Mel Doggett Jane Holmes	New entrants	n/a	Rachel Hannaford-George	n/a
Year 1	Orange	Hannah Burton Lin Coughlan	Green	n/a	Helen Guest	Sara Devereux Chloe Hockin
Year 1	Yellow	Kate Hill	Red	Lara Hudson	Georgie Hennessey	n/a
Year 2	Purple	Emma Chew	Yellow	Lara Hudson	Karen Dirkin (NPJ)	Ramona Nutt
Year 2	Blue	Robyn Martin Rose Windsor	Orange	n/a	Lyndsey Lewis	Lorraine Jones
Year 3	Cherwell	Annabel Saladino Jo Smith	Blue	n/a	Alison Tabrizi	Becky Nelmes Hannah Horne
Year 3	Sherborne	Eoghan O'Connor	Purple	Jackie Van – Ryssen	Sue Moisey	n/a
Year 4	Thames	Justin Bloys	Sherborne	Jackie Van Ryssen	Sonia Worton	n/a
Year 4	Wye	Linda Bradshaw	Cherwell	Jackie Van Ryssen	Sonia Worton	n/a
Year 5	Frome	Vicki Walls	Wye	Phil Hillyard	Bev Horrell	Sarah Prout Di Knowles
Year 5	Severn	Deb Morrish	Thames	Phil Hillyard	Bev Horrell	n/a
Year 6	Avon	Sue Staniland	Frome	Phil Hillyard	Carolyn Tennant Lynne Roberts	n/a
Year 6	Windrush	Hils Waring	Severn	Phil Hillyard	Sarah Walter	n/a

Kind regards, Mrs Nikki Hill

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