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Dear Families

I do hope this finds you all safe and well during these recent damp and grey days. It was such a shame not to be able to make the most of the relaxing of lockdown at the weekend to meet up with family and friends in open spaces... without getting very wet! The sunshine over the last few weeks has been a real joy but the rain is much needed too. Let's hope for a little more sunshine this weekend.

Wider re-opening of our schools to pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6

I'm pleased to report that the wider re-opening of our schools this week has been successful. Children arrived with smiles on their faces, delighted to be back to see each other and school staff. It was lovely to see them and to see some of you, their families. As I outlined in my previous letter, our planning for the return of more children has been focused on the experience for the children and the safety of both them and the staff. This week has been well managed with the small 'bubbles' in our classrooms and a happy and confident atmosphere; we do not want that to change.

Will my child be able to return to school too?

We have also had questions this week about whether further pupils in the remaining year groups will be able to return to school. The Government announced this week that they had scrapped their "ambition" for Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 to return to school before September at the earliest unless they fall into one of the categories that means we can offer them a place in school. Eligible children are those whose parents are critical workers, children with an EHCP, vulnerable children and children with a social worker. We have therefore followed all Government guidance on re-opening school in order to provide places for these pupils, along with the Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils who have wanted to return. All of our teachers and support staff are now teaching in "Bubbles" with these children. In all of our schools, we are already full or nearly at full capacity following these guidelines. Therefore, we are unable to offer places for any further children in the remaining year groups (Years 2, 3, 4 and 5) but will continue to provide home learning resources.

Home Learning

The Government have stated that now schools are open to more pupils they no longer need to provide online resources to pupils at home and have signposted parents to BBC Bitesize and Oak Academy. These are the resources that the Government has put in place in order to provide home educating during this time. However, all of our schools are continuing to ensure home learning is still available for **all** year groups, for all those children who remain at home. All schools have tried to tailor provision to provide learning that can work for everyone. The feedback we have had about the resources provided has been overwhelmingly positive. Thank you so much.

If you need further advice regarding where all the online resources are, please contact your child's school.

Relationships and Sex Education Resources for Years 3 to 6

Parents have also contacted us about some additional support they need as their children have noticed changes as they begin to grow up during lockdown and begin puberty. Our schools have a programme of relationships and sex education, (the RSE policy can be found on the schools' websites), and this would have been taught in normal circumstances.

Therefore, our staff have developed a website to support parents with the teaching of growing up and puberty. The web page has embedded PowerPoints, links to video clips and helpful websites. We would suggest however, that parents view all the resources available on the website before sharing it with your child/ren. The website has been prepared for pupils in Years 3 to 6. There is a 'Year 6 Only' section. If your child is not in Year 6 and you view the videos in the 'Year 6 Only' section first, you may choose to share them with your child if you think it is appropriate for them and their stage of development. You know your child best.

Here is the link to the website: <https://sway.office.com/JvGiXQymyR1E555h?ref=Link>

Summer Reading Challenge

I have also attached information about the Norfolk Library Summer Reading Challenge that your child may wish to participate in. The library service provide a range of online books, magazines and other reading materials. They also offer activities for all ages of children from story times, when your child can listen to a book being read to them, to a 'Bounce and Rhyme time' – which includes songs and rhymes for the under 5s to enjoy. Please take a look with your child.

Need Help?

We are continuing to support all of our families in as many ways as we possibly can. If you are struggling with things such as accessing essential food items then please do let us know and we will try our best to support you if we are able to. We may also be able to signpost you to some relevant help for mental health needs, health needs, housing or other things that may be affecting your family at this time.

Please contact our Pastoral Manager, Natalie Brown, directly by email:

pastoralmanager@nebula.norfolk.sch.uk

Or Text: 07748 255679

Contact:

For any other questions or support, please email your child's school office. These email accounts are checked daily and someone will get in touch with you.

Take care everyone. We have been delighted to see more of you but still miss those who are at home. We continue to try and do our best; as we keep telling you, that's all any of us can do and it is enough! Please get in touch if we can help in any way. Most importantly, look after each other.

Stay safe,



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