

28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear families,

As we come towards the end of another term, I would like to offer our collective thanks once again for the support you have given to your children, the staff and the school over recent months. We could never have envisaged that this year would continue to present us with so many uncertainties, changes and challenges. As always, we continue to place the children at the heart of every decision we make and every action we take, and it has never been more important for home and school to work together. We are extremely grateful for your support during these unprecedented times and we look forward to continuing working in partnership with you.

#### Updates for Next term

##### PE Days

All of the teachers have reviewed their timetables for next term and we are writing to advise you that your child's PE days are as follow:

<b>Saplings</b>	Wednesday
<b>Cherry and Maple</b>	Thursday
<b>Hawthorn</b>	Wednesday and Friday
<b>Sycamore, Elm and Willow</b>	Thursday
<b>Ash, Beech and Oak</b>	Monday and Friday

This means that your child is expected to wear school uniform on the days they do not have PE. On their PE days please ensure they wear their full school PE kit to school.

##### Uniform Expectations

###### Boys

- Navy blue round neck sweatshirt (with or without school logo)
- Grey tailored trousers/shorts
- White Shirt/white logo polo shirt or plain non logo polo shirt
- Plain white or black socks
- Plain black shoes or pure black trainers without markings
- Coloured forest t-Shirt
- Black PE shorts
- Suitable trainers

### **Girls**

- Navy blue round neck sweatshirt or navy blue cardigan (with or without school logo)
- Grey trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore dress - NB tights must not be worn with shorts
- Blue and white gingham dress
- White logo polo shirt or plain non logo polo shirt or plain white blouse
- Plain white or black socks or black tights
- Plain black shoes or pure black trainers without markings
- Black low heeled boots are permitted in the winter but not in the summer term.
- Coloured forest t-Shirt
- Black PE shorts
- Suitable trainers

There is no need to go to a great expense with the uniform. Keep it simple, as we know that the children will grow over the summer holidays.

A simple white coloured t-shirt, trousers/skirt and black trainers or shoes is sufficient. Summer dresses are allowed.

Please remember that all long hair should be tied up and jewellery, with the exception of a wrist watch and/or a pair of stud earrings, should not be worn.

### **Uniform**

We have recently changed uniform suppliers. The link to the new supplier can be found here: <https://www.newtonroadschool.org.uk/index.php/for-parents/uniform>

We have also added in the option to purchase a navy blue zipped hoodie, which is perfect for our PE lessons.

### **Toys and things from home**

Over this term, we have noticed an increase in toys, charms, and fidget toys coming into school. Please note this is not permitted. Please can you ensure that your child does not bring these items into school.

## **Home Learning Challenge**

With half term rapidly approaching we are all hoping for sunnier skies than of late. However, in the event of a wet week in May, you may want to encourage your child to enter the competition below.

### **ALDI – healthy eating awareness competition for Olympics 2021**

- To celebrate the forthcoming Tokyo Olympics, Aldi and Team GB are challenging young people aged 5–14 to get creative and design an Aldi lorry that celebrates fresh, healthy food.
- By taking part in the competition, young people will have the chance to see their designs come to life – with the two winning designs each used on their own Aldi lorry.
- The winning entries will also receive a Team GB goody bag and £50 of Aldi vouchers to spend on fresh produce or kitchen equipment, and their school will win £1,000 of Aldi vouchers for kitchen equipment or ingredients.

The competition was launched on Wednesday and children can enter now via the Get Set to Eat Fresh website. Young people can submit their entries up until **Friday 25 June**.

To download the Entry Template and Cover Sheet for Entries, please visit:

[www.getseteatfresh.co.uk/designalorry](http://www.getseteatfresh.co.uk/designalorry)

A judging panel, including Aldi's Team GB Athlete Ambassadors such as triathlete champions the Brownlee Brothers, Olympic gymnast Max Whitlock and sport climbing star Shauna Coxsey, will select the winning design.

### Contact Tracing During the Half-Term Holiday

As we look forward to the half-term holiday, I would like to update you about COVID-19 contact tracing arrangements. As with previous holiday periods, can you kindly note the following important information and relevant arrangements regarding COVID-19 positive cases in the holidays as advised to schools from the DfE:

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace;
- For the first six days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. In this case, school will need to be contacted;
- School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than six days after the final day of teaching. Where a school's last teaching day is on Friday 28th May, there should be no pupil contact tracing beyond Thursday 3rd June.
- For the first six days after the end of term, schools are not asked to be on-call at all times. Staff responsible for contact tracing may designate a limited period in the day to receive notification of positive cases and advise close contacts to self-isolate (which our school will do by text).
- If parents need to contact school during these first six days please do so on [office@newtonroadschool.co.uk](mailto:office@newtonroadschool.co.uk)
- Emails received regarding positive cases only will be checked between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm from Saturday 29th May until Thursday 3rd June (inclusive) and any appropriate actions taken. Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first six days following the end of term, school does not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new half-term term on Monday 7th June 2021.

Thank you for your continuing support and understanding at this time. Please, ensure that that you have a relaxed and restful half term break!

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Mills  
Principal