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The news from Isaac Newton School, Grantham

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Dear Parents/Carers

A huge welcome back to all of our families here at Isaac Newton! It's been a real pleasure to see all of our children back in school again and already working so hard. Over the past few days, I've also very much enjoyed meeting many of our new pupils and their families in and around school. I hope that you are all beginning to settle in here at Isaac Newton and would like to take this opportunity to wish you a warm welcome. My eldest son has started school for the first time this year so I know how you will all have been feeling over the past week or so!



At Isaac Newton we are very much hoping for and looking forward to a more 'normal' year this time around. We have



already relaxed many of our previous measures in school such as 'bubbles'. This has enabled us to do more things with the children, including FINALLY holding a whole school assembly (minus our EYFS children for now). Prior to this I had not held a whole school assembly for around 16 months! Despite the length of time the children certainly hadn't forgot anything and I was very impressed with their behaviour throughout...even those who had never been in an assembly before!

Finally, a huge thank you to all of our parents, carers and wider school community for adjusting to new routines and expectations (again). We feel that we have had a smooth and successful transition back to school but as always, should you have any concerns regarding school then please do not hesitate to speak to a member of school staff. You can contact your child's class teacher via the school office on 01476 568616 or at enquiries@isaacnewton-cit.co.uk. Myself, Mrs Pask and Mrs Beeby are also out and about on the school site during most pick up and drop up times.

Chris Heathcote

Headteacher

School Values

Our school values are part of the 'fabric' of our school and run through every aspect of school life.



Respect- To treat others as we would want to be treated, making sure that we are understanding of those who are different to ourselves.

Pride- To feel good about ourselves and to take pride in our work and our school- be proud to be part of Isaac Newton!

Responsibility- To take ownership of our actions and be responsible for making the right choices and the impact that they have on others.

Kindness- To think of others before ourselves especially those who are in need. Be thoughtful, friendly and considerate to all members of our community.

Resilience- To always try our best and to keep on going even when things get hard- learning only begins when we are not able to do something!

We will be talking to the children lots about these at school as well as linking them into our assemblies- we will choose a different value each term to be our theme. This term's theme is **responsibility**.

We also have a school mission statement which shows what we want to try and achieve as a school and is simply for us all **"To be the best that we can be in everything that we do"**.

Inhalers

As a school we take the administration of medicines extremely seriously. All children who need to bring inhalers to school should also bring the box for the inhaler with them. This will have the sticker from the surgery on the side and ensures that we have all of the information that we need should there be an emergency. You will also need to check that the inhaler is "in date". If your child needs an inhaler and you have not let us know then please inform us immediately.

PTA Discos & Bingo

We are currently finalising arrangements for our upcoming PTA events. We hope that this will all be sorted early next week and we will be able to put tickets on sale. Keep an eye on Facebook, the E-Schools app and for posters around school. These will provide further information including dates, times & tickets!

Household Isolation

Rules have now been relaxed regarding the isolation of contacts of people who test positive for Covid-19. However, we would still strongly recommended that if anyone in your household tests positive for Covid-19 that the entire household takes precautionary PCR tests- this includes children. Once a negative test is received children should then return to school. Remember that we provide remote learning via Microsoft Teams for any child who is absent or isolating due to Covid-19. A flow chart has been attached to this newsletter to support with the new self-isolation guidance.

Free School Meals Applications

If you think that your child may be entitled to receive free school meals, then you are now required to apply for this online through Lincolnshire County Council. The link is:

<https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/parentportal>

If you would like a guide to completing this process, please collect this from the school office.

Year groups will have PE on the following days:

Monday- Year 3

Tuesday – Class 1 (EYFS), Year 2 and Year 4

Wednesday – Year 2 and Year 5

Thursday – Class 2 (EYFS) and Year 6

ONLY children in Years 5 and 6 should come to school in their PE kit. ALL other children should come to school in school uniform with their PE kit in a PE bag. Please remember that PE kit should be plain black (or dark coloured). Football kits are not permitted.

Earrings must be removed for health and safety reasons so please ensure that children are not wearing earrings on a PE day, otherwise we will need to call you to come in and remove them. Thank you.

E-Schools App

Don't forget to download and log into our E-Schools App. After the October half term, many of our letters and updates (including the newsletter) will be going out via this app. If you require any support with setting this up or would like your login and password details then please contact the school office at enquiries@isaacnewton-cit.co.uk.



Grapes

Please can parents/ carers ensure that grapes are cut in half if you are sending them in your child's lunch box. Whole grapes are a choking hazard and there have been a number of fatal incidents at primary schools over the past few years.

Covid-19

Please ensure that you continue to follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do. You or your children should not come into school if you have symptoms or have had a positive test result. The most common

symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:

a new continuous cough

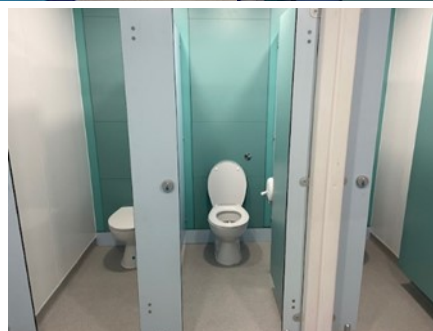
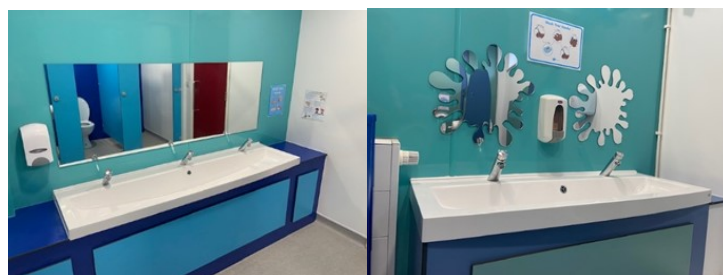
a high temperature

a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If you have any symptoms of Covid-19 then you should book a PCR test immediately.

New Toilets

We have now had all of our old pupil toilets refurbished. We think that they look absolutely fantastic and I know that the children are all very impressed too. A big thank you to Mrs Haddock for coordinating all of the work during the Summer holidays.



Important Dates

- Term 1:** Monday 6th September 2021 – Friday 22nd October 2021
- Sept 15th** Y3 Trip to Flag Fen
- Oct 13th** Y2 Trip to Stibbington (9:00am—3:30pm)
- Oct 18th** School Photographer
- Term 2:** Tuesday 2nd November 2021 - Friday 17th December 2021
- Term 3:** Wednesday 5th January 2022 - Friday 11th February 2022
- Term 4:** Monday 21st February 2022 - Friday 1st April 2022
- Term 5:** Tuesday 19th April 2022 - Friday 27th May 2022
- Term 6:** Monday 6th June 2022 - Friday 22nd July 2022

Have you had a **POSITIVE** covid test result?

NO

YES

Are you 18 or over?

NO

YES

Have NHS Test & Trace notified you about being a close contact of a confirmed Covid case?

NO

YES

Have you had **BOTH** doses of the vaccine?

YES

NO

Did you have your 2nd dose **MORE** than 2 weeks ago?

YES

NO

NO.
You do not need to self isolate

YES.
You must self isolate