



# Naphill and Walters Ash School

## Newsletter Issue 1 4/9/20

### Welcome Back

This is a slightly different looking newsletter as I realised at the moment there are no key dates. We are not going to be having any sports events, assemblies or trips. We are looking to hold a Zoom style meeting for each year group's parents so you can get an overview of what is going on, when that is organised we will send out the links.

I have sent out a ParentMail to Year 6 today about the changes to the 11+ dates. There is still no guidance about managing the tests, for example, if we were to choose to do them a class at a time i.e. one class Monday and Wednesday and the other class Tuesday and Thursday. In previous years, if a child did not sit the test on the same day as their peers, there were protocols to follow regarding keeping them separate from the others. So we are most probably going to have the children sitting the tests on the same days. When the guidance comes out I will confirm the exact dates but they will be during the week of the 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

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Thank you for your support with the changes to the morning and afternoon routines. As you can appreciate despite having planned it all out nothing quite works out how you intended it! We know that for some of the Year 5s there is a long wait so if they arrive early during the Yr 4 slot, (between 8.40 – 8.50) we will get them to line up a bit closer to the red cones. I will be there on Monday morning directing the traffic so hopefully all should become clear. We are trying to make the process as smooth as possible!

As we are trying to reduce the amount of equipment sharing can I remind you that each child needs to have their own glue stick, whiteboard pen and a pair of scissors (child friendly ones). This just helps us to limit what is being passed out as we do have to clean equipment which is shared, even if it is just used by each bubble. They also need a small bottle of hand sanitizer which can stay on their desks.

The children also need to have the correct cutlery in their lunch boxes. Eating a yogurt or pasta with your fingers isn't very hygienic.

A Parent mail was sent out about PE days so please remember on those days your child needs to come to school in their PE kit. They should also bring in a pair of trainers to either wear outside or to change into in case they get muddy. They need to wear their school sweatshirts and not a hoodie top; they can wear a hoodie over their sweatshirt but I will expect sweatshirts to be worn in school.

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