



June Information and Remaining Key Dates

Dear Parent / Carer

As we find ourselves in the month of June we are quickly moving towards the end of our school year in Nettlefield. This has not been an easy or straightforward term and a half but one that has shown fantastic new opportunities through remote learning and helped us all to adjust to a new way of 'school life.'

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you as families for your continued engagement with Nettlefield Primary and our teaching staff. We have understood that becoming used to life in lockdown has been difficult but as a school we have attempted to make our separation a bit easier to bear.

I would also like to openly thank and pay tribute to our phenomenal teaching staff who have not stopped working over the previous three months in order to keep in personal contact with their classes via Seesaw. Through setting personal work for children to contact videos to make children smile and feel a sense of community and answering responses at all times of the day and night beyond the working day, staff members have given a lot to ensure that there has been a continuity of learning since we were separated.

In terms of our return to Nettlefield, you can be assured that I, along with Governors, our Senior Leadership Team, teaching and support staff are working hard to convert the government guidelines into workable solutions for our community. Information on the reopening of schools from the Department of Education is limited at this time but you can be assured that as soon as we have a cast iron plan we will share that with families. This may be over the summer months so please do look out for it on our usual channels (website, Facebook, etc.).

Education and the routine of schooling each day are going through massive changes and as we respond to the Covid-19 crisis we realise that we are going to have to make many changes to how we teach and connect with our pupils. The routine of blended learning is here to stay for the foreseeable future and we would encourage our families to engage with the Seesaw learning platform as much as possible in the final days of term. Seesaw will be continuing in September as we develop new ways to teach.

Seesaw has many advantages and is a great way to (respectfully) ask questions of your teacher regarding learning or to secure extra help.

As always if there are any concerns please contact help@nettlefield.co.uk and we will do all we can to help.

Finally, I would like to share with you a number of key dates and times over the next few weeks that will help us to keep track of events that must not be missed.

Monday 15th June – Virtual Sports Day Week begins

There will be no work set on 15th June for children to complete events in Virtual Sports Day. Events can be spread out and completed during this week with photographs of score cards sent back to teachers by 22nd June 2020 on Seesaw. This is an entirely voluntary set of events and involvement can be decided on a family basis.

Thursday 18th June 2020- Nursery and Primary One Induction Packs Pick Up

On Thursday 18th June families will be invited to pick up their Primary One or Nursery Induction Pack from the school office. Social distancing requirements will apply.

10am – 11.00am Families with surnames A – L

11.00am – 12.00pm Families with surnames M – Z

Nursery or Primary One induction packs can be collected during these slots. We would kindly ask that children do not accompany parents.

Wednesday 24th June 2020 – Primary Seven Leavers

On Wednesday 24th June we will be holding a short morning for P7 pupils to come to school and collect their belongings left behind in March along with their final school report. There will also be some items to remember Nettlefield Primary by and the opportunity for some photos outside the school building.

Social Distancing Guidelines will also have to be adhered to for this event. Please come to school for 10am on Wednesday 24th June 2020. Pupils will be able to enter via Radnor Street

Thursday 25th June 2020 – Monday 29th June 2020 Annual Pupil Reports and Belongings Pick Up

Come and say goodbye to your teachers and pick up your annual report from Nettlefield.

School will have a one-way system for families to come in and say goodbye to their teachers as we end the school year and ensure that their annual school report has been collected along with their belongings.

We would ask that only one child and their designated adult from each family come on site to pick up the report and say goodbye to their teacher.

These events will run from 10am – 11.30am daily.

Thursday 25th June 2020 – Primary Six and Primary Five

Friday 26th June 2020- Primary Four and Primary Three

Monday 29th June 2020 – Primary Two and Primary One.

Please come in through our main gates and then you will be shown where to exit.

Tuesday 30th June – End of School Year

Tuesday 30th June will see the end of term and end of the school year 2019-20 for all pupils. We will be in contact regarding further information on reopening before this date.

Please continue to stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Mr McLean