



NORTH TAWTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Friday 10th April 2020

PARENTS AND CARERS SPECIAL NEWSLETTER



AIM ASPIRE ACHIEVE

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you are managing as best you can under the circumstances. The messages on the Dojo are showing some very creative approaches to having some fun enjoying the sunshine whilst maintaining the lockdown rules. I know this is not an easy time and it is challenging for many of you in different ways. We are here to support you and urge you to contact us whenever you need. We will do our best to support you as we work through this together.



The government guidelines are very clear and are absolutely necessary.

You should only leave the house for very limited purposes:

- shopping for basic necessities, for example food and medicine, which must be as infrequent as possible
- one form of exercise a day, for example a run, walk, or cycle - alone or with members of your household
- any medical need, including to donate blood, avoid or escape risk of injury or harm, or to provide care or to help a vulnerable person
- travelling for work purposes, but only where you cannot work from home

Critical Workers' Children

We will be returning to work on Tuesday 14th April with the majority of staff working from home. A limited number of key staff members will be supervising children whose parents are defined as critical workers. We remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend. If your employment circumstances have changed since we sent out the questionnaire then please do get in touch urgently. Once verified you will be able to book the sessions needed using the Schoolcomms

system. It is critical that this is requested in good time so the correct supervision can be arranged depending on the numbers, the age and the needs of the pupils. Limiting the number of staff on the school site to essential numbers relies on the bookings being made as soon as you are aware of your work requirements. Please make direct contact using the Dojo or email admin@ntcps.co.uk. We will be observing the social distancing rules and ask that you remind your children about the 2 metre rule. This is for everyone's safety.

Will I be counted as a critical worker?

Critical workers include NHS staff, police, farmers and food retail workers, who need to be able to go out to work.

Children with a parent or carer who is listed on the government's [critical worker list](#) should be considered for a school place.

If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.

Please do not enter the school
The main gates will remain closed. A member of staff will collect the children at 9am. At the end of the session please wait at the gates for your children to be returned.
Thank you

THEME – ART

During this time at home we are all finding ingenious ways to keep the boredom away. We are keen to help. The theme next week is art. Send in a photo of a piece of completed artwork or during its creation. It can be indoors, outdoors, 2D, 3D, or even an outdoor installation inspired by Andy Goldsworthy if you have enough space to work.

I will post as many as I can on the Dojo Gallery, so please include the children as we would love to see you all!



Help is available

Domestic Violence

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/getting-help-for-domestic-violence/>

Money Advice

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits/coronavirus-check-what-benefits-you-can-get/>

Autism Support

<https://www.priorygroup.com/blog/how-to-help-an-autistic-child-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>

Self Employed

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-what-to-do-if-youre-self-employed-and-getting-less-work-or-no-work>

Free School Meals Entitlement

[https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live)

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We are not participating in the voucher service. DO NOT SIGN UP FOR ANYTHING

Once you are registered, the food parcels are delivered/collected EVERY Thursday at 12pm from the school gates

Mental Health

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/top-tips-to-improve-your-mental-wellbeing/>

How to explain the Coronavirus to children

https://nosycrow.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Coronavirus_INSwith-cover.pdf

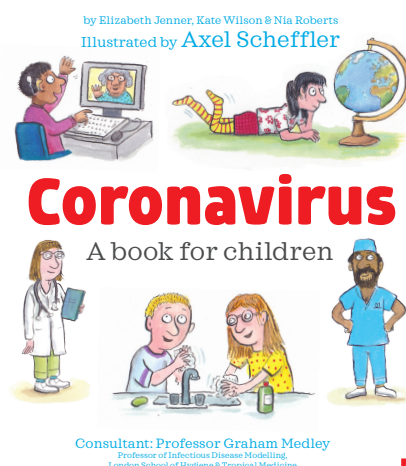
Online Teaching

The class teachers will recommence this on Wednesday 15th. We are planning to offer a daily/weekly structure as research suggests it is better to have a routine in place to cope with these unsettled times. This is to help you support your children with an element of learning with reading, writing and maths a priority. We are very mindful of the limitations and pressures you are all under and urge you to get in touch so we can help you. Each household is different and each will approach the day in different ways. We are here to help and we will guide you should you require extra support. Our main objective is to remain in touch with you and your children and to ensure that you are all safe and well.

We would love to share your photos. On your daily walk, home baking, playing in the garden, camping, doing jobs, painting, taking care of the pets, bouncing on the trampoline, helping out doing chores, dancing, washing the car, reading, playing the guitar, looking after the baby... send us a picture. We miss you.

Stay safe

Miss Chauhan



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