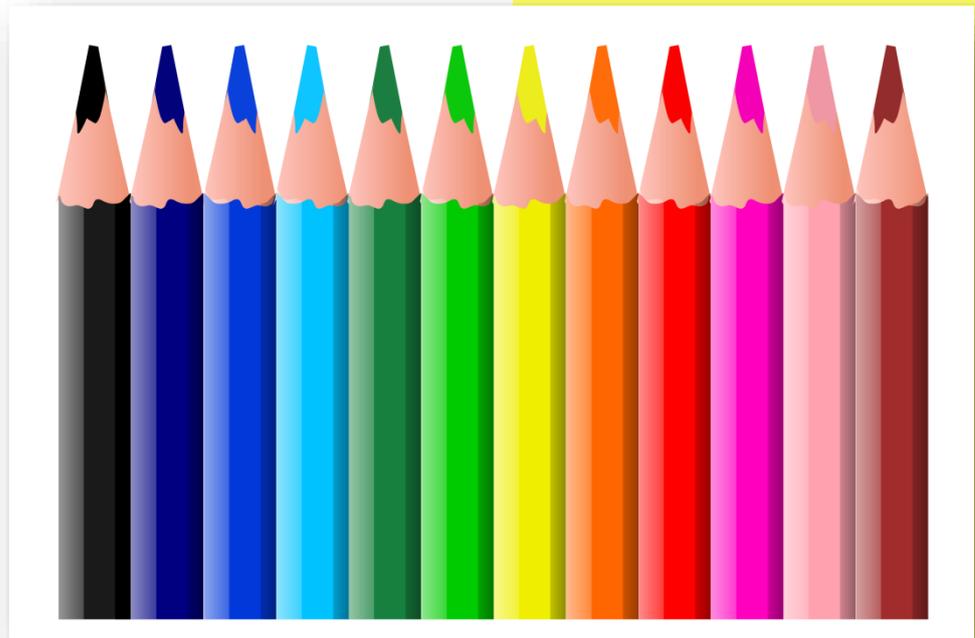


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2020

Covid 19 update for Parents



Here's what you need to know in 5 minutes...

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Nascot Wood Junior School

Update on the return to school; attendance

Renewed thanks to you all for your support, cheerfulness and for preparing your children so well each day. This has helped us to get the children into school quickly so that learning can begin promptly.

The children continue to impress us with their ability to adapt to the necessary changes at school, and the school feels calm and purposeful.

This week and next week we are holding our pupil progress meetings, where Class Teachers and Senior Leaders meet to discuss the attainment and progress of every child in the school. I am pleased to tell you that Class Teachers are reporting that children are making good progress and responding well to the return to formal teaching.

Following on from last week's report, I thought it would be useful for you to see the most up to date attendance percentages, in comparison to the equivalent period last year.

Attendance Percentage 2020		Comparative attendance 2019	
Wednesday 23 rd September	94.49%	Monday 23 rd September	98.89%
Thursday 24 th September	95.0%	Tuesday 24 th September	96.30%
Friday 25 th September	93.75%	Wednesday 25 th September	97.78%
Monday 28 th September	90.42%	Thursday 26 th September	97.78%
Tuesday 29 th September	92.08%	Friday 27 th September	99.26%
Wednesday 30 th September	92.92%	Monday 30 th September	96.67%
Thursday 1 st October	93.75%	Tuesday 1 st October	97.78%
Average percentage	93.20%	Average percentage	97.78%

The ongoing plan

As you may have seen in the Hertfordshire Mercury, the cases of Covid 19 in Hertfordshire are unfortunately rising. Here is a quote that I read on Thursday morning:

Since going back earlier this month (September), more than 1,000 pupils in Herts schools have been sent home after outbreaks.

A total of 35 schools had partially or fully closed as a result of COVID-19 in the first two weeks of the autumn term.

New data shows that one in every 11 secondary schools in the county had had to send at least some pupils home by September 16.

With this in mind, I wanted to reiterate our commitment to maintaining all our plans to mitigate the risks for children and staff in school. We aim to keep the school open for the full academic year if at all possible, and this is the reason why our systems and procedures must remain robust.

In order to limit the number of staff in school and to ensure the children are kept within their class groups of 30, we will continue to operate a staggered lunchtime with the children eating their packed lunches in their classrooms with their Class Teachers and/or Teaching Assistants.

For the foreseeable future, the school will close from 12 noon each Friday, allowing Class Teachers to have their statutory planning time and limit the need to cover classes with additional adults.

What do we need you to do?

- If your child is showing symptoms of Covid 19, please keep them at home and isolate the whole family until they have had a negative test. Please *do not* send any siblings to school, even if they attend a different school and have no symptoms
- We are mindful that the weather is beginning to change and that the children will be out of doors for a period of time each day. Please can you therefore provide your child with a waterproof jacket with a hood and/or an umbrella
- Thank you for providing your children with a packed lunch each day. Some parents are providing hot food in thermos/food flasks and others are providing sandwiches/samosas etc. Both these options are fine, and the children can also bring a healthy snack to school for breaktime
- As part of our contingency planning, we are checking to make sure that all children are able to access google classroom from home. If you have any difficulty with this, please email the school help@nascotwoodjm.herts.sch.uk and we will do our best to support you in this matter

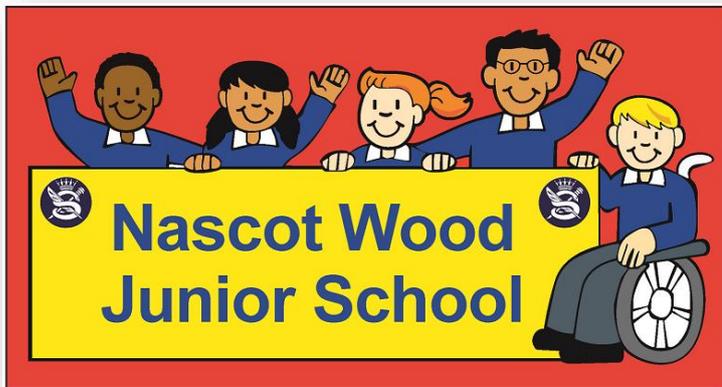
Parking in neighbouring roads:

Some parents have raised concerns about the safety of children who are walking from neighbouring roads, where other parents have chosen to park their cars. They are concerned about the speed vehicles are travelling, inadequate space to park and inconsiderate parking.

We have also noticed that a number of children are being dropped off at the pedestrian crossing on Langley Road. It is important to point out that stopping on the zig zag lines or yellow lines is not permitted and could lead to an accident.

The catchment area for admittance to the school is approximately 180 metres, therefore most parents and children should be able to walk to school. With this in mind, please consider walking to school as often as possible; it is both good for the children and good for the environment.

Achievement Assembly



Each week, I plan to record an Achievement Assembly to announce the Stars of the Week and any other awards/presentations. This week the assembly includes the appointment of our Head Boy, Head Girl and our three prefects.

The children will be shown this recording in their classrooms, and you can also access it on the school's website <https://www.nascotwoodjm.herts.sch.uk/page/?title=Achievement+Assemblies&pid=1202>

I hope you enjoy it,

Christina Singh

Headteacher