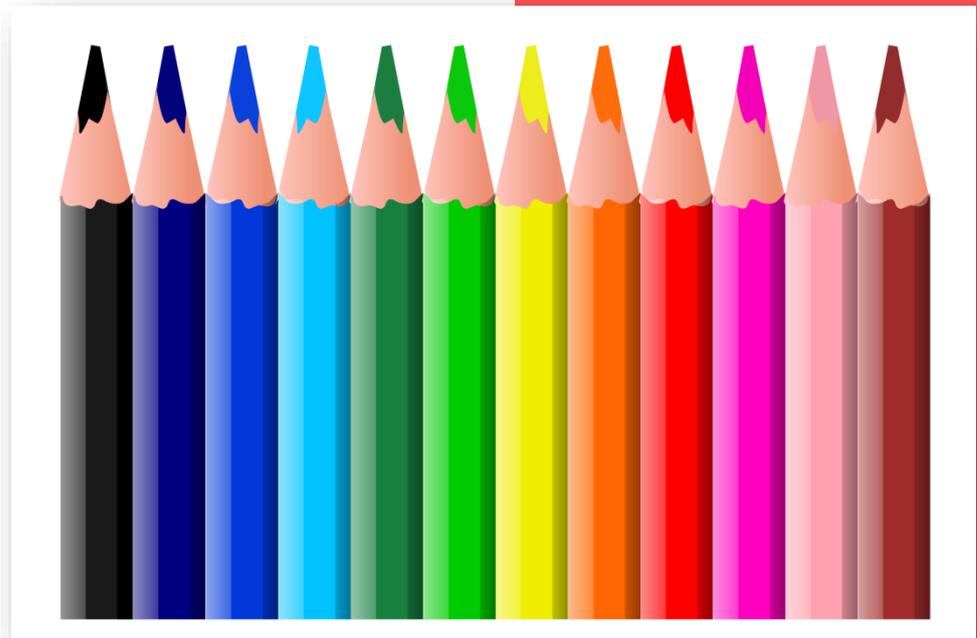


9th October

2020

Covid 19 update for Parents



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

- Update on the return to school; attendance
- The ongoing plan
- What do we need you to do?
- Achievement Assemblies

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Nascot Wood Junior School

Update on the return to school; attendance

The children have completed their fifth week at school, and I continue to be impressed by their eagerness to learn.

One of the biggest changes at school has been the organisation of the playground. Children play within their class groups of thirty, in a designated area of the playground. We have set up an area of no-man's-land in between each class group. The Class Teacher and/or Teaching Assistant covers playground duty, ensuring that the children are with consistent adults to limit additional contacts.

The children appear to be enjoying playing in a smaller group, and playtimes and lunchtimes are calm and enjoyable.

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	
Friday 2 nd October	91.67%	Friday 4 th October	98.15%
Monday 5 th October	96.67%	Monday 7 th October	97.04%
Tuesday 6 th October	96.23%	Tuesday 8 th October	97.78%
Wednesday 7 th October	97.91%	Wednesday 9 th October	97.04%
Thursday 8 th October	98.74%	Thursday 10 th October	98.52%
Friday 9 th October	96.23%	Friday 11 th October	97.78%
Average percentage	96.24%	Average percentage	97.71%

The ongoing plan

Unfortunately, covid 19 cases are rising, so it remains important to maintain 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.

It is only by maintaining our vigilance that we will be able to continue to provide high-quality teaching and learning within a safe and secure school environment.

We would not be able to achieve any of this without your help—I am grateful to you all for your calm and measured approach, and the supportive way in which you provide us with relevant information.

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
- If your child has forgotten to bring an item to school, for example, their pencil case, we ask that it is left at home for the day, rather than you returning to school to bring it. *This does not include packed lunches*
- We have not received any emails to tell us about any difficulties accessing google classroom at home. If you do have any ICT issues, please let us know by emailing us, help@nascotwoodjm.herts.sch.uk and we will do our best to support you in this matter
- Just a reminder that the school office is not open to parents at the moment. Please email any questions to the office, admin@nascotwoodjm.herts.sch.uk or post any letters in the school postbox, which is situated to the right of the main school reception
- For the moment, we are not distributing any birthday sweets in class, to avoid any unnecessary points of contact

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 was taken with Juniper class.

The children will be shown this recording in their classrooms, and you can also access it on the school's facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/nascotwoodjuniorschool/videos/330436484912981>

I hope you enjoy it,

Christina Singh

Headteacher