



# Newsletter April 2021



Dear families and friends of Wensum and Nelson,

I am happy to share with you our school plans for coming out of lockdown. These are all subject to change if the national picture changes.

From after half term (Monday 7th June), we will no longer stagger the start and end times of our days. All Nelson children will come in at 8.50-9.00 and end at 3.00. All Wensum children will arrive at 8.45—8.55 and leave at 3.15. We will continue to use separate year group gates. (We are hopeful to return to one pupil entrance in September) Please note children arriving after 8.55 at Wensum and 9.00 at Nelson will be marked as late.

Parent Teacher meetings are scheduled for the week beginning 24th May. We are hoping to be able to invite you into school to meet with your child's teacher face to face. We will allow space between each meeting so the chairs can be wiped down. The meetings will take place in the well ventilated rooms which can be accessed externally. Please ensure you do not arrive too early or late as there will be very little space for waiting.

From June 21st, we will no longer keep the children in year group pods at break and lunch time. We will invite all children to play where they wish and with whom they wish! This is so important for children to feel part of a 'whole school'.

From 21st June we will also invite the children to eat back in the dinner hall rather than in their classrooms. This will further strengthen the feeling of being part of the whole school community.

We have a date for Sports day (June 25th) and the reserve sports day (July 2nd) which we are planning to hold and invite parents to. There will be various stations you can walk around with your child and you will be invited to share a picnic lunch. This year we will not have parents and teacher races though as we will still observe some social distancing (we will have to save the training until next year, folks!)

Our two open evenings for new families (June 24th new Y3) and (8th July new YR) are set to go ahead face to face. You will be invited to come into school as part of our transition process. The rooms will be well ventilated and we ask that only parents and the child starting with us come to the event (to reduce numbers). Information will be sent separately with this.

Our Y2 and Y6 leavers events will take place on July 21st. Y2 will be at 11am and Y6 will be at 2pm.

Please note that staff will continue to wear masks in public spaces and we will continue with the cleaning routine we have used. Children will continue to use year group toilets.

Our staff will be invited back to use the communal staffroom from June 21st.

If you have any questions or comments on these plans or if you would prefer a telephone parent teacher meeting rather than face to face, please let us know.

*Best wishes,*

*Victoria McConnell*