

31.12.2020 – email to parents and carers

Good Evening Everyone

I am writing to give you all a quick update on our schools regarding reopening in January 2021 following the announcement by Gavin Williamson last night.

At the moment this is what we are expecting to happen next week (most of this information has not changed from what I sent to all parents and carers at the end of last term):

Monday 4th January 2021

- Little Acorns Nursery, Wooler First School & Glendale Middle School will all be closed as planned as this is a training day.

Tuesday 5th January 2021

- Little Acorns Nursery will be open.

- Wooler First School & Glendale Middle School will both be closed to pupils for an additional training day to prepare for staff and pupil mass testing as planned.

Wednesday 6th January 2021

- Little Acorns Nursery open as usual.

- Wooler First School will be open to all pupils from today.

- Glendale Middle School will be open to all pupils in Years 5 & 6 from today. Glendale will also be open to pupils in Year 7 & Year 8 as discussed in our phone calls home to these families earlier today.

NCC school transport have been notified of this and transport to and from school will operate as usual.

All of our existing COVID hygiene systems and procedures will continue to operate as they did last term. This includes all expectations for arriving and departing from school, handwashing, face coverings, bubble/social distancing, respiratory hygiene and families continuing to follow isolation and testing expectations if children or a family member displays coronavirus symptoms.

I will continue to add further information about schools reopening and asymptomatic testing in school to the January 2021 tab on the school websites to keep everyone as up-to-date as possible.

As with my messages last term we can only continue to operate safely and keep our schools open if we work effectively together and have the support and cooperation of all families and children.

NOTE TO PARENTS & CARERS OF CHILDREN IN YEAR 7 & YEAR 8 - thank you to all who have returned test registration forms to me at mrdeanehall@gmail.com, please continue to get these back to me as outlined in my previous message as soon as possible as we need to get the registration process done to be able to commence testing in school. We also need the signed consent forms back with the children as they return to school next week (no signed consent form = can not be included in the testing in schools). Copies of these forms are available on the school website in the January 2021 tab. If you are unable to print these off a paper copy can be collected from school on Monday & Tuesday next week. These will be by the main entrance - please observe social distancing when collecting the forms - thank you.

Keep safe

Mr D-H