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Dear parent/carers,

It is with great pride and gratitude that we can celebrate six full weeks of ensuring face-to-face teaching and learning for our Newchurch Robins! Just one more to do to make it to half term, and we do believe we can do it!

Just a few things to communicate to you today...

Resurfacing road works

You will have received a text message alerting you to the fact that Lansdowne will be subject to a one week closure between the hours of 8:30am and 5:30pm as a result of the road being resurfaced. We have been assured that diversions will be put in place by the contractors but we wanted to ask for your help in ensuring the safety of all our families, as the parking for the drop off and collection of the children may be very dangerous.

Please be advised that the best place to park during this time is on Newchurch Lane or Sainsburys car park and walk to school from there. Please ensure that if you do park on Newchurch Lane, that you are considerate to the residents there in the same way you would if you park on Glebeland. If we could keep to these areas, it would allow those parents who have a disability and need to park closer to the school to access Glebeland when dropping their children off.

If you do park on Newchurch Lane, for this week **only** whilst the resurfacing is being completed, we will allow families to access the school grounds via the steps off Warrington Road. This is purely because we are not yet sure of the safety of pedestrians walking from the corner of Lansdowne/ Warrington Road to the red school gates. Please be aware that I will be positioned by the steps rather than the red gates to coordinate the safety of the children and the flow of year groups. It is important that you **do not** congregate by the top of the steps for obvious safety reasons. This is also applicable at the end of the day, as some parents have informed us that parents are waiting for children at the top of the gates. We would rather you come on site to collect the children in that case. If you are not coming from the steps off Warrington Road, please stay by the gates until you are given the indication to come on site.

Although we are doing absolutely brilliantly with the drop off and collection times, now more than ever, the need to stick to these for your child's year group is vital. In addition, the speedy exiting of the school grounds will allow traffic to be eased. Please could we ask that you pass on this information to any family members who come to collect or drop off your children.



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Parent Board

The Parent Board is Newchurch's commitment to working in partnership with our parents for the benefit of our Newchurch Robins and before the school closure, our Parent Board was meeting regularly to discuss how we could improve aspects of the school such as communication, curriculum, etc. The Parent Board is made up of parent representatives from each year group who volunteer to share the views and opinions of their cohort's parents and commit to meeting at certain points in the school calendar.

We are now in a position to reinstate our Parent Board meetings albeit virtually via Google Meets at the moment. These will commence at 6:15pm and finish at 7pm on the following dates:

- Wednesday 4th November 2020
- Wednesday 13th January 2021
- Wednesday 24th March 2021
- Wednesday 19th May 2021
- Wednesday 7th July 2021

The areas we would like to concentrate on this year are:

- School Uniform
- Remote learning, including homework
- Forest Schools
- Wellbeing
- Any other areas the parents feel we can improve

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Parent Board, please could you contact the school office via email on newchurch_primary@warrington.gov.uk or phoning on 01925 763427.

Parental conferencing

Thank you so much for your patience in our new venture to provide parental conferencing virtually. We have placed a parent questionnaire on your child's Google Classroom account if you wish to provide feedback on your experiences in order for us to tweak anything for next time. You can also use this link:

<https://forms.gle/tNBtYxHd7R6ay6uj8>

The purpose of the parental conferences in the day time was to improve teacher well-being and workload, as they originally conducted parents evening after school which was another full six hours on top of their working day. The staff are very grateful to you for engaging in these changes.

As always, we would like to thank you for your continued and valued support in ensuring we get through these challenging times safely and together.

With kindest regards,

Mrs Jayne Narraway (headteacher)

Head Teacher

