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Dear parent/carer,

It was with great delight that we have been able to welcome some of our Reception robins back into school this week. We are so very proud of their maturity and ability to follow instructions. Thank you to all our reception parents for their punctuality in dropping and collecting the children off thus helping the organisation run smoothly. The most rewarding thing for all the staff was seeing their beaming faces when they walked out of school at the end of the day, eager to return for the next. We are extremely proud of them.

We will be looking to see if any parents of reception wish their children to return to school on 29<sup>th</sup> June when Year 1 children will be phased in. Please could we ask that any parents who have changed their mind, and would now like their reception child to start attending from the 29<sup>th</sup> June, to contact school on 01925 763427 by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June or email [newchurch\\_primary@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:newchurch_primary@warrington.gov.uk) If we do not hear from you, we will presume that you have made the decision to continue to keep your child at home.

We will be uploading the Year One social story onto the school website on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June for parents to look at in order to make an informed choice about their child's return to school. We will contact Year 1 parents on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June in order to finalise the list of children starting back on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

As you know, the safety, mental health and well-being of our children has always been paramount during these challenging few months and will continue to be at the heart of the decisions we make. Over the last few weeks we have had calls and messages from parents who are concerned about their children's mental health and well-being, particularly anxiety around what school is like. As a result of guidance received by schools this week, allowing schools to invite other year groups back in other than the priority groups, we have considered whether we have capacity to do this within our current plans.

After careful consideration, we believe that we are able to offer children in Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 an opportunity to spend some time with their class teacher, and their peers, before the end of the summer term. We will only be able to offer one morning (9:20am – 11:30am) or afternoon session (1:00pm – 3:20pm) as a means to support their understanding of what school looks, and feels like, rather than waiting until September. We believe that this will support the children's mental health and well-being.



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This is what we propose:

Date	Nests	Drop Off Time A	Drop Off Time B	Collection Time A	Collection Time B
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June (am)	Year 5	9:10am	9:20am	11:20am	11:30am
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June (pm)	Year 5	1:00pm	1:10pm	3:10pm	3:20pm
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July (am)	Year 4	9:10am	9:20am	11:20am	11:30am
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July (pm)	Year 4	1:00pm	1:10pm	3:10pm	3:20pm
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July (am)	Year 3	9:10am	9:20am	11:20am	11:30am
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July (pm)	Year 3	1:00pm	1:10pm	3:10pm	3:20pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July (am)	Year 2	9:10am	9:20am		

The delivery of the session will be in the school hall. The key worker nest will be relocated into the Year 3 classroom for a short time enabling us to create nests of 15 children in the hall whilst maintaining social distancing of two metres. As you can see from the table above, drop off and collection times will be staggered to also support social distancing.

This is the only week that we believe this offer can be made as the teachers of these year groups are mainly deployed in the Year 6 team from 6<sup>th</sup> July. We have made plans for Miss Brinksman to be available on the Thursday for Year 3. We would love to be able to offer more but unfortunately we do not have the capacity to do so. There is no pressure to take us up on this offer; we will respect your decision but would be delighted to see all the children. Please be assured that all health and safety protocols will be set in place as with other nests of children.

During the session, the children will have the opportunity to engage in some art work which will become a display in the school hall – a commemoration of how strong, and united, the Newchurch Family has been during these challenging times. If you would like your child to take up the session, please contact school by 24<sup>th</sup> June at the latest. Don't worry, we will send a reminder text out! We will provide you with a social story to share with your child prior to the sessions so you can prepare them.

We are currently working on a little surprise for our Year Six robins and would like to ask the help of our Year Six parents. Mr Singleton will be sending details out via the online learning platform which gives details of how the children can create an avatar of themselves. This will require them to download a free app to either an iPad, tablet or mobile phone. If you could support your child with this, we would be most grateful.

At this moment in time we are still awaiting information as to what September will look like and the expectations of us over the summer holidays. Once we have any information, we will endeavour to communicate our plans to you in a timely manner. Usually, it has been announced on the television before we receive the guidance so many of you will know before us!

As always, thank you to all of you for the unwavering dedication to your child's learning. We appreciate how difficult it may have been at times and how tired you may feel as the school year comes to an end.



However, there is one thing that has united us - our love of the children – and that’s what makes us Newchurch!

With kindest regards,



Mrs Jayne Narraway

Head Teacher



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