



GOODBYE CLASS OF 2020

RETURN TO SCHOOL PLANS

WELLBEING AWARD

Hello and welcome...

... to our termly e-newsletter! Don't forget to visit our [website](#) or click any of the many links which will take you directly to the blogs and photos on the website for each event and article.

This term has been very strange because of the Coronavirus pandemic. We have only had a very small number of children attending school and we are really sorry that this has gone on so long - we realise what a strain this has been for everyone and we are hoping for a return to more normal times very soon.

We have been trying to support families remotely and many of you have been checking the website for the regularly updated activities you can do for [learning at home](#). We've enjoyed seeing what some families have been doing via photos sent in, which are shared on [the blog](#).

We have also developed our own [YouTube channel](#) during this term and this has been very popular with many of you - do have a look if you haven't already!

In spite of lockdown, we managed to have 2 virtual visits from assessors and achieved re-accreditation of

Flagship status for Inclusion, and a new one - The Wellbeing Award for Schools - WAS - more on this inside.

We continue to be so proud of our children, families and staff - everyone has coped so well in these challenging times and we can't wait until we have everyone in school and working hard - we've got plans to help make up for the lost time!

Thanks as always for all of your help, commitment and support for school.

We very much look forward to hopefully seeing you after the summer.

HM Government



R = Rate of infection

CORONAVIRUS
STAY ALERT
TO KEEP R DOWN

For ways to keep the R down
go to [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

NHS

STAY ALERT
CONTROL
THE VIRUS
SAVE LIVES

Message from the Headteacher

Well, as we approach the end of the school year, and my first year as Head of Newfield, I find myself staggered by not only recent events, but by the way that the Newfield Family supports each other and has worked to get through the challenging times, keeping everyone safe and still striving to maintain the outstanding provision that everyone expects of us.

I have enjoyed seeing what families are doing to support children at home - the motivation behind my work is the children, always first and foremost, so it is a pleasure to see some of them doing activities, happy and safe at home - although of course I would much rather see them in school.

I hope you have made use of the resources on the website if you have been in a position to continue some learning at home. We have all learnt new skills during lockdown, and are delighted with how successful the videos on the Youtube Channel have been - many of you

have reported to us that the children enjoy seeing and hearing familiar staff - it's all a reminder that we are still here and we will get back to normal - hopefully before too long!

In this edition we are outlining how we hope to get everyone back to school and making progress. We will keep in touch over the summer to inform parents about a September return - we must all stay alert and obviously our full re-opening relies on COVID-19 being under control, so we cannot give specific confirmed details until nearer the time.

I have had a first year at Newfield that was unimaginable, but I am immensely proud to lead the Newfield Family.

I look forward to when things get back to normal and we can all be together. In the meantime, I wish you all an enjoyable summer and thank you all for your support.

Rik

AWARDS & ACCREDITATION

As a school, Newfield is always striving for excellence and this term, even though we were in lockdown, we continued our work and we were able to have 2 'virtual' visits from assessors.

In May, we welcomed assessor Steve Gill into a series of virtual meetings and were successfully re-accredited as a [Flagship School for Inclusion](#). The school was first accredited with the Inclusion Quality Mark in 2006 and has held it ever since. The Inclusion Quality Mark is an award that is given to schools who can demonstrate that they provide equal opportunities for all their pupils regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, background and attainment. It is about each individual being a valued member of the community and providing every child with a real sense of belonging.



Wellbeing Award
for Schools

2020-2023

In June, we were delighted to achieve the [Wellbeing Award for Schools](#) (WAS) for the very first time. The WAS has been developed in partnership with the National Children's Bureau (NCB) and focuses on ensuring that mental health and wellbeing sit at the heart of school life and helps schools to promote emotional wellbeing and mental health across school. As you will all hopefully know (from the many things we talk about in the blog and newsletters), Newfield has long been committed to supporting wellbeing and so we are very proud of this recent achievement - recognising our work on wellbeing. Assessor Helen Mills held virtual meetings with parents, staff, governors and a pupil. She went on a virtual tour of school where we highlighted the many facilities that we have that help us to support wellbeing and mental health. She noted in her report that "The nurturing ethos of the school and effective partnerships across the whole school community has ensured that children, families and staff feel safe, supported, secure and happy. The whole school team at Newfield School work passionately to make a positive difference to the lives of all the young people, parents and staff".

We are looking forward to welcoming all of you into school as soon as possible to celebrate both the end of lockdown and these fantastic achievements.

TRANSITION ASSESS SUPPORT CURRICULUM

The majority of our children have not been able to attend school since March and we are keen to ensure that once they return we provide each of them with the very best opportunities to learn.

Our plan is to get all of our children back into school and accelerate their progress in order to make up for lost time due to COVID-19.

The way we will do this is outlined below, in our

TASC - Transition Assess Support Curriculum

Transition - back into school, return to familiar routines, supporting children to make sense of their environment and the world around them, resulting in improved behaviours, self-confidence & independence skills and readiness to learn. We have organised pupils into classes where they know most of the pupils and staff in the group, which is important so that they can re-connect with familiar people.

Assess - where the child is now functioning in all areas as a new baseline. Some children may have temporarily lost skills or taken a step back after such a long time out of school. Once teachers assess and understand where a child is in their learning - they can plan activities for the child to make progress and set new targets where appropriate.

Support - for the progress in whichever areas are most important for the child and family. These areas for development will vary and are individual to each child, but are likely to include:

- Communication
- Physical skills
- Positive behaviour
- Social skills
- Independence
- Access to learning
- Sensory regulation

TASC Force - We will ensure that the school counsellor and subject specialists have additional capacity to work with class teachers and offer intensive support in the various areas - our Newfield TASC Force!

Your child's class teacher will contact you personally about individual needs as your child returns, so please do not hesitate to let us know what will help or ask what you need to know.

We are all really excited to plan for having the Newfield Family back together and will work with you to ensure a safe, happy, productive return to school.



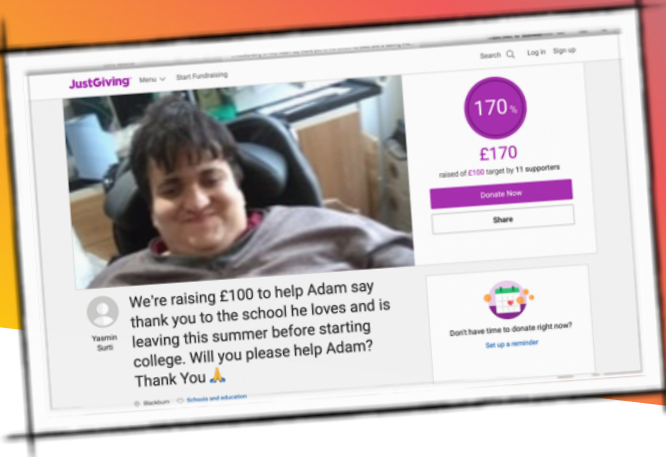
29 June - 19 July 2020

We joined in this week - in place of our usual [Art Exhibition](#) - asking families to send in photos of artwork done at home. We had some lovely entries and really enjoyed sharing the work in our [online gallery](#)! Well done to everyone who sent in pictures - and congratulations to one lucky artist, Terence, who won a prize for his World - before and after COVID - 'Then and Now'!



FABULOUS FUNDRAISING

During lockdown due to COVID-19, Adam, one of our leavers, decided to do something useful with his time at home and set up a page to raise money for school! He did a great job and raised £250 - you can read more about it and see his video explaining why he did this on the blog - [Well done & Thanks Adam!](#)



GOODBYE TO OUR LEAVERS

One of the best things about the Summer term is that we usually have our Celebration of Achievement assemblies and the highlight is always the Prom, where we have a wonderful evening and say goodbye to our leavers in style.

Obviously, we have not been able to do these things - but we have shared with our fantastic Class of 2020 their Yearbooks and Hoodies.

We fully intend to have a special evening as soon as we can - a joint CoA and Prom to welcome back our young people and their families for a final time and say a proper goodbye - Newfield style!

We wish them all lots of love and good luck as they move forward to exciting new things - we will miss you!



Summer Holiday

School closes:

Friday 17th July 2020

School re-opens to staff:

Tuesday 2nd September 2020

School re-opens to pupils:

Thursday 3rd September 2020

Further confirmation for September will be shared via website and Parent Mail, pending COVID-19 situation

Autumn Half Term Holiday

School closes:

Friday 23rd October 2020

School re-opens:

Monday 2nd November 2020

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