Newton Burgoland Primary School

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Together We Can Achieve Excellence

Dear Parents/Guardians, Start of Autumn Term

Information for new parents and reminders for all parents

STRIDE: Our Shared Commitment to Success

At Newton Burgoland, we challenge ourselves every year to be even better, and this year is no exception. Our continued focus is on our STRIDE values, which help every child thrive both academically and personally.

We ask all learners to:

- Show **Scholarship** by always striving to produce their very best work.
- Work as a **Team**, supporting and encouraging others.
- Be **Resilient** when learning becomes challenging and persevere through difficulties.
- Demonstrate **Independence** and responsibility by making good choices and doing the right thing.
- Value **Diversity** and difference, treating everyone with kindness, care and respect.
- Develop **Enquiry** skills by being curious, creative and eager to learn.

Each Friday, we celebrate children who have demonstrated these learning habits through our STRIDE certificates, recognising the progress and effort they have shown throughout the week.

Working Together

At Newton Burgoland, we believe that every child can succeed. We create a positive, collaborative and supportive environment where staff, pupils and parents work together to help every child reach their full potential.

Our Staff

We expect our staff to:

- Believe wholeheartedly in every child's ability to succeed at school and beyond.
- Deliver engaging, high-quality learning experiences that inspire and motivate pupils.
- Come to school well prepared and set appropriate learning opportunities, including homework.
- Continually develop their skills and expertise as educational professionals.
- Know their pupils as individuals, and ensure their needs are understood and supported.
- Carefully monitor progress so that every child can achieve their best.
- Work with families to support pupils' learning and well-being.

Our Pupils

We expect our pupils to:

- Believe in themselves and their ability to succeed.
- Arrive at school on time each day, ready to learn and wearing the correct uniform.

- Always work, think and behave to the very best of their ability.
- Complete homework to the best of their ability and seek help when needed.
- Speak to a trusted adult if they have any worries or concerns.
- Follow our school rules and behaviour expectations.
- Demonstrate our STRIDE values every day.

Our Parents

We firmly believe that children achieve their greatest success when there is a strong partnership between home and school. We know that every parent wants the very best for their child, and we are committed to maintaining open and positive communication.

Children flourish when school and home share the same high expectations. When they see that learning, attendance, behaviour and school values are important both at home and at school, they are more likely to feel confident, engaged and successful.

We ask parents to:

- Believe in their child's ability to achieve and succeed.
- Praise effort, perseverance and progress as well as achievement.
- Ensure their child arrives at school on time each day, ready to learn and wearing the correct uniform.
- Encourage excellent attendance and avoid taking holidays during term time wherever possible.
- Support healthy lifestyles through nutritious meals, good routines and sufficient sleep.
- Attend parents' evenings, curriculum events and school celebrations whenever possible.
- Read regularly with their child and encourage a love of learning.
- Support homework and help children develop positive learning habits.
- Encourage the practice of key skills such as reading, times tables and mental maths.
- Support school trips and enrichment opportunities, contributing financially where circumstances allow.
- Support the work of our Parents and Friends Association (PFA), helping to strengthen our school community for all children.

Together, by sharing high expectations and working in partnership, we can ensure that every child at Newton Burgoland is happy, successful and able to unlock their full potential.

Internet Safety

It is never too early to establish clear boundaries around technology and online activity. In fact, it is much easier to set sensible expectations from the start than to introduce them later when habits are already established.

Each year, schools and families face challenges related to online safety, including children communicating with strangers, accessing inappropriate content, or sending and receiving unsuitable messages. These situations are rarely intentional, but they highlight the importance of adult guidance and supervision.

We encourage parents to consider the following:

- Follow age ratings and recommended age guidelines for apps, games, films and social media platforms. If something is not appropriate for your child as a teenager, it is unlikely to be appropriate at a much younger age.
- Keep internet-enabled devices in family areas wherever possible. Establishing this expectation from an early age helps children develop healthy online habits and allows adults to monitor usage more effectively.

- Take an active interest in your child's online activity. Talk regularly about online friendships, digital behaviour and what to do if something makes them feel uncomfortable.
- Set clear expectations about screen time, online conduct and responsible device use.

The choices we make while children are young often help shape the habits and behaviours they develop as they grow older. Clear boundaries, coupled with open communication, provide the best foundation for keeping children safe online.

Children also learn a great deal by observing the adults around them. When they see parents and school working together, respecting expectations and supporting agreed routines, they gain a valuable understanding that rules exist to keep people safe, help communities function well and support success in later life.

Attendance

Good attendance is one of the most significant factors in a child's success at school. Every lesson matters, and regular attendance helps children build confidence, maintain friendships and make strong academic progress.

We have a legal duty to monitor attendance and act where concerns arise. Attendance is reviewed termly, and parents will be informed if their child's attendance falls below 95%. Further information about attendance procedures is available on the school website.

Holidays in term time will not be authorised.

Over many years, we have seen a strong link between excellent attendance and strong outcomes at the end of primary school. Children who attend regularly have the greatest opportunity to achieve their full potential.

School Meals

All pupils in Classes 1 and 2 are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals.

We actively encourage all children to try our healthy hot meal options each day. A hot dinner sets them up to learn in the afternoon.

Please note that Universal Infant Free School Meals and Free School Meals (FSM) are different schemes. Families in all year groups who may qualify for Free School Meals are encouraged to check their eligibility, as this can provide additional funding and support for the school. Further information can be found on our website.

Healthy Lunchboxes

A healthy diet plays a vital role in children's wellbeing, concentration and learning. Good eating habits developed during childhood can support lifelong health and help reduce the risk of future health issues.

As a Healthy School, we encourage families to provide nutritious packed lunches that support children's learning and development throughout the day.

A healthy lunchbox might include:

- A sandwich, wrap, pasta or another savoury item
- Fruit and vegetables
- Yoghurt or other healthy snack options
- Water to drink

To help promote healthy eating habits and maintain consistency across the school, we ask that sweets and chocolate bars are not included in lunchboxes. Please make sure that your child has sufficient food.

By working together, we can help children develop positive attitudes towards food and make healthy choices that support both their physical health and their learning.

Snacks

The government provides fruit for pupils in Classes 1 and 2; however, this provision is not available for pupils in Classes 3 and 4. By break time, the children have been working hard all morning and are often hungry by 10:30am. Having a healthy snack helps them to maintain their energy levels, stay focused and concentrate fully on their learning.
Snack options:

- Fruit or vegetables
- Unsweetened rice cakes
- Unsweetened oat bar
- Crackers and cheese

Water in School

All children should bring a clearly named water bottle to school each day containing plain water. Regular access to water helps children stay hydrated, focused and ready to learn. We also encourage families to avoid single-use plastic bottles where possible and use refillable alternatives.

Health guidance consistently identifies water and milk as the best drinks for children. Sugary drinks should be limited, as they can have a negative impact on both dental health and overall wellbeing. A water bottle is one of the most important items your child brings to school each day, helping them stay refreshed and ready to learn.

Before and After School Care, Clubs and Wraparound Provision

Early Bird Club

Breakfast club operates every school day during term time from 7:45am until registration. Breakfast is served from 7:45am until 8.10 and meets government guidelines: fruit, toast and cereal is available.

After-School Clubs

We are proud to offer a wide range of after-school activities and enrichment opportunities. These clubs help develop children's interests, talents and confidence beyond the classroom. More information will follow. These will start week beginning September 14th and run for 10 weeks. Many of our clubs are only possible because of the generosity of staff volunteers and external providers who give their time and expertise. We encourage families to support these opportunities wherever possible so that we can continue to provide a broad and exciting range of experiences for our pupils.

Wrap around care

Wrap around care operates until 5.20 Monday to Thursday.

Curriculum

We follow the National Curriculum programmes of study for all subjects. Further information about what your child will be learning this year can be found on the curriculum and class pages of our website. Please note that we are in the process of moving to a new website so do contact the office if you cannot find anything.

At the beginning of each academic year, we spend time with every class establishing routines, expectations and learning behaviours. Investing time in this at the start of the year helps create a calm, positive and purposeful environment where children can focus on learning and thrive throughout the year.

For parents who are new to Newton Burgoland, or whose children are moving between key stages, you may notice that each class has its own unique character and teaching style. This is intentional. Our teachers bring different strengths, expertise and approaches to the classroom, ensuring that learning remains engaging, challenging and enjoyable.

Together, our staff form an exceptional team who are committed to helping every child succeed, and we look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year.

Communication with School and General Information

Rules and Expectations

To ensure the wellbeing, safety, education, and happiness of all pupils and staff, we ask all members of our school community to support the following expectations:

- Please treat everyone in our school community with respect. We are committed to maintaining a positive and supportive environment for all. Violence, threatening behaviour or abusive language towards staff, parents or pupils will not be tolerated and may result in action being taken under Section 547 of the Education Act 1996.
- Please arrive on time at the start and end of the school day. Punctuality helps children settle quickly and maximises learning time. If your child is persistently late, you may receive a reminder message and be invited to discuss any difficulties with the Headteacher.
- Please ensure your child is fit for school and ready to learn after a good night's sleep and arrives with everything they need for the day, including reading books, PE kit, musical instruments, coats, sun hats, water bottles and fruit for KS2 pupils.
- Please provide packed lunches that support healthy learning. We encourage nutritious choices and ask that fizzy drinks, excessive sugary snacks and large amounts of sweets are avoided. To protect a member of staff with a severe allergy, all packed lunches must be nut and peanut free.
- Please help us reduce waste. As some lunch items cannot be recycled unless cleaned, we ask children to take home packaging such as yoghurt pots and wrappers.
- Please purchase and use the school book bag and PE bag. Larger bags and rucksacks can create congestion and safety hazards in corridors and cloakrooms.
- Please ensure all uniform, book bags and PE bags are clearly named. Named items can be returned promptly. Unnamed lost property cannot always be identified and is disposed of regularly.
- Please inform the school if someone different is collecting your child. This can be done by phone, email or in writing to help us keep all children safe.
- Please complete a medical consent form if your child requires medication during the school day. We are able to administer medication only when the appropriate documentation has been completed and signed.
- Please keep your child at home for 48 hours after any episode of vomiting or diarrhoea. This helps prevent the spread of illness within school. Further guidance can be found in the Health and Safety section of our website.
- Please let us know if you need support with your child's learning. We are always happy to help parents understand current teaching methods, particularly in subjects such as mathematics.

- Please listen to your child read regularly. Just a few minutes each day can make a significant difference to confidence, fluency and achievement. We ask that all children read at home three times a week.
- Please support our extra-curricular clubs and activities. Many of these opportunities can only continue if sufficient numbers of pupils participate.
- Please keep us informed of any significant changes to family circumstances. Sharing important information helps us provide appropriate support for your child.
- Please speak to us if you have any concerns about school. We value open communication and would always encourage parents to discuss concerns directly with us. Children may not always have the full picture, and a conversation can often clarify matters quickly and prevent misunderstandings.
- Please park considerately and safely. Avoid parking on zigzag markings and, where possible, walk to school to help reduce congestion around the school gates.
- Please support our smoke-free school policy. Smoking and vaping are not permitted on the school site or at school events.
- Please keep dogs off the school site. This helps ensure the safety and comfort of all members of our school community.

School Uniform

We take great pride in our school uniform, which helps create a strong sense of belonging and community. Full details of our uniform requirements and approved suppliers can be found on the school website.

Please ensure that all uniform and personal belongings are clearly named. This helps us return lost items quickly and reduces the amount of unclaimed property.

PE Kit

Our PE kit consists of:

- School hoodie
- Jogging bottoms
- Shorts
- T-shirt

All items should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

PE uniform can be purchased online through Liss Sport, with individual items available if required.

Outdoor Learning and PE

Children will take part in outdoor activities throughout the year unless weather conditions are exceptionally poor. We make regular use of the Wraggs Yard field and outdoor learning spaces, which can often be muddy, particularly during the autumn and winter months.
Please ensure your child has:

- A pair of outdoor shoes in a shoe bag for changing into when necessary
- Appropriate clothing for the weather conditions
- Being properly equipped helps children make the most of every opportunity to learn, play and be active outdoors.

Forest School Kit

Forest School is an important part of our curriculum, providing children with valuable opportunities to learn outdoors, develop resilience and build confidence.
For each session, pupils should bring:

- Wellies or sturdy outdoor boots

- A suitable coat for the weather conditions
- Long trousers (shorts are not suitable)
- Long-sleeved top
- Sun hat and sun cream during warmer weather

Children should arrive prepared for the outdoors in all seasons so they can participate safely and comfortably. Forest school will only be cancelled if it is not safe for the children to be in the woods.

Lost Property

A polite reminder that named items are returned to classrooms whenever possible. Unfortunately, unnamed items cannot always be identified.

Unclaimed lost property, including water bottles and lunch boxes, is regularly disposed of to prevent accumulation.

Thank you for supporting us by ensuring all belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Newsletters, Diary Dates

Newsletters are sent out termly by email and contain up to date information about school. A weekly update will be sent to ensure you have the latest information. Diary Dates are sent out weekly.

The School Year – Please check the Diary Dates for up to date information
Other events and trips will be added

Term	Dates	Event
Autumn	Start of new term	School Council Elections Website photographs
	September October November December	Open morning: visit your child's class and see their work; followed by Parents Evening Harvest Celebration: parents welcome. Remembrance Assembly Termly assessments KS1 Christmas production, parents welcome, 2 evening tickets per family only. Christmas Photographs Year 5/6 residential
Spring	January February March April	Parents Evening Termly assessments
Summer	May June July	SATs Maypole event class 2 and 3 Sports Day Reception Induction Day Year 6 Transfer Induction Days. Y6 leaver's event/ trip. Leavers assembly: Y6 parents welcome School Photographs Open Morning/afternoon. Reports

Class Assemblies will take place over the year – parents are invited, see diary dates for information
In addition, the governors conduct a parent's questionnaire and the PFA hold various events throughout the year

Activity/Trip Letters

Letters are sent home by email for activities and trips, they are also available on our website. They contain information regarding the dates/times and any special requirements for the event i.e. special clothing, packed lunch etc. Activities and trips that require a voluntary contribution are paid through ARBOR. Keep a copy of the main body of the letter; this contains important information for you. Please note that trips and visits are only possible because of your financial support; see working in partnership.

PFA Update

Final reminder that our PFA Facebook page is moving!

Our current Facebook account will be archiving on Monday, so please come and follow us here instead: https://www.facebook.com/share/194wLxLn4h/?mibextid=wwXIfr

Our new page is Friends of Newton Burgoland Primary School.

Follow us for updates from the PFA about school events and our fundraising.

Medical Information

It is important that we have up to date medical information. If your child needs to take antibiotics or other medicines we voluntarily choose to administer it for you, but you must complete a form. The form is available on our website & from the office. Although we do our best to remember we sometimes forget so please ensure your child is aware of taking their medication. Pupils from years 3 to 6 are expected to remember that they need medication and go to the office at the correct time.

Child Protection - Bi annual notice of procedure

I am aware that this is a sensitive issue and that some of you will find this intrusive however I will not apologise for putting the needs of your children first. Children who are worried, unhappy, hungry, tired or cold do not learn well.

We take child protection very seriously. All members of staff undergo enhanced DBS checks as do volunteers and partner organisations. Following the deaths of Victoria Climbié and Baby Peter all schools have a responsibility for keeping records of any concerns about pupils, in case a small incident is part of a bigger picture of neglect or abuse All children sometimes attend school having forgotten their coat or PE kit but when this is happening on a regular basis it does become a cause for concern as would: frequent lack of breakfast, lack of sleep or poor hygiene. Please be aware that I would need to follow up any concerns with you or with an appropriate agency and that this would be done in the best interests of your children.

Behaviour

The behaviour of our pupils is generally outstanding.

We will deal with any incidents that happen in school. You will be informed if an incident is serious; you will not necessarily be informed about minor incidents. We can only deal with the information we have and take action accordingly. Please do let us know if you have any concerns.

Worries/complaints

If you have a concern about your child's education please contact your child's teacher.

If, after speaking to your child's teacher, you feel that you need to take your concerns further please contact the office and an appointment will be made for you to see the Headteacher, with the class teacher. You may be asked to outline, in confidence, any issues you have, to enable the head to resolve your concerns quickly and efficiently.

In the event of a concern or worry still being unresolved or if you feel that your concerns have not been properly dealt with please see our complaints policy on the website and available by request from the office.

Help in school and on trips

We really appreciate and at time rely on the help of parent/ grandparent volunteers for trips, activities in school, in particular listening to children read, supporting comprehension, and PFA events. If you would like to help in school please talk to your child's class teacher or to the office.

Prevent/British Values

Please see our website -
http://www.newburland.leics.sch.uk/page/?title=Our+Values+and+Aims&pid=129

I hope that this letter provides clarity about our school year and some information about how we work together to support your children's learning. I am looking forward to another exciting year at Newton Burgoland.

A Final Reminder

Children are most successful when they receive a consistent message from the important adults around them. By working together, promoting positive attitudes and reinforcing our shared expectations, we can help every child develop the confidence, character and skills they need to flourish both now and in the future.

Mrs. Sue Ward
Headteacher