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Friday 24th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid-19 Update

As you will be aware, we have unfortunately seen an increase in the number of positive Covid-19 cases in our school community. Whilst we appreciate that this may be unsettling for parents and carers; in order to maintain confidentiality, please note we are unable to share specifics in regards the cohort or specific class of any positive cases. Please be reassured that we have a robust Risk Assessment and wider Waterton Academy Trust Outbreak Management Plan in place and these can be found on our school website:

<https://normantoncommonacademy.org/>

In light of the recent increase in positive Covid-19 cases, we have regrettably taken the decision to **postpone** the following events / activities:

- School Book Fair (w/c 27th September 2021)
- After School Clubs (w/c 27th September 2021)
- Whole School Assemblies

We will look to reschedule the school book fair at a later date and are hopeful to recommence after school clubs next half term and assemblies as soon as possible (risk assessment permitting).

School Photos

Tempest Photography attended school on Tuesday 21st September 2021 to take individual pupil photographs. Proofs have now been sent out to parents and carers. Please could we ask that you return any orders to school by the date specified on the note from Mrs Fellows which accompanied your image proofs.

Microsoft Teams

We have sent out a letter with information on how to access Microsoft Teams along with your child's password. On Microsoft Teams you will find weekly homework being set. You will also find a presentation on 'Sway' with information about your child's topic. Microsoft Teams is also how we provide home learning in case of isolation or closure.

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Pupil Asset

A reminder, we have now moved away from using Parentmail as our system of communication to parents and carers. Each school within Waterton Academy Trust will be using a communication system called Pupil Asset.

A text message was sent this week to all contacts whom hold parental responsibility for pupils (Nursery>Year 6); notifying those who had not yet registered for Pupil Asset of a password reset instigated by the school office. We acknowledge and appreciate that for some families, the functionality of Pupil Asset is at present far from ideal. Please be assured we are working with the support of Waterton Academy Trust to review, troubleshoot and remedy where possible key issues identified. Our office team will continue to work to onboard each family within our school community to the new system. We once again apologise for any inconvenience caused during initial set up and thank you all for your patience. Please contact the school office in the first instance should you require any support with Pupil Asset

Parking

Please could we remind parents and carers to be mindful and considerate to our neighbours, pupils and each other when parking both in the school car park and surrounding areas. We appreciate that the capacity to park vehicles at key times of the school day is extremely limited. We would ask for you to maintain a 'safety first' culture in order to mitigate risk to our school community.

Morrisons 'It's Good To Grow'

We are in the process of registering Normanton Common Primary Academy with the Morrisons 'It's Good to Grow' initiative. From September, for every £10 spent in store or online at Morrisons, you'll get one Grow Token that we can then redeem for a wide range of gardening and growing equipment. Further information can be found on the following link: <https://www.itsgoodtogrow.co.uk/>

Upcoming Events

School Trip – Year 3/4

As part of this terms topic work, Tomlinson, Brownlee and Adams class will be visiting Bagshaw Museum, Batley on the dates shown below. Letters for Brownlee and Tomlinson classes will be sent out to parents shortly. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £16.00 towards this visit. We require returned permission slips in order for children to be able to participate in the visit.

Monday 27th September - Adams Class (led by Miss Bonner)
Friday 15th October – Brownlee Class
Friday 22nd October – Tomlinson Class

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Year 6 – Applications for High School Place

A reminder that for our current Year 6 pupils who will be starting high school in September 2022, the **Closing Date** for applications for Year 7 places is **31 October 2021**.

Nasal Flu Immunisations

Thank you to those parents and carers who returned consent forms this week. Our nasal flu immunisations will be administered to pupils on **Tuesday 7th December 2021**.

Our Attendance Target 96.5%

Congratulations to Sharman and Adams classes for achieving the highest attendance figures this week.

Reception & Key Stage 1			Key Stage 2		
	Attendance	Lates		Attendance	Lates
Reception Robins	96.26%		Tomlinson Class (Y3)	90.48%	2
Hepworth Class (Y1)	92.81%	2	Brownlee Class (Y3/4)	93.47%	
Waterton Class (Y1/2)	97.93%	2	Adams Class (Y4)	96.21%	3
Sharman Class (Y2)	98%	2	Bronte Class (Y5)	90.38%	1
			Cook Class (Y5/6)	95.39%	2
			Hockney Class (Y6)	90.78%	2

School attendance for the week is **94.35%**, which is above our attendance target. 248 children also achieved 100% attendance this week.

Please report any absences by leaving a message on 01924 890 576 (option 1) before 9am or alternatively email NCPAattendance@watertonacademytrust.org

Yours sincerely,

A Riby - Head of School

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