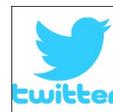


# The Little Way

Monday 14th September 2020  
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'Shine in Little Ways'

## Welcome back

It is without a doubt, been fantastic to have all the children back in school last week.

To hear the yard full of play, laughter and children enjoying themselves was a great sound to hear.

We hope all the children (and parents) were pleased to be back and they all seemed to settle well back into their new classes.

Thanks once again to you all, for your patience and understanding during the situation we have all found ourselves to be in.

## Important updates

Please can we remind all parents/carers that we would like children to come into school with as little as possible in terms of items from home. So can we ask that children do not bring in school bags at present.

- Children can bring in a packed lunch and named water bottle.
- Parents/carers, please wear a mask where/when you can on the school site. This will help at drop-off/pick-up times to minimise risk.
- Please adhere to your child's drop-off and collection time to ensure social distances can be followed.
- Follow the arrows on the ramp and wait on the yard for your child to be released into your care.
- Do not stay around school after drop-off/collection times please.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding at this time.

## Teddy –our school dog

Last week, saw the introduction of a new member of our school family –Teddy.

Teddy is an eighteen week old cockapoo puppy. It is hoped that he will be able to work with all children in the future on various aspects of the curriculum, as well as being a reward for good behaviour. The children will be able to help groom him, take him for walks, feed and help train him.

Obviously, in current circumstances, Teddy cannot move freely between classes as we would like. He will introduce himself to the Year 5/6 bubble this week, then Year 3/4 the week after that, Year 1/2 the week after that and finally Reception class once they have settled into school.

Teddy will only be in classrooms for a short time to begin with, to ensure his and the children's safety, as we all get used to having him around.

If you have not filled out the electronic form that was sent at the end of last week, giving your permission for your child to come into contact with Teddy, could you please do this as soon as possible –thank you.

## School absence

Please can you ring/email in to school before 9.30am if your child is going to be absent that day. This is even more important than it ever has been, in order for us to track illness and attendance.

## Coronavirus symptoms

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- Recent onset of a new continuous cough and/or high temperature and/or a loss of, change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If your child, or anyone in your household, develops these symptoms, your whole household must remain at home and not go to work, school or public areas.

You should arrange testing for the person who has developed symptoms. When the result is known further advice will be available.

Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or via the NHS website: [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

## Home-school provision

If you find that your child is off for any reason, including displaying COVID symptoms, we would like children to continue their learning at home.

Oak National Academy is a collection of high-quality lessons and online resources. Funded by the Government, it has been created in response to the coronavirus lockdown.

Their online classroom offers free access to great teachers, delivering video lessons, quizzes and worksheets. Available for both primary and secondary levels, it covers a range of subjects. All of the lessons are ordered so your child can learn along a clear plan.

Please follow the link below and contact your child's class teacher through the school office to be directed to the correct lessons in line with what children in school will be learning.

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-year>

## SEND resources for home learning

Miss Joynes (SENDCo) has created an area on our school website that has various resources and links that parents of children with special education needs and disabilities might find useful:

<https://www.stteresasnewcastle.org.uk/about-us/send/supportive-send-resources-for-home/>

## School communications

As always, we will try to communicate with parents across a number of medias.

Teachers will often post in-class learning on our locked Twitter page **@StTeresasCP**. Please request to follow us and notify the school office of your user name, so we can accept it.

We have a Facebook page (**@StTeresasCPHeaton**), that we update with key information and during lockdown even hosted story time live! Please like/follow the page for updates and possibly even the return of story time live once a week!

Our school website is also updated weekly with class blogs, newsletters and contains various important information including risk assessments and policies (link at the top of the newsletter).