



# NORWICH ROAD ACADEMY

*'Building our love of learning together'*

January 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

The start of our school term certainly didn't start as we had planned! We have all had to adapt very quickly to a different way of working again. You have all done admirably. Our young people have been well supported by their families. The pictures that have been sent in from home are fabulous and lovely for us all to see in the academy.



I am so proud of academy community. We have parents juggling things and working hard in critical roles; parents managing home learning on top of their own challenges; children at school, missing friends along with their usual routines and staff here adapting quickly and endeavouring to keep things running for everyone. The teachers here are doing a brilliant job and are working relentlessly to support all of the children in their classes. Your supportive comments mean so much during this time.

**Motivate** Our current half termly value is 'Motivate' so this is the theme of our weekly assemblies. Teachers nominate pupils, who demonstrate our Academy Values, each week. I am sharing these assemblies on ClassDojo so you can all join in from home too!

Our mental health and wellbeing is something that we all need to look after. Across the academy we are joining in with Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. Teachers will be sharing activities next week to support this.



If you have positive feedback for us, we would be grateful if you could complete Parent View, it resets every academic year:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

If there is something that we can improve or that you think we need to know, please get in touch with us. We are always happy to help.



We are here and operational for you and your child. Whether you need advice, support or signposting to another agency, we are here.

My best wishes to you and your family.

**Mrs. Julia Miles**  
Principal

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### Dates for Your Diary

- Mon 1st Feb—Mental Health Week
- Tues 9th Feb— Safer Internet Day
- Fri 12th Feb— Break up for half term
- Mon 22nd Feb—Back to learning
- Thurs 4th March—World Book Day
- Mon 8th March—Potential full school return
- Fri 26th March—Break up for Easter
- Mon 12th April—Academy Training Day
- Tues 13th April—Children back.
- Fri 28th May—Break up for half term
- Mon 7th June—Back to school
- Wed 21st July—End of term
- Summer holidays
- Mon 6th Sept—Back to school

We want to keep our academy safe. When you visit, please:

- Wear a mask
- Keep your distance
- Only one adult should drop off,
- Use the one way systems

Wearing a mask shows...



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### Safeguarding Children

We all have a responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. If you have a safeguarding concern, you can speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leaders. These are: Mrs Miles,

Mrs Brain, Mrs King, Mrs Kato, Mrs Stanton and Mrs Marshall.



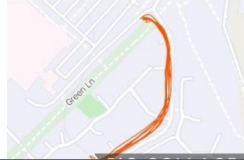
Well done to all of our home learners! Keep up the good work!

## Academy Achievements



### Lunch Run

Distance 1.90 km Pace 5:36 /km Time 10m 40s



*Keep active! Keep healthy!*

*We promote physical activity to support health and wellbeing. It's great to see our learners, at school and at home, taking part and keeping themselves fit and healthy. Here we have children running our Daily Mile in the academy, Gabija running up Castle Hill and Ryan in Year 6 tracking his lunchtime run! Well done 'Superlearners'! What will your fitness goal be next week?*

## Academy improvement

Despite the obvious challenges of the current situation, we are continuing our drive to provide a high quality education and to make our academy the preferred choice for parents in the area.

There has been substantial investment in our Ladybirds and Butterflies learning environments, with lots of lovely resources purchased for our younger pupils.

Our teachers and teaching assistant have also had training this term in delivering engaging and high quality writing lessons, using Talk 4 Writing techniques.

We are soon having a new website launched. This will have lots of pictures of our lovely pupils at work, so keep a look out for that.

As ever, Mr Britcher is working hard to keep our academy looking smart. If you see anything that concerns you, please contact our academy office.

## Live lessons on Microsoft Teams

All of our pupils have their own Norwich Road Academy email addresses. Using these, they can connect with their teacher and class in *live* sessions using Microsoft Teams. Please download the app and log in (if you haven't already!).



We have lots of great class sessions across the week.

These support both learning and social interaction. The children, at home and in school, have enjoyed seeing each other again. Grasshoppers had fun getting together, as you can see!



Your child will be invited to live sessions via ClassDojo and the sessions themselves will be through Teams. If you need any help, please get in touch with your child's teacher. They will be happy to help!

We have the same expectations during these sessions as we do at school: dress appropriately, be polite, be on time and join in to the best of your ability. We have lots of supporting

guidance on our website, including our Remote Learning Policy.

Well done to everyone, in the academy and at home, for learning new skills to enable this to happen!

**Academy Office** We are still operational and are happy to help. However, we are at a reduced staffing level, which may mean your telephone call may not be answered immediately. Please be patient. If you visit, please remember to wear a mask and that only one visitor should enter the building at a time.

**Half-Term Break** This is 15th—19th February. The academy is not open to pupils during this time. Edenred vouchers will be available for pupils that qualify for Free School Meals.

**Term Dates:** We would like to remind you that being part of Eastern Multi Academy Trust means **we do not follow the Norfolk County Council Term Date Calendar**. Our Term Dates can be found on our school website and will be regularly put on Class Dojo as a reminder.

Join Class Dojo



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