


# Northcote Primary School

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**Caring, Learning, Growing**

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<b>OVERALL ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:</b>	<b>96.1%</b>	
<b>OVERALL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK:</b>	<b>95.6%</b>	
<b>TARGET SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:</b>	<b>97%</b>	

**Thank you!** To all parents for ensuring that each child has their P.E. kit in school. Thanks also to families who have labelled their children's items of clothing and P.E. kit with their child's name. This makes it so much easier giving kit back when it becomes 'lost'.

**Home Reading.** Each class or year group is sending home letters explaining how and when reading books will be sent home and when they should be returned.

Regular home reading is **essential** if your child is to make the progress in their learning that they are capable of.

For younger children in particular just ten minutes spent with a child, sharing a book and talking about it makes a huge difference.

We have introduced a new phonics scheme into school and we will be sharing with parents how to support your children's reading development using this at home.

**Road Crossing.** We have been told by the road crossing service at the Council that Northcote is a priority for the appointment of a new crossing patrol.

In the meantime can we ask that parents who park anywhere near to school do so thoughtfully and sensitively. Can we also ask parents and children who are crossing the road to be especially aware of the increased dangers posed due to a lack of crossing patrol. Thank you.

**Car Parking.** School has received a series of complaints about how parents park outside school both at 'drop off' and 'pick up' times of the school day.

The **Sainsbury's** car park has spaces for **400** cars, so why not use it?

Huge thanks go to parents who do use the Sainsbury's car park. By keeping your car away from the road directly outside school you are helping keep our children and other pedestrians safe.

Selfish parking poses a severe risk to the safety of children.

**Trim Trail.** We have reopened the 'trim trail'. It is designed for children over the age of 7 to use. During the school day members of staff supervise the area to ensure safety.

The trim trail is **closed** before school and after school. We ask parents to ensure that their child/children do not use the trim trail at any time other than those times in which it is supervised by school staff.

**School photographs** – We are delighted to welcome back our school photographer who will be in school on Friday 5th November to take individual and sibling photos. Get the hair brushes at the ready!

**Changes of address etc.** It is **essential** that any parents who have changed phone numbers or emergency contact details inform the school's office staff as a matter of priority. Thank you.

**Half-term break.** Children finish at 3.30p.m. on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>. October then return to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup>. November.

Christmas break. School finishes for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>. December.

**Important notice** – Please remember we request **NO SMOKING/VAPING, DOGS** or **BIKES/SCOOTERS** on our yard – this is for the health and safety of our school community.