



# Nine Mile Ride Newsletter | 4 September 2020

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to NMR! It has been so lovely to see you all again and I want to thank you for preparing your children so well for coming back to school. They have been absolutely amazing and have already shown that they are excited to be in school, keen to learn and have adapted to our 'new normal' routines.



I also need to thank you for your patience yesterday at drop-off and pick up. It was the first time of trying this new system with increased numbers and I know that it was organised chaos; however, you were all so understanding and supportive. This morning worked much more smoothly so we are going to see how next week goes and then make adaptations to our procedures if needed.

**Have a lovely weekend and looking forward to seeing everyone again on Monday morning!**

As pupils at Nine Mile Ride Primary return to school, we are keen to understand the impact of the challenging period of the last few months, and also to understand how pupils are feeling and responding to the present situation, so that we can provide the support they need.



To assist this, we will be sending out a survey to KS2 pupils from 7th-11th September 2020, covering areas such as their engagement with learning and their broader wellbeing during this period. Most pupils will complete this at school. However, should your child need to complete it at home, we would really appreciate your support. Completing the survey will be tremendously helpful for ensuring that we can provide the best support for your child as possible.

We will be working with a non-profit organisation, ImpactEd, to conduct the surveys. They will be helping us with survey distribution and on actions from the findings. Anonymised results from the surveys will also be shared with ImpactEd. This will form part of a national project they are running on the educational impact of Covid-19. Your child will not be identifiable in any of these responses and all processes are strictly GDPR compliant.

Survey data collected as part of the project will be visible to teachers, but results will only be followed up if there are individual concerns. You should encourage your child to respond as honestly as possible, and they will not be judged by their responses.

Responses collected will be shared anonymously as part of this national research project. ImpactEd are examining the impact of partial school closures, involving a number of schools and colleges across the country. ImpactEd will not be able to access student names or any personal or identifying information about individuals. All data collected will be deleted within 12 months of the end-date of the final surveys, which we expect to be conducted in September 2020. You can access ImpactEd's privacy policy from their website - [www.impactted.org.uk](http://www.impactted.org.uk) - or contact <mailto:hello@impactted.org.uk> to request any further information about the project or contact Clare Demblon via the School Office on [admin@ninemileride.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ninemileride.wokingham.sch.uk)

## What Parents Need to Know About Xbox One

A free online safety guide for parents and carers to help them understand exactly what the Xbox One, an all-in-one entertainment hub is all about.

[Click here to read guide](#)



## What's going on this week



### Do you think free vouchers are a good idea to help struggling shops and restaurants?

A tribe in Brazil have chosen to block a highway that cuts through the Amazon as the Brazilian government is not complying with a list of demands that includes aid to help with the impact of COVID-19.

Protesters from the Kayapo group have been blocking traffic on Brazil's BR-163 highway for nearly a week.

### Things to talk about at home...

- What do you think about the Kayapo people's actions? Why do you think they made the decision to do what they did?
- Talk about the different communities that you are part of and how they may have helped you during difficult times.

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others on our discussion board: [www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss/](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss/)

## Clothing Collection

There will be a fundraising clothing collection on Wednesday 16th September - Bags2School will only buy good quality, clean and undamaged items from us to be sold on and reused ♻️🌍

### We will be accepting the following...

Good quality clothing, shoes, bags, hats, jewelry, soft toys, belts, scarves, ties, household linen, household curtains, towels, duvet covers, pillowcases

### We cannot accept

duvets, pillows, school uniform, damaged or soiled items, corporate clothing, offcuts

Please bring items bagged up to **79 Kiln Ride, RG40 3PJ** on the morning of 16th September before 9am. Items cannot be accepted at the school during this time.

Thank you!



# Helping Your Child's Anxiety



**Learn more about anxiety and how to help: Find out how to recognise it; how to respond to it positively; and how to manage it**

**Thursday 17th September for 2 weeks**

**11am-12 noon or 1pm-2pm**

Online via Zoom

**This course is free**

For more information or to book a place call:

**07885242692** or e-mail: [adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk) or

apply online via: <https://tinyurl.com/wbc-ad-apply>



## Important information about this course

### Entry requirements for the course

To access this course you will need to be over 19 or older as of 31st August 2019, be a citizen of the EEA and have been resident in the EEA at least 3 years (NB a number of exemptions also apply, if you are not an EEA citizen please contact us to check your eligibility).

You should be able to read and write in English to take full advantage of this course

### If you have additional learning needs

Please identify your needs on the application form ahead of the course so we can work with you to prepare any support you may need. You can also discuss any needs with your tutor on the first session.

### How to apply

Places must be booked in advance. Please contact the Adult Education team for an application form via 07885 242 692 or [adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk)

### What can I expect to get out of the course

You will learn more about anxiety and how to help:

- You will find out how to recognise signs of anxiety in your child
- You will learn how to respond positively to your child's anxiety
- You will learn ways of supporting your child to manage his/her anxiety

### What can I do after the course has finished?

- Contact other professional bodies if appropriate, as directed by the tutor
- Enrol on a family learning course
- Enrol on an employability or other work related course
- Apply for work or volunteer opportunities

### This course is free.

You can access Zoom via a PC, laptop or smart phone.

## Contact Information

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