

Heswall Primary School

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Dear Parents,

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Return to school for all children

We are delighted that we will be open to all children from Monday 8th March. School attendance is once again mandatory for all children apart from those that have received a letter from their doctors advising that they should continue to shield. Remote learning will stop and all teaching will return to the classroom. If however, a child is required to isolate, we will provide remote learning but not if a child is off ill. We are still following a very strict risk assessment and all the processes that were in place before Christmas remain in place. This includes the wearing of face coverings for all adults during drop off and pick up times, one way systems and a staggered start and end to each day.

Children in classes Y2-Y6 will still be forward facing and will be washing and sanitising their hands regularly. Like the arrangements in the Autumn term, children will not be able to mix with pupils from other classes in order to protect the bubbles within school. It is essential that all families strictly observe the social distancing rules as a positive case will very likely close the whole class and the children and staff will be asked to isolate. If symptoms are experienced, the entire household must isolate until a negative test result is obtained.

A major change is that all staff are now testing themselves twice weekly using Lateral Flow Devices in the hope that any potential cases are found very early. Primary school children will not be tested for Covid-19 in school however all households with children of school age are now able to collect 2 rapid COVID-19 tests per person per week from testing centres. The nearest centre to the school is Heswall Library and we advise families to collect these and engage in routine testing if possible. No tests will be available from primary schools.

School Times

Class	Start of the day	End of the day
Pre-School	9.00am	3.25pm
F2	8.50am	3.15pm
Y1	9.00am	3.25pm
Y2	8.40am	3.05pm
Y3	8.50am	3.15pm
Y4	8.30am	3.00pm
Y5	9.00am	3.25pm
Y6	8.40am	3.05pm

If you have more than one child, please bring them all at the start time of the earliest starting class and collect them at the latest finishing class. Otherwise, it is vital that your child attends at the times given above. This is to substantially reduce the number of people on the school grounds.

Beehive Club

Wrap around care is still available every day from 7.30am-9.00am and from 3.15pm to 6.00pm. We anticipate that as the number of children attending school will increase dramatically, there will be an increase in demand for places. We are therefore sending a Beehive Club booking form that you can organise your child care needs. Snacks are provided.

Children's Well-being

The last year has been like no other for many generations as the impact of isolation and restrictions on seeing family and friends have deeply impacted on all children's well-being. Many families have been deeply affected by Covid-19 and many of our children may have lost relatives during the pandemic. If there is anything that you feel that your class teacher should know so that we can prepare for your child's return, please email your class teacher on the class email. Also, Mrs Martin will be setting up an online well-being questionnaire to help us collect further information.

Reading Books

We are currently working on our reading scheme at school but we have noticed that we are missing many books. If you have any school reading books at all then we would be delighted if you can return them to school next week. We currently quarantine all books on their return before we allow them to return to the book shelves for other children to use.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Mr J Lawrenson, Headteacher