

# Heswall Primary School

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Dear Parents,

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## First Week Back for All

It has been so lovely to have all the classes full again and to be able to speak to you all as you have walked across the playground with the children each morning. The children are still settling and getting used to being around full classes again and it will feel strange for them but if you do have any concerns, please let us know so we can fully support them.

## Wider Symptoms of Covid-19

The 3 main symptoms of Covid are well known: loss of taste, a persistent cough or a temperature. If you get any of these then you should immediately isolate and get a PCR (symptomatic) test asap.

Some lesser known symptoms of Covid are: diarrhoea, persistent headaches, fever and chills, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting. If you or your child experience any of these, you should still get a test. It is likely that if you attend a symptomatic testing centre, you will be given a lateral flow device test. These tests give you a response very quickly. If a lateral flow test comes back as positive for Covid-19, the entire household must immediately isolate and you will need to get a PCR test. Currently, both types of tests are available at Heswall Library. The staff there will advise you of what you should do. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, anybody with a child at school age can collect boxes of lateral flow tests from Heswall Library and you can then regularly test your family at home. Should you or a family member ever experience some these lesser symptoms then a test can be conducted at home. Please consider collecting a supply from Heswall Library. The three main symptoms though still require a PCR.

## Red Nose Day

It is Red Nose Day (Comic Relief) on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March. We are having a non-uniform day but please try and wear red if you can. At playtimes we will be having a playground disco too! To avoid having to use coins, please can you consider making a donation to Comic Relief using the school's Just Giving page. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Heswall-Primary-School>. Due to the nature of the online donations, it will allow a minimum donation of £2. There is absolutely no obligation to make a donation to join in with the day

## Wrap Around Care (Beehive Club)

The number of children attending is starting to increase again as more children have returned to school and parents are returning to workplaces. If you need wrap around care for your children, our Beehive Club is still available every day from 7.30am-9.00am and from 3.15pm to 6.00pm. Last week, we sent out a booking form for the remainder of the term and we will soon be sending out the next form for the period after the Spring break. You can also contact the school office who can book you in. A hot snack is provided and a range of payment methods are accepted.

## Medicines In School – Updates to what we can and cannot do

Due to new policies after recent training in school that are designed to help safeguard the children, we are no longer able to accept open bottles of paracetamol (e.g. Calpol), ibuprofen (e.g. Nurofen) and any other liquid medicines. If you require school to administer this, it must be an unopened bottle. Also, any prescribed medicine can only be administered if it is provided to the school in its original packaging with the dosage clearly marked (usually by a sticker) on the box or bottle. We can only give the dose on the sticker. Finally, if you require the school to administer an antibiotic medicine, we are only able to administer it for the period shown on the label. If the label advises that the antibiotic medicines should be administered for 7 days then any extension to this e.g. day 8 & 9 etc. must come from the prescriber and not the parent. All medicines must have the appropriate paperwork completed that will allow school to administer it. This can be obtained from the school website or from the school office.

## Looking for Midday Staff

We currently have a vacancy for a midday supervisor. The role is for an hour and a quarter each day of the week and will help support our children through their lunch period. More details can be provided on request but we need somebody caring, willing to engage children in play and who will follow our safeguarding policies. If you think that this may be for you, please express an interest by contacting Michelle or Kylie in our school office either by phone or by emailing [schooloffice@heswall-primary.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@heswall-primary.wirral.sch.uk).

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Best Wishes

Mr J Lawrenson, Headteacher