

# Heswall Primary School

*'Better Never Stops'*



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all our children and families. It was wonderful to see the children back in the classrooms wearing their red jumpers and cardigans once again. An extra welcome to all of our new children and families that have joined the school whether it be starting for the first time in Pre-School/F2 or children that have transferred from other schools across the country and in-fact the world. Before schooling was suddenly interrupted back in March, the curriculum at Heswall was thriving and the changes made over the previous years were coming to fruition and we were being recognised for our eco-work in particular. We are determined to carry on with what we were doing and continue to aim high in all areas. The school closures hit most people very hard and we will continue with our approach of trying to balance excellent teaching with a strong awareness of children's mental health. We still firmly believe that 'happy children achieve excellent things'. Over the coming days and weeks we will be gauging the impact that being off school for so long has had on our children and we will be working hard on the challenges ahead that will come.

Staggered Start/Finish to the school day.

In order to avoid having too many people on the school site at any one time, we implemented the staggered starts and ends to the day. It is essential that you only come to school at the correct time to avoid a build up outside school gates and classrooms. It distributes the arrival of 260 children over a half hour period and not all arrive for the same start time like pre-Covid times. To make it easier for you, we do allow you to drop off a sibling at the same time as another child if their class starts earlier. The sibling will be kept safe in their classroom but the lessons will not start until the time previously advised. If you arrive too early at the end of the day, your child will not be ready and therefore you could cause a backlog in the school one way system. Please arrive at the time advised for the child you have that finishes last. This will ensure that all children can finish their lessons and will be ready to leave. It will also reduce any time that you are having to queue at the school gates which are not opened until 8.30am in the morning and at 3.00pm in the afternoon. This is a key safety measure and must be followed to ensure that we are compliant with our risk assessments to reduce the chances of Covid 19 transmission. Older children can walk themselves into their classrooms without their parents as long as they keep their distance from other people. Many of our Y6 children do walk to and from school on their own.

The One Way System.

Our One Way System is in operation for the morning and evening drop offs. It has worked well so far and had clearly become much smoother by Thursday and Friday. Please follow the system as it will stop people coming face to face with each other and therefore keep everybody a little bit safer. Most days there will be at least one senior member of staff on the playground so please ask if you are unsure.

Beehive Club

Beehive Club is up and running again and many of you have been booking your sessions. Beehive operates from 7.30am to the start of the school day and then after school until 6pm to hopefully help you all get a little bit closer to 'normal' again. There are lots of activities each day and food is included. At the moment, we are splitting the children into two groups within the school hall rather than allowing free mixing as before March. This will help to protect the children should there ever be a case of Covid-19 by limiting the number of children that come into contact with each other. If you need to book any sessions, please contact the school office on [beehiveclub@heswall-primary.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:beehiveclub@heswall-primary.wirral.sch.uk).

Your Support

Thank you all for your support. We have received lots of lovely messages about how the return has gone and how the children have really enjoyed being back in school. Your support is really appreciated. Best Wishes,

Mr J Lawrenson



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HAPPY school



