

Heswall Primary School

'Better Never Stops'



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Dear Parents,

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I hope you are all well and not too put out by the autumn weather that we have been facing recently. School is going well but still we are having to be so alert to ensure that we can do everything that we can to keep Covid-19 out of the classroom. It is not within the remit of the school to be ensuring that parents and children are socially distancing when they are not in school. However, I am pleading with all parents to please follow the social distancing guidelines. There are children within the school that are extremely vulnerable. We also have parents working as nurses and carers and as other key workers that will be forced to isolate if their child develops symptoms. I know that the overwhelming majority of the parent population are doing their very best and we really appreciate this and thank you for your support. We are eager to reinforce the socially distancing message that is currently keeping the school open.

We know that there are Covid-19 cases in the community and we are pleased that so far, it has not entered our classrooms. There are parents, as already mentioned that are put at greater risk because of their jobs. They stand a higher chance of contracting the virus because of what they have to do as a job and not because they are ignoring social distancing rules. Please help to protect them as well as the children. Most Wirral schools have been affected significantly already with many having to close classes due to staff and children testing positive. A positive case within a classroom could very well close a whole class down for up to 14 days. This could happen many times to one class resulting in lots of school being missed.

How can you help?

Apart from following the social distancing guidelines for where you live, it is also really important that children bring everything they need into school each morning. Unfortunately, we are getting lots of parents on a daily basis coming in to the school office with something a child has forgotten to take e.g. reading books, PE kits and packed lunches. According to our Covid risk assessment, anything that comes into school with a child must go straight to the classroom and therefore anything taken to the office cannot be passed in. Reading books, homework etc. are all quarantined before they go back on bookshelves or before it is marked. Bringing things to the office requires a member of office staff to walk through the school which may increase the possibilities of transmission should the virus get inside the school. This would not be a problem in normal times but is now that we are dealing with Covid.

Google Classroom

Like most other local primary schools, we use Google Classroom as a way to get education to children being forced to isolate. It is important that you ensure you still have access. Many of our classes are using this already to set homework etc. If you have any problems, please contact your child's class teacher on the year group email that has been provided in earlier emails

Last Day of term - Non-Uniform Day

The last day of the first half-term is Thursday 22nd October. This will be a non-uniform day raising money for the school. Please consider sending £1 on the day.

Parent Governors

The school recently held a ballot for the positions of Parent Governor. The new governors are Mrs Claire Rick (Parent of child in Y2), Mr Dan Johnson (Parent of child in F2) and Mrs Jennifer Whelan (Parent of children in Y3 & Y6). We look forward to working closely with them over the next four years.

Best Wishes

Mr J Lawrenson, Headteacher

