



HAWRIDGE & CHOLESBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Returning to School on March 8th 2021

We are very excited about all our children returning to school next week and hope you are too! Many of our arrangements will remain the same as they were for last term. It is encouraging to see infection rates coming down and we are very keen to ensure that we are doing our bit to help that continue. Therefore please see the following reminders of procedures at this time

- Face coverings to be worn by all adults on site including those using the car park (excluding those with exemptions)
- Stick to timings for collection and drop off – ask for clarification if you are unsure. Please **do not drop children off early or arrive late**. Equally, please do not arrive early and wait on the road as this increases congestion and therefore possible transmission.
- Only one adult to drop off or pick up please.
- Keep to social distancing guidance on and off school site (including whilst waiting for gates to open) ideally 2m, but at least 1m.
- Please do not congregate on or off the school site, including around the staff picnic tables at the front of the school, which make up our new outdoor staffroom!
- Please avoid lift shares, play dates and mixing with other families/children at the park or other community spaces.
- All children to arrive in school in their school shoes (which in some cases need to be collected on the first day) but then to have a pair of wellies in school for use during the day. Please return boots if they were taken home at Christmas.
- PE kit NOT to be sent into school, but needs to be worn on PE days. PE lessons will resume as normal straight away.

Windmills	Monday (new) Forest School (am) Friday.
Y1	Monday & Tuesday
Y2	Monday & Wednesday
Y3	Tuesday & Wednesday
Y4	Friday (double)
Y5	Thurs & Friday
Y6	Wednesday & Friday

- Reading books will be sent home over the next week. Please return the reading records to school on Monday. Please try to limit the number of different people handling the book and wash hands/ hand sanitise before and after doing so. We will do the same in school.
- Please ensure all inhalers, epipens and other medication are in school with the relevant paper work. (See recent communications from the office)
- Return packs of reading books in Rec & KS1 & number fans and all KS2 class texts
- Return laptops or other electronic devices on loan from school.

Mitigations and Routines

- Children will remain in their year group bubbles and will be taught by a consistent group of adults.
- Seating plans will remain constant throughout the day.
- Whole school or key stage Collective Worship will continue to be held virtually.
- PE lessons will be held outside except in extreme weather conditions. When inside PE lessons are necessary, they will be more sedentary in nature and the hall will be well ventilated.
- Staff will not congregate in a staffroom for breaks or meetings.
- Staff are engaging with twice weekly lateral flow testing.
- Face coverings will be worn by staff in communal areas and where social distancing is not possible in lessons.
- Strict monitoring of children's hygiene and hand washing routines will continue.
- PPA cover will be covered only by adults within their consistent group.
- All meetings etc. will be held virtually.
- Children are expected to bring as little as possible into school, such as their reading books, packed lunch, a water bottle.
- Children will be required to be in school uniform and wearing black school shoes, except on days when they are required to wear PE Kit.

Pick up and Drop off Arrangements (unchanged)

Times	am	pm
EYs & KS1		
Y1 & Y2	8.50	3.00
Windmills	8.55	2.55
KS2		
Y3 & 4	8.40	3.10
Y5 & 6	8.45	3.15

The one way system will remain in place as before. Children may be dropped off at the main drive where a member of staff will be on duty. They will then walk up to the school and in through their entrance point as shown below. Any parents who wish to walk up with their child must walk **out** through the alleyway.

Rec, Y1 and 2	classroom doors/ gates
Y3/ Y6	front entrance
Y5/4	Y5/ car park door

Please continue to collect and drop off younger siblings at the time of your oldest child

Lunches/ Snacks and Water Bottles

See previous letter regarding AiP lunch orders. There will be cold sandwich options only this term and orders need to be placed by tomorrow.

KS1 children will continue to be offered a fruit/ veg snack and KS2 children may bring something in if they choose, but this must also be fruit or veg. All children need to bring a fresh water bottle each day please. Please ensure that any packed lunches are balanced and healthy and should not be chocolate or sweets. We are a nut free school, so no peanut butter, nutella or other nut products please.

After School and Before School Clubs.

There will be no clubs next week as children settle in to being back at school, adjust to their new routines and we review what we are able to offer.

I am currently exploring the possibility of opening some of our before and after school clubs as we move forward. Sadly the Gym Club has folded so this will not be an option. I am looking at other sport options and considering how Homework Club could operate. Where possible, clubs will take place within class bubbles or outside, where the risk of transmission is a lot lower. This is trickier with Homework Club which if we are to open it, will run in the school hall with children sat in their class bubbles. Children will be expected to remain seated in their class bubble and not mix with the larger group. Homework Club staff will maintain a 2 metre distance where possible but inevitably it will be necessary to move closer to a child for short periods of time to support them with their learning, in which case staff will wear a face covering. The hall will be ventilated throughout the duration of the club and the number of bubbles will be limited.

In order to ascertain whether it would be feasible to run Homework Club, it would be helpful if parents, who are interested in the Club, would complete the survey by following the link below by Friday, 5th March. We will confirm what is possible by the end of next week.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1S2aR8a0gideA34N9NByf11WBTPy16LdMmFEB3w1Pm8k>

The guidance asks that parents should limit the use of multiple out-of-school setting providers to one external club. You are also requested to check that such providers have put in place protective measures. See attached link for further information.

[Guidance for parents and carers](#)

Return to School Curriculum

Whilst both home and school have worked incredibly hard to maintain learning opportunities and progress over this period, there are bound to be some gaps in children's learning. We are also aware that the last few months have been very challenging for families; emotionally and socially and the children will need some support returning to school. Over the next few weeks we will be finding out where the children are at and prioritising the most useful skills for them to focus on in order to be best prepared for the future. It is unrealistic to think that we can cram in everything which might have taken place had the children been in school since Christmas, but we aim to support children to reach key milestones and be confident, happy members of society.

In most cases we plan to carry out assessments during that first week and lessons around those will be wellbeing/ social focused. This will help children to settle back into school life and be ready for learning to continue very quickly.

Government Advice:

- You must ensure that if anyone in your household has Covid-19 symptoms, your child does NOT attend school. Any child or staff member that develops symptoms during the school day will be sent home immediately. If anyone in your household tests positive for Covid-19 you MUST inform the school.
- Attendance at school will be compulsory for all pupils.
- Pupils should not be wearing face coverings at school. The Government advice is quite clear that this is not necessary. If pupils choose to wear face coverings on their journey to school, they must be removed on arrival and staff will ensure they are safely disposed of or stored, prior to entry to the classroom.

Finally, please remember to send your child to school with the right clothing for our ever-changing weather (including a coat). A good level of ventilation remains key in reducing the risk of transmission, so children may want to wear base layers/ vest etc. If additional layers are felt necessary, a plain school-blue sweatshirt (no hood) may be worn over the top of a base layer, school shirt and school jumper (not instead of) by agreement with me.

I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Mrs Phillips
Headteacher