

Dear Parents/Carers

I am absolutely delighted to be writing to share arrangements for whole school reopening. We are all extremely excited to know that, from Monday, all our children will be back in school learning and enjoying school together.

We are, of course, still in a situation of national lockdown, so we will still be adhering to all our Covid- safety procedures. This will be almost identical to the measures we had in place from September to December but, to make life easier for all, I will share them again in this letter:

Arrival

As previously, we will be staggering arrival times and children, upon arrival, will go straight to their classroom entering classrooms through external doors. Please ensure that, if you arrive prior to the gates opening, or are waiting to safely enter, you adhere to social distancing measures, queuing along the sandstone wall, 2m apart. Please ensure your children stand with you and are not mixing with children from other year groups.

8.30am All children with surname beginning A – B

8.35am All children with surname beginning C – D

8.40am All children with surname beginning E - G

8.45am All children with surname beginning H – K

8.50am All children with surname beginning L – Mc

8.55am All children with surname beginning M – P

9.00am All children with surname beginning R – S

9.05am All children with surname beginning T – Z

Please help us to avoid groups of children and adults gathering outside the school gates by adhering to your child/family's start and dismissal time. If anybody has any real difficulty in this matter, please contact us and we will try to arrange a solution.

If you had already arranged a variation to your family start or finish time during the autumn term, there is no need to contact us again unless your circumstances have changed.

Messages

As previously, please avoid passing messages to staff on the gate. If there is a message or any information to be shared, please telephone school or email office@childwallce.com and we will ensure the message is shared.

Similarly, if staff need to speak to you, they will contact you by telephone or e-mail, rather than a conversation on the schoolyard.

Dismissal

To avoid large numbers of adults and children on the yard, we will continue to stagger dismissal times and operate a one-way system.

Please can **one adult only** collect each child/family. Adults are requested to form a queue outside the sandstone wall leading towards Hope University, adhering to 2m social distancing measures.

Again, can I please reiterate that there will be no opportunity to speak to staff directly at this time to ensure a constant safe flow of children and adults.

3.00pm All children with surname beginning A – B

3.05pm All children with surname beginning C – D

3.10pm All children with surname beginning E - G

3.15pm All children with surname beginning H – K

3.20pm All children with surname beginning L – Mc

3.25pm All children with surname beginning M – P

3.30pm All children with surname beginning R – Z

At both arrival and dismissal times, can everybody please line up, socially distanced along the sandstone wall towards Hope University. **Please avoid waiting near to the gates or pedestrian crossing as this causes unnecessary congestion and mixing for the children as they leave school.**

Since we are still in national lockdown, children should not be going to friends' homes after school or being collected by other parents unless they are your one official childcare bubble. This remains government legislation.

Travel to and from School

We have installed a considerably larger, covered bike shelter near to the school entrance; many thanks to the PTFA and to our local councillors for their generous donations which made this possible. I understand that there are still plans to make the stretch of Woolton Road from the Black Woods to Taggart Avenue a mandatory cycle lane with no parking allowed so would ask you to give consideration to alternative means of travel to/from school or alternative areas to park at some distance from school and walk the remainder, unless of course children or adults have any mobility issues.

Year Group 'Bubbles'

Children will continue to spend the day in 'bubble' groups to ensure that they are only mixing with a known group of people. Maintaining distinct groups or 'bubbles' and reducing the number of contacts between children and staff will make it quicker and easier in the event of a positive case to identify those who may have to self-isolate.

School Uniform

As in the autumn term, we are requesting that children wear school uniform. Please ensure that children's school shoes are appropriate for running in, both for exercise and play at break-times and for engaging in the Daily Mile. When the weather becomes warmer, children have the option to wear summer dresses or a plain white polo shirt instead of shirt and tie. Children should continue to wear PE kit on PE days, with black tracksuit bottoms and a hoodie or school jumper. You will be advised when PE lessons are timetabled for each year group if there are any changes. After Easter all children will have two days when PE kit will be required.

Lunch

All children in Reception and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) will still receive a Universal Free School Meal. Because of a number of serious food allergies in school, it remains the case that we do not allow packed lunches from home in these year groups. Children in Years 3-6 can choose a school meal, payable on Parentmail as previously, or bring their own packed lunch. The option to have packed lunch plus 'Fishy Friday' still remains, as previously.

Children's Belongings

We ask that you still please ensure that your child brings the absolute minimum to school. They should wear school uniform (or PE kit) and footwear which can be used for exercise, removing the need to change. All stationery will be provided by school in individual packs; there is no need to supplement this and we respectfully ask that your children keep all of their individualised stationery for use at home. Please ensure that your child does not bring any toys or other items from home into school.

However, we do ask if your child could bring a book to read from home each day; **this should be something that they enjoy and will read for pleasure.** Children will not be able to share these books.

Please can you ensure that **any bag brought into school is as small as possible**. In the past, children have sometimes had school bags that are almost as big as they are! Now, more than ever, whilst all belongings are in the children's classroom space, we ask that only small bags are used, designed to carry only the essentials needed to be transported between home and school.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a **named** water bottle to school each day. The drinking fountains will still not be accessible; however, jugs of fresh water will be available throughout the day to refill water bottles.

Attendance

From 8th March, the government have announced that all pupils should return to school. Regular school attendance will therefore be expected for all children of compulsory school age and, as a school, we will be required to record attendance and follow up on absence as before. Parents/carers must notify school if your child is unable to attend and the reason for absence. It is our shared priority and responsibility to make sure that school is, so far as possible, a safe place for all children to return and continue their learning in the autumn term. Staggered starts and finishes and leaving the school premises (and area outside) promptly will help enormously.

It is essential that any children who are ill and any children where they or any member of their household have Covid 19 symptoms stay at home. If your child is required to stay home for a Covid-related reason, please let school know by telephoning 722 1553 and selecting number 4 to leave a message. This will instantly alert Covid-lead staff who can take any necessary actions. Any child required to self-isolate will still receive remote education through Seesaw.

Chill Kidz

Chill Kidz will continue to operate in the hall with children separated into year groups to reduce contacts.

Mornings will operate from 7.45am, as previously, with a light breakfast provided to children arriving before 8.15am - passed to children by staff at their tables. This provision will cost £5 per day as previously.

After School, we will continue to offer one accommodation, 3.30pm - 4.45pm, with one fixed price This will cost £7 daily. This will be regularly reviewed and if or when we are able to operate without Covid-19 restrictions it's our intention to extend the hours as before.

It will be essential that children are booked in and paid for in advance as distancing requirements will mean we need to cap numbers. If a session is booked and paid for and then not used, there will be no refund or transfer of payment to another session, as per original terms & conditions, unless non-attendance is due to Covid-19 isolation.

Happy Hedgehogs Sports

Happy Hedgehogs will be operating after school sports clubs (both school-funded and parent-funded) which will operate as specific year groups to maintain integrity of bubbles.

Household Testing

Any adult who lives with or is in a support bubble or childcare bubble with a school-aged child or school staff member now qualifies to apply for twice weekly home-testing kits. These are intended for adults and there remains no intention at this time of offering regular testing to primary aged pupils. You can apply for your test kits using the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?priority-taxon=774cee22-d896-44c1-a611-e3109cce8eae>

Testing is voluntary, but Public health Liverpool strongly encourage people to access testing available to them.

Many thanks for your cooperation in all of the above. We look forward to seeing everybody on Monday.

Take care and have a lovely weekend

Wendy Mason