



Wednesday 24th February 2021

March 2021 Return to School at Black Horse Hill Infant School

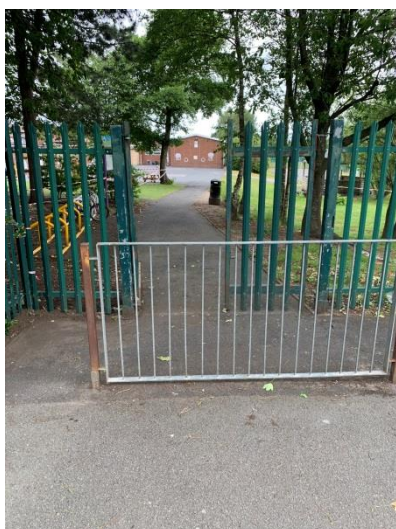
Dear Parents and Carers,

Hurray- we will soon be back together! We are absolutely delighted with the news that all children can return to school from Monday 8th March. Quite rightly, educating children has been seen as a key priority for government. Needless to say, we are currently co-ordinating our plans to ensure that the children's transition into school is as seamless as possible.

Please forgive me, as much of this information you will have read before, but I thought you may be grateful for a little reminder before schools starts again.

Start of the Day

Children are to be dropped off through the gate on Frankby Road and parents are to exit through the gate in the direction of the Junior School – **a one way system.** **This is to keep our adults safe and breaching this one way system places people at unnecessary risk.** We ask that only **one adult** accompanies their child to school and for parents to adhere to the 2 metre socially distancing rules. There are staggered drop off and collection times to ensure that appropriate social distancing can be maintained. We ask that parents do not congregate by the school gates and that you follow social distancing guidelines.



Entrance gate on
Frankby Road



Exit gate
towards BHHJS



Exit footpath to
Saughall Massie Road

Class start and finish times

Class	Miss Murphy	Mrs Astbury	Mr Young	Mr Hamm	Mrs Bancroft	Mrs Lucan	Mrs Honeybourne
Year group	Year 2	Year 2	Year 1	Year 1	F2	F2	F1
Start time	8.40am	8.50am	8.40am	8.50am	8.55am	8.45am	8.55am
Finish time	3pm	3.10pm	3pm	3.10pm	3.10pm	3pm	3pm
Access /Exit door	Year 2 door	Year 2 door	Year 1 door	Year 1 door	F2 door	F2 door	F1 door

It is important that these times are adhered to. Although it will be exciting for children to be back at school, please try not to arrive early as we need to avoid large groups of people in the school playground.

If you are unable to arrive at your allocated time, for example because your child has an appointment, or because you are running late, please telephone the school office for instructions on how you should access school. As a general rule, children should not be entering the school via the school office.

End of the Day

At the end of the day your child will exit the school using the same door that they entered. Please exit the playground using the one way system. Please be considerate to parents who may be sharing the path, although staggered arrival and departure times should reduce contact.

Face masks

There will be no requirement for children at Black Horse Hill Infant School to wear face masks. However, we ask that all adults wear a face covering when they are on the school premises.

Bubbles

Children will be in class bubbles. They will remain in these bubbles throughout the school day. Mixing with children from other bubbles will be minimised. Children will have lots of opportunities to learn and play outdoors.

We ask that children **wear uniform** each day and it is essential that they bring their own labelled water bottle. **Water bottles should only contain water.** Children should not wear

shoes with laces if they cannot tie them themselves. Unfortunately, 'forgotten items' cannot be dropped off into the school office. We are also still not accepting items for recycling.

We would like children to **come dressed in their PE Kit** on the days they have PE. Children should wear shorts/jogging bottoms, a loose t-shirt, hoody/jacket and suitable footwear for outdoor sport.

Class	PE day
Mrs Astbury	Monday
Miss Murphy	Thursday
Mr Hamm	Tuesday
Mr Young	Tuesday
Mrs Lucan	Friday
Mrs Bancroft	Friday

Attendance

The DfE's guidance states that school attendance will be "mandatory for all pupils from March 8". The usual rules on attendance will apply, including parents' legal duty to secure their child's attendance at school. The ability to issue sanctions such as fines will also be reinstated, and schools will be responsible for recording attendance, following up absence and "reporting children missing education to the local authority".

However, do not send your child to school if :

- **they are showing coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms (remember updated list of symptoms)**
- **someone in their household is showing symptoms**
- **they have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for the virus.**

Regular, Rigorous Cleaning

We would like to reassure parents and carers that there will be thorough cleaning of all classrooms and equipment before children's arrival and at timetabled points throughout the day. Hand washing will be timetabled regularly throughout the day and children will be consistently reminded of its importance in controlling the spread of germs. **Do reinforce the importance of good hand washing procedures with your child at home.**

Lunch Times

Lunch will be provided as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme for children in F2 – Yr2. There is a new three week menu which will be placed on the school website shortly.

School Office

We will not be accepting people into our school office unless they have a pre-arranged appointment. Visitors will be required to wear a face covering.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school via telephone (625 5238) or email (schooloffice@blackhorsehill-infant.wirral.sch.uk) if you have any questions or queries.

Remote Learning

Keep going with the home learning over the next couple of weeks- you are doing a great job! Not long now until the children are back in their class.

World Book Day

As a school we aim to promote reading for pleasure every day of the year but we also enjoy joining many other schools nationally to celebrate World Book Day. Often children name World Book Day as their most memorable moment of the school year.

Although it is a shame that we will still be in lockdown for this day, which falls on **Thursday 4th March**, we are still going ahead with our plans. So whether your child is at home or school we would like them to dress up as their favourite story character. Our teachers will schedule the Zoom catch up session on this day in order for the children to be able to see their friends. Watch out for the link and further details.

In the local area (from Mon 1st March) we will be placing some clues for the children to find. Each clue will describe a popular children's book. The challenge for the children is to read the descriptions and try to work out the book that is being described. There are twelve book clues to find. Submit your answers on Tapestry or See-saw. The answers will be revealed on Friday 19th March. Good luck!

In addition, we would also like to create our very own story character trail in the woods at our school to generate story talk for a long time to come. Paint or draw your favourite character on a pebble and bring it in to school when you return on Monday 8th March. There will be a prize for the best pebble design from each class. **This is an activity to complete at home and critical worker/vulnerable children will not be doing this in school.**

Can you talk about your character? Why are they your favourite character? What is the name of the story that they are in? What is the name of the author that wrote the story?



Don't forget that each child will also receive a £1 book token which they can use to purchase a book.

It is also definitely worth taking a look at the World Book Day website **worldbookday.com** because there are lots of activities to promote children's love of books. One of the new areas featured on the site that I particularly liked is an author and illustrator master class section.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week

At Black Horse Hill we continually promote children's understanding about how we are all unique and special through assemblies, the curriculum and in circle time sessions. We aim to develop children's understanding of different faiths, beliefs, cultures and disabilities. This year we are going to be joining many other schools in celebrating Neurodiversity Week (w/c 15th March). We will raise our children's awareness that some disabilities are not always visible. Through the week we will identify positive role models in society who are Neurodiverse (i.e. have conditions such as ADHD, Autism, Dyspraxia or Dyslexia.)

In addition we are holding an "Inside Out" day on **Wednesday 17th March**. "Inside Out" day calls for us all to wear an item of clothing inside out as a way of making us think that although someone may look okay on the outside they may on the inside be feeling sad, worried or overwhelmed. Children should wear their school uniform but can wear part of it inside out, for example their jumper, trousers, socks or alternatively they could wear a non-school uniform t-shirt inside out.

Parent/Teacher Appointments

Our Parent/Teacher meetings are scheduled for the week commencing Monday 22nd March. Unfortunately, we are still not able to conduct face-to-face meetings. Appointments will be released on Monday 8th March at 4pm and parents/carers will be able to book an appointment by logging onto the school website or the eSchools app. If you require assistance with this or you have lost your login details please contact our school office between the hours of 9am-3.45pm.

Out of School Club

Our Out of School Club provision will re-open after the Easter break (Monday 12th April). Parents/carers can book places by completing a booking form, available from the school office. Existing Club users will receive an email with a booking form attached this week. These will need to be returned to school by 19th March 2021 to allow us to organise staffing.

Foundation 2 Playground

Work has started on our new Foundation 2 trim-trail and fitness area this week. It should take around ten days to complete but please do be aware that there is increased traffic around the school entrance area because of the work that is taking place.

Parents/carers who drop off or collect their children from the school car park area at lunchtime should be extra cautious and ensure that their child is not left unsupervised at any time. The school office entrance will be used instead of the F1 school car park gate. See you all on the 8th March!

Julie Morris
Headteacher

Summary of dates for this half-term

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>What you need</u>
Thursday 4 th March	World Book day	Children need to dress up as a Story character.
Monday 8 th March	Children return to school	Yipeee!
Wednesday 17 th March	Neurodiversity awareness week	Children wear an item of clothing inside out
w/c 22 nd March	Parent/Teacher meetings	Book an appointment on eSchools w/c 8 th March
Friday 26 th March	Non-Uniform day Easter Hat competition	Details to follow about Easter hat competition (FOBHHS)
Friday 26 th March	School closes for Easter break	
Monday 12 th April	Children return to school	
Monday 12 th April	Out of School Club re-opens	