



Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020

### **September Return to School at Black Horse Hill Infant School**

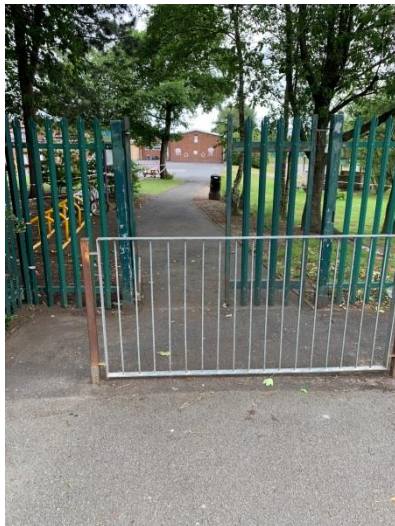
Dear Parents and Carers,

I sincerely hope that you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. Our school staff have certainly enjoyed the rest, especially after such a challenging year. We are really looking forward to welcoming all of our children back to school tomorrow. Our risk assessments have been updated and reviewed to meet with government guidelines.

Much of this information you will have read before but I thought you may be grateful for a little reminder before schools starts again tomorrow.

#### **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. 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.

Foundation 1 and Foundation 2 children **will not** be following the above times until they are in school full-time or for their allocated hours. Foundation 1 begin using the starting and finishing times as listed above week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> September. Foundation 2 begin using the starting and finishing times as listed above week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> September.

### Foundation 1 Staffing

Unfortunately, our Foundation 1 teacher Mrs Honeybourne has had a horse riding accident and she has broken her collarbone. She will be off school for the beginning of the school term whilst her injury heals. Mrs McLeod, our Deputy Headteacher, will be covering her absence.

### 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 clean uniform** each day and it is essential that they bring their own labelled water bottle. There will be no working water fountain available in school. We must insist at this time that no other items are brought into school e.g. toys, rainy day bags and purple book bags. We also ask that children do 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.

The government guidance has stated that wherever possible children should be seated in forward facing desks. We have organised the classroom so this guidance can be adhered to.

### **Curriculum**

As reported in my July newsletter, we will focus during the first two weeks of this academic year on children's emotional well-being, identifying knowledge gaps and adjusting our curriculum to re-establish good progress. The teaching staff will then plan to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum to the children. We have re-designed our school curriculum for this academic year and we will provide you with further information at our year group curriculum meetings. These meetings will be virtual and I will provide you with the dates and times as soon as possible.

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.

<b>Class</b>	<b>PE day</b>
Mrs Astbury	Monday
Miss Murphy	Thursday
Mr Hamm	Friday
Mr Young	Friday
Mrs Lucan	Wednesday
Mrs Bancroft	Tuesday

### **Attendance**

School attendance is mandatory from the beginning of the new academic year. This means that it is your legal duty as a parent to send your child (if they are of compulsory school age) to school regularly.

**However, do not send your child to school if :**

- **they are showing coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms**
- **someone in their household is showing symptoms**

### **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. This will be a cold packed lunch except for Fridays when the children will have fish and chips. Your child can bring their own packed lunch if they prefer, in their usual packed lunch box.

### **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.

### **PPE**

We will be following government guidance about the use of PPE. There may be occasions, for example when supporting an ill child or administering first aid, that staff may need to wear a face covering or visor as shown below.



### **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](mailto:schooloffice@blackhorsehill-infant.wirral.sch.uk)) if you have any questions or queries.

I look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

Julie Morris  
Headteacher