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IMPORTANT

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well. You have already received information regarding your child's class for September 2020, as well as information about other general arrangements relating to returning to school. Following the Welsh Government announcement that all children will be returning to school in September, I would like to give you the following more specific information about the arrangements.

At the beginning of term, we will implement a return procedure whereby the children gradually return to school. Not all children and classes will return immediately at the start of the new term. Full classes and specific ages will attend on different days and there will be some changes to the day's schedule, which will include different start and finish times for different ages as well as changes to the day's schedule specifically around lunch arrangements.

The first few weeks of term will be used to reintroduce classes back into school life and will allow fewer classes to attend on the same days over this period. This will give us as a school a chance to try out the changes in the arrangements gradually as we work towards each class returning by Monday September 14th. The arrangements are temporary and it is hoped that we will be able to work toward a return to the normal school timetable and arrangements.

Following guidance from the Local Authority we will use the period from Tuesday September 1st and Wednesday September 2nd as preparation for the children returning to school. These will not be training days as originally planned. These staff training days have been rescheduled for Monday February 22nd, 2021 and Friday March 26th, 2021.

On Thursday September 3rd, the first groups of pupils will start attending and returning to school. At present, all able pupils are expected to attend school in September. We are aware that the situation regarding the coronavirus may change, therefore if there are any significant changes that may affect back to school arrangements in September, we will inform you before the start of term.

We will have re-visited the school's covid-19 risk assessment and taken the Local Authority's advice on this before the children return. We will endeavour to avoid mixing large groups of pupils, regularly reminding children of the rules of social distance and regular hand washing. We would appreciate your help with this by reinforcing these important messages at home for the benefit and safety of all children and adults working within the school. We will expect full co-operation from all children in relation to these rules. If we find that an individual is struggling with the rules and puts others in uncomfortable or dangerous situations, we will contact parents/carers to arrange for them to be collected from school in order to have a longer period of practicing these rules at home.

We will introduce some changes to the drop off and collection times. We ask all parents to make every effort, for the convenience of the arrangements as well as for safety reasons, to ensure that the children arrive at school on time for the stated start times. It would greatly facilitate the arrangements if those of you who can walk to school with the children, to do so, and avoid bringing cars into the school campus. For those of you who are unable to walk to school, every effort should be made to drop off your child within the short time slot and then once your child has gained access through the school gate where staff will be supervising, any vehicle should be moved directly from the school car park and campus. We also ask pedestrians to leave the school campus once you see that your child has gained entry into school. Your child should arrive no more than 5 minutes before the stated start time for your child's session. Similarly, you should arrive no more than 5 minutes ahead of time to collect your child at the end of the day and then leave the school campus promptly once your child has been collected.

Arriving / Leaving - In the morning, children enter the school via the front gate on the right hand side of the building from the car park. At the end of the day, we will open the same gate for parents/carers to collect the children from outside their classes. Again, if your child finishes at 2.45, then only the parents of the children from these classes should come on the school yard to collect the children. This will help us with arrangements to reduce the number of people on the yard at any one time. Once your child has been released from class, you should follow the one-way system through the school yard (follow yellow spots and signs), to the entrance on the other side of the building. Please respect the social distancing rules when collecting your child on the school yard.

In the classroom

The daily timetable will be different to the normal school timetable.

Dinner time and playtimes will be staggered.

Some groups of children who decide to bring a packed lunch, will eat their lunch in class.

Please ensure bags and lunch boxes are clearly labelled with your child's name. Rubbish or unwanted food should be returned home in the lunch box.

Pupils will not be allowed to bring any equipment, pencil cases, toys to school. We will provide the children with equipment required.

Toilet facilities will be timetabled and pupils will have regular opportunities during the day to use the toilet.

Lunch/Dinner - School dinners will be available to those that want from Thursday September 3rd.

Breakfast & After School Clubs - As we will also offer breakfast and after school provision, there will be situations where we will be unable to separate children into smaller groups at all times. Please be aware of this situation and the challenges involved. **Breakfast and afterschool club provision should only be used by parents/carers who have no other childcare options available to them. If you do need to make use of these provisions, you will need to ensure that you have booked a place at the breakfast club and after school club as spaces for these provisions are limited.** At the beginning of term, the after school club will be located in the school hall.

The breakfast club will be available from 7:55 onwards, there will be a cost of £1 for pupils arriving before 8:15. The final entry time for breakfast club is 8.30. After school club will be available until 17:30 with a cost of £3.50 until 16:30 and a further £3.50 until 17:30. You must make sure that you have booked a place at the clubs for your child with Miss Lowri Jarvis JarvisL7@hwbcymru.net or the school office mailbox@hooson-pri.wrexham.sch.uk

Regular hand washing and avoiding close contact with others will be encouraged.

Please see the timetable for the start of term. From Monday September 14th, all classes, except Nursery, will attend, following the same times used during the initial sessions. During the first two weeks of term when your child does not attend school, classroom activities will be provided for your child through their HWB account, accessing Google Classrooms. This will provide an opportunity for your child to continue with his/her learning from home over this period.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday 3.9.20	Friday 4.9.20
			Reception (Group 1) 9:15-14:45	All Year 3 & 4 8:55-15:00
			Year 1 & 2 9:15-14:45	Year 5 & 6 Mr S Owen 8:55-15:00
Monday 7.9.20	Tuesday 8.9.20	Wednesday 9.9.20	Thursday 10.9.20	Friday 11.9.20
Nursery (Group 1) 9:30-11:30	Nursery (Group 2) 9:30-11:30	Nursery (Group 3) 9:30-11:30	Nursery (half year group) 9:30-11:30	Nursery (half year group) 9:30-11:30
Year 5 & 6 Mrs M Williams Miss E Evans 8:55-15:00	Reception (Group 2) 9:15-14:45	All Year 3 & 4 8:55-15:00	Reception (Whole class) 9:15-14:45	All Year 3 & 4 8:55-15:00
	Year 5 & 6 Mr S Owen 8:55-15:00	Year 5 & 6 Mrs M Williams Miss E Evans 8:55-15:00	Year 1 & 2 9:15-14:45	All Year 5 & 6 8:55-15:00

Start and finish times over the return period in September (3.9.20-11.9.20)

Nursery 9:30 - 11:30
 Reception 9:15 - 14:45
 Years 1 & 2 9:45 - 14:45
 Years 3 - 6 8:55 - 15:00

Start and finish times from September 14th, 2020

Nursery 9:00 - 11:30
 Reception 9:15 - 14:45
 Years 1 & 2 9:45 - 14:45
 Years 3 - 6 8:55 - 15:00

The arrangements for the start of term as the children return to school are going to be challenging for everyone, we kindly ask for everyone's co-operation with these arrangements. Remember to keep an eye on the school's website, Schoop, the school's Twitter site and the school App for news and information, especially as we approach the start of the new term.

Thank you for your continued co-operation and hope you and your families have a peaceful and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,

Mr Rhodri Jones
 Headteacher