



Ditton Primary School

Liverpool Road, Widnes, Halton WA8 7HD



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29th February - JP

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you and your families are well and keeping safe. We are delighted that school will open for all pupils on **Monday 8th March 2021**. We have missed the children and can't wait to have them all back learning together! Thank you to our parents and carers who have worked so hard to support remote learning as well as those whose children have attended school whilst they have been carrying out essential work.

We recognise that although most children will be looking forward to returning to school and will be ready to learn, there may be some children who are anxious after being at home for an extended period of time. Please be assured that we will, as always, look after every child upon their return and do everything we can to support all children socially, emotionally and academically. If you do have any concerns, please contact your child's class teacher via the class email address.

We have reviewed our risk assessment in line with the new Government guidelines to ensure that we continue to do all we can to keep every member of our school community as safe as possible. Even though schools will be fully open, many restrictions remain in place as we are still living with the virus in our community. At Ditton, we will continue with the measures that were in place before Christmas.

Please find the details below:

Arriving and leaving the school site

No-one must attend school site if they, or members of their household, have symptoms of COVID-19 such as a new continuous cough, high temperature or loss of taste or smell.

- Please ensure that you arrive at school at the appropriate time.

Reception, Y1 and Y2

When dropping off your child please arrive on the school site no earlier than 8.45am and no later than 8.55am

When collecting your child please arrive on the school site no earlier than 2.55pm and no later than 3.10pm

Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

When dropping off your child please arrive on the school site no earlier than 8.35am and no later than 8.45am

When collecting your child please arrive on the school site no earlier than 3.10pm and no later than 3.20pm

Please ensure that your child is at school on time – this minimises the risk of mixing bubbles as well as ensuring that the children do not miss out on essential learning.

- Parents and carers must wear a face covering and maintain a 2m distance when dropping off and collecting children, unless medically exempt.
- There **must** only be one parent/carer per family on the playground – this is to help with social distancing and to reduce the number of adults on the yard.





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- Please note that from 8th March schools are fully open but it is not until 29th March that a member of any two households can meet outdoors or that parents can meet in a group outside. It is imperative that you all adhere to the Government guidance on social distancing and social mixing to protect all our children and staff. Therefore, adults must not congregate at the gates or on the playground – please be aware that members of staff will remind adults that appear to be congregating.
- For details of breakfast and after school club please see our school website

In School

The measures that were in place during the Autumn term will stay in place. They are as follows:

- Children will be welcomed back to school as part of their 'class bubble'. They will learn and play within their 'class bubble' and will not mix with other class bubbles.
- Children will wash/sanitise their hands at regular intervals or when asked to do so by a member of staff. Please remind your child about this expectation.
- Children must socially distance where at all possible (age dependent). Adults in class will encourage this as much as possible.
- Children will have their own frequently used resources which will be personal to them. These will be provided by school so no resources need to be brought in from home.
- Children should not bring items from home apart from their lunchbox/coat/book bag/reading book/homework book
- Class teachers will communicate with parents to inform them of the day that their child will be taking part in P.E. activities. On this day, pupils should come to school in their P.E. kits, wearing appropriate footwear for sports.

Dinners and break times

The full menu will be on offer from the 8th of March. Dinner money should be brought into school in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with your child's name and class. Please can place any snack money in a separate envelope, again clearly marked with your child's name.

Dinners will be eaten in the hall for most children. Each class bubble is assigned an area of the hall, which will be cleaned between uses. The playground is zoned and each bubble has their own area and equipment.

Face coverings

The Government guidelines state that children in Primary Schools should not wear face coverings. If you choose to send your child to school with a face covering they will be asked to put their mask into a plastic bag until home time.



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We have made the decision as a school that adults within school will wear face coverings in communal areas and when in proximity with anyone not in their bubble. Staff will continue to wear face coverings when the doors open and close at the beginning and end of the school day.

Covid Testing

All adults within school are encouraged to take lateral flow tests twice a week and will be provided with testing kits to complete these. This is to aid in the quick detection of any positive cases. Unlike high schools, there are no plans to regularly test primary school children within schools. The Government did announce on the 27th of February that Lateral Flow tests were going to be made available to households and support bubbles that included primary or secondary aged pupils. We will be sending out details of this as soon as receive them. Tests will not be available from school.

We will be sending a School Ping this week regarding booking times for parent consultations. These telephone calls will take place on the 23rd and 24th of March. During these conversations your child's class teacher will update you on how your child has settled back into school and what is being done to support their academic progress and well-being.

As always, if you have any particular concerns please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. By working together, we can ensure that our children have a safe and enjoyable return to on site learning.

Kind regards,

Mrs J Pyne
Head of School