



Halwin School

4th September 2020

Safe, secure and learning

Dear Parent

The school is now open. Term starts for the children on Monday 7th September and we are looking forward to seeing them.

We are taking the latest guidance from the government and Public Health England in order to make the school as safe as is possible for the children and staff.

Any arrangements may be subject to change, please keep looking at the school website for any further updates.

Please at all times be guided by advice from Public Health England. We will be guided by them if any of the school community displays symptoms or tests positive.

Coronavirus symptoms:

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of smell or taste (anosmia)

The guidance tells us that there are some essential measures:

- A requirement that people who are ill stay at home and engage in NHS Test and Trace
 - We ask you to keep your child home if they have any Coronavirus symptoms and inform us immediately.
 - You are advised to get your child tested. Use the 111 online coronavirus service if your child is 5 or over. Call 111 if they're under 5.
 - If your child tests positive, please be guided by Public Health advice.
 - Please inform us of the outcome of the test
- In school, engagement in NHS Test and Trace
 - If your child presents with any symptoms in school we will isolate them, ask you to collect them straight away and ask you to get them tested.
 - Please follow guidance after you know the outcome of the test and inform us either way.
 - If a child tests positive, we will ask the bubble group to isolate at home for 14 days and provide them with online learning. The rest of the school will be informed there has been a positive test result.
- Robust hand and respiratory hygiene
 - We have good hand washing routines in place at school and use the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach to sniffs and runny noses
 - Hand sanitiser and tissues are in every classroom
- Enhanced cleaning arrangements

- In addition to the normal cleaning arrangements, surfaces are wiped down during the day
- Reducing contact and maximising distance
 - We will be operating 3 bubbles: Robins, Owls and Kingfishers.
 - We are looking to run breakfast and after school club with the children distanced in the hall; initially we will start at our normal 8am start time and finish at 5pm. Please drop off and collect from the hall door.
 - We are staggering drop off and pick up times:
 - Robins: 8:50 and 2:50pm (to enter and exit from Robins ramp)
 - Owls: 9:00 and 3pm (to enter and exit from Owls cloakroom door)
 - Kingfishers: 9:10 and 3:10pm (to enter and exit from Kingfishers door)
 - The bubbles will be kept apart at break-times and lunchtimes
 - Robins will lunch in their classroom, Owls and Kingfishers will be separate in the hall. The kitchen will be providing packed lunches for those taking it up.
 - Other actions will be in place in school in order to reduce contact between children, where possible, and in keeping a distance between people
 - Children will be given their own stationary sets
 - Parents and visitors will not be permitted to enter the school building without prior appointment. If you need to speak to a member of staff please call the school number or speak through the reception intercom if urgent. If in exceptional circumstances you are needing to come into school, we expect you to wear a mask.

Where a child has a specific special need, individual provision will be made.

If it proves necessary to close a bubble or the school, children who are at home will be provided with work through remote learning and in particular Google Classroom. All children are now expected to attend and the usual procedures will be followed for registering and reporting attendance. There will be some children who are under the guidance of a healthcare professional. If you are concerned about whether your child ought to be in school, you should contact this healthcare professional for advice and let us know.

The school will be adapting the normal curriculum from September to overcome any loss to learning that has taken place during lockdown. This may include additional homework tasks or other specific interventions that will take place in school. Homework will be set weekly and uploaded to the Google Classrooms, unless you have informed us that you are unable to access the work in this way. Books will be sent home with children and we will allocate set days for them to be returned. This allows us to quarantine them and so make them safe, before they can then be given to another child.

All KS1 and free school meal children are entitled to a school lunch. To start the term this will be a packed lunch. Any other children who wish to have a school packed lunch can order it on the day as usual.

We would like to see uniform in school. However, your child will be asked to wear PE clothes on PE days (Robins on Monday and Tuesday; Owls are Tuesday and Wednesday; Kingfishers, Tuesday and Thursday). A track suit or leggings can be worn and PE shoes, such as trainers. Please no fancy colours or patterns.

How can you help us:

- Make sure home packed lunches are easy for your child to unwrap
- Provide your child with their own water bottle
- Make sure your child's uniform has clothes they can manage themselves eg elasticated trousers and velcro shoes
- Children will not need to bring any resources to school eg pens and pencils
- On sunny days, please apply sunscreen to your child before they come to school
- Talk through with your child the changes they can expect when they return.
- Please pre-book your child/children into the breakfast or afterschool club

If you have taken a foreign holiday in the last fortnight please follow the government guidelines according to the location. Some destinations require a 14 day quarantine period - please check and inform us.

We will do all that we can to ensure that the children are settled back into school life as easily as possible. If you feel you would like us to be aware of any specific issue regarding your child please contact the school.

I hope you and your families have had an enjoyable summer and we look forward to seeing you all.

With kind regards



Richard Lawrence
Headteacher