

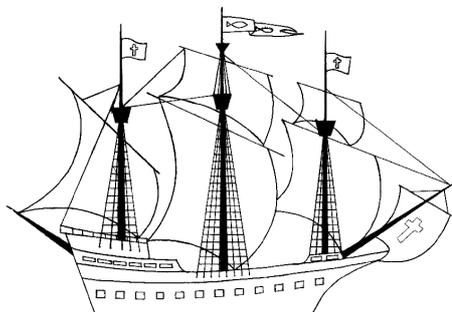
---

# Dawpool C.E (Aided) Primary School

## *. . . Growing the Fruit of the Spirit*

*'The Fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness & Self Control'  
(Galatians 5:22-23)*

---



Dawpool C.E. (Aided) Primary School  
School Lane  
Thurstaston  
Wirral  
CH61 0HH  
0151 648 3412  
schooloffice@dawpool.wirral.sch.uk  
www.dawpool-ce.eschools.co.uk

Head Teacher: Mr D. Burrows MA, NPQH

18<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We deeply hope that all of our children can return to school as soon as possible. We cannot wait for Dawpool to be filled again with happy children, enjoying learning and the company of their friends.

The government's announcement of allowing some children back into schools from 1st June will take us a step closer to being back together. It is clear however, that we must proceed carefully and implement protective measures to minimise risk.

We have studied the government's guidance very carefully and taken into account advice from the professional associations and unions. Providing that infection levels do not rise, we are being asked to prepare for children in F1, F2, Y1 and Y6 to begin a return to school, no earlier than 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020. We are also asked to continue provision for pupils of critical workers and vulnerable pupils.

The government guidance states that pupils are 'strongly encouraged' to attend school. If you would like your child to return to school, we will welcome them unreservedly and provide them with care and reassurance. We will reduce risk as much as possible, but, as with all public spaces, we cannot guarantee full protection from the virus at this time. School will be different to normal and routines and systems will be unfamiliar to pupils. If you feel the time is not right for your child to return to school, that is your choice. Parents will not be fined for non-attendance at this time.

This letter will not answer all of your questions, but the following information should help you to understand what our school will be like when the protective measures outlined by the government are implemented:

- Pupils will work in groups of no more than 15.
- Pupils may not be with their own class teacher or all their friends or in their own classroom.
- Pupils will remain with the same group and the same adult while they are in school.
- Home learning will continue for all year groups and pupils attending school will complete the same work with staff guidance. There will need to be a different procedure for home learning due to increased teaching commitments in school. A revised home learning guide will be issued to parents to reflect these changing circumstances.

---

**'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord. 'Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future.'** (Jeremiah 29:11)

- Breaks will be taken in small groups, staggered so that the children do not mix in larger groups.
- The school kitchen will not prepare hot food. Pupils may either bring their own packed lunch or receive one from the school kitchen, normal charges will apply. School will provide a packed lunch to pupils eligible for free school meals (FSM).
- Pupils will eat their lunch outside or, in the case of inclement weather, in their group's classroom.
- Classroom environments will be arranged more formally to support social distancing.
- Staff will sensitively encourage social distancing of pupils, although this will be difficult to accomplish at all times, particularly in the younger year groups, and the government acknowledges this.
- Some indoor and outdoor resources will not be available and pupils will not be able to share equipment as readily.
- The school will be cleaned continuously throughout the day, including the spaces that pupils are working in.
- To enable social distancing, parents will be given staggered times to arrive at school and to collect pupils.
- Only one adult can accompany children to school.
- Wrap-Around care and extra-curricular clubs will not be provided.
- Pupils must wear clean clothes to school each day. Therefore, non-uniform is encouraged unless school uniform can be laundered each evening.
- Families must continue to observe the current social distancing guidance out of school.

We cannot guarantee that our school will reopen to all of the priority year groups on 1<sup>st</sup> June because we are restricted by the school layout, staffing availability, class sizes, etc. We are looking carefully at what provision we can safely offer and will do our best to open more widely as soon as we can. Before we can accept more pupils in school, our risk assessment must be approved by the Local Authority.

To help us with our preparations, we will today send an online questionnaire to the following parents:

- Parents of pupils in F1, F2, Y1, Y6.
- Parents of key workers who are entitled to a school place.

The questionnaire will ascertain if your child will return to school as the government allows. We ask that you complete the questionnaire promptly and submit it by **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 12:00pm**. Detailed plans and risk assessments will inevitably take time to prepare and we will write to you with more detail about the practical arrangements in advance of the school opening to more pupils. You may receive written communication over the half term holiday. We will also provide regular updates on the following pages of the school website: [Coronavirus Information](#) and [Mr Burrows' Updates](#). In the meantime, we recommend that you read the government's [Guidance to Parents](#) and [Scientific Advice & Information](#) for schools.

We would love nothing better than to have everything back to normal, but we are all in unprecedented times. Welcoming the children back safely must be our priority and we know you would want this to be the case.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Yours sincerely,



David Burrows  
Head Teacher