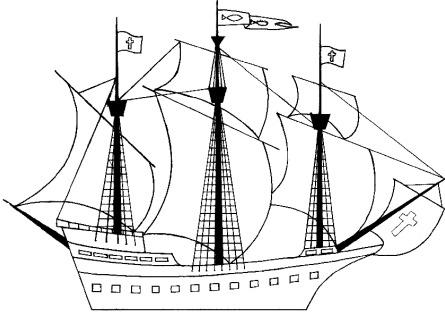

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*'The Fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness & Self Control'
(Galatians 5:22-23)*



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8th June 2020

Dear Parent and Carer,

Implementation of Phase 2: Year 6 pupils

I am writing to confirm that Year 6 pupils will return to Dawpool on Monday 15th June.

Please note that if the reproduction (R) median value for the North West is confirmed by the government as being above 1.0, or if Wirral Local Authority advise against opening for any reason, we will not permit Year 6 pupils to return to school on 15th June and the start date will be delayed. We will let you know as soon as possible if this is the case.

So that we can make the necessary arrangements in school, we ask that you email schooloffice@dawpool.wirral.sch.uk by **Wednesday 11th June at 12:00pm** to inform us whether or not your child will return to school on 15th June.

We have provided below the information you need for your child to return to school. Please read this information thoroughly alongside the risk assessment on the [school website](#).

Your child should not attend school if they or a household member are displaying coronavirus symptoms. The most common symptoms of coronavirus are recent onset of any of the following:

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

So that we can be confident that all staff and pupils on the school premises are without fever (apyrexial), we will take your child's temperature using a contactless thermometer before they enter the school building. For further information about symptoms and self-isolation, please read [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#).

'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)

Can my child be tested for coronavirus?

For Year 6 pupils, a test can be arranged through the [NHS 111 coronavirus symptoms checker](#).

What happens if my child tests positive for coronavirus?

Please inform the school straight away. Your child must self-isolate at home for 7-days. People in the same household must self-isolate for 14-days. Following a confirmed case in school, we will immediately follow the advice from Public Health England and the NHS Test & Trace Service who may recommend that your child's group are sent home and advised to isolate for 14-days. The other household members of that wider group will not need to self-isolate unless the child they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

What is the school doing to reduce risk?

The school has implemented a recovery plan and risk assessment which has been developed in consultation with governors, staff, local authority, professional associations and trade unions. This plan outlines the measures we will take to minimise risk and it will be regularly reviewed. A copy is available on the [school website](#).

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.

Does my child need to attend school full time?

Year 6 pupils will return to school full-time. We are unable to accommodate requests for part-time attendance of pupils.

What time should my child arrive at school?

Year 6 pupils must arrive at school anytime between **09:00-09:20**. The start time has been staggered to enable social distancing.

I have a child in Year 6 and their sibling is in a Key Worker Group. What time should my children arrive?

All of your children must arrive at school anytime between **08:40 – 09:00**

What is the arrivals procedure?

- All children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Only one adult should accompany each child.
- Parents should avoid bringing siblings who are not attending school.
- Children are encouraged to walk or cycle where possible. Bicycles should be stored on the small playground.
- If driving, parents are encouraged to park away from school and walk.
- Please ensure you maintain 2m distance from the school crossing patrol who will be in attendance at the end of School Lane.
- So that we can be confident that all staff and pupils on the school premises are afebrile, your child's temperature will be taken using a contactless thermometer before entering school. A child will not be permitted to enter the school if their temperature is 37.5 or above. In such circumstances, the parent should take their child home.

- A one-way system for pedestrians will be established on the school premises and monitored by a member of staff. Parents and pupils arrive via the pedestrian path and drop off at the double green gate. Pupils will enter the school through the main entrance and parents leave across the car park.
- The carpark will be closed to vehicles between 08:30-10:00. Vehicular access is strictly prohibited.
- Parents must not enter the school under any circumstances.
- Staff cannot apply sun cream to pupils so this must be applied by parents before your child arrives at school.
- Parents should closely observe the government's social distancing measures when walking on School Lane and surrounding areas.

What should my child wear?

Your child should wear their own clothes which should be freshly laundered each day. Footwear should be suitable for outdoor activities, e.g. trainers. No open-toe sandals.

What does my child need to bring?

- ✓ Lightweight coat or cagoule which they will keep on the back of their chair.
- ✓ A jumper or fleece (the classroom windows will be open!)
- ✓ A clearly **named** water bottle.
- ✓ A fully disposable packed lunch and a snack. No lunchboxes, please.
- ✓ Their copy of 'The Silver Sword'.

What should my child leave at home?

- ✗ PE Kit
- ✗ School bag, rucksack
- ✗ Mobile phone
- ✗ Pencil case and stationery
- ✗ Any other personal belongings

What will my child do in school?

School staff will support your child to complete the home learning tasks with some variation. Pupils will also undertake cross-curricular projects and activities that promote positive mental health and wellbeing.

Will my child have time outdoors?

Initially, your child will have regular access to the school grounds. Once other phases have been implemented, your child's group will be allocated a 30-minute outdoor break in the morning and afternoon. Your child will also have a 30-minute outdoor break over lunchtime, sometimes longer if space allows. During outdoor breaks, your child will mix only with their own group in a designated space.

Who will be in my child's group?

Year 6 pupils will be split into two smaller groups of no more than 15 pupils. One group will work in the Year 6 classroom, the other group will work in the Year 5 classroom. Each group will be supervised by two members of staff.

Will the two Year 6 groups be allowed to mix?

In accordance with the government's guidance, pupils will not move between groups. We understand that Year 6 pupils will want to spend time altogether. We are looking at ways to enable both groups to interact with each other outdoors, but there will always need to be a safe distance between the two groups at all times.

What time does my child finish school?

Year 6 pupils must be collected from school by an adult promptly at **3:40pm**. Please note that Year 6 pupils are not permitted to walk home alone.

What is the collection procedure?

- All children must be collected by an adult.
- Parents should not arrive before 3:40pm.
- Only one adult should accompany each child.
- Parents should avoid bringing siblings who are not attending school.
- If parents have no choice but to bring other children with them, they must not be allowed to run around on the playground or play on outdoor equipment.
- Children are encouraged to walk or cycle where possible.
- If driving, parents are encouraged to park away from school and walk.
- Similar to the arrivals procedure, a one-way system for pedestrians will be established and monitored by a member of staff. Parents arrive via the pedestrian path and wait on the **main playground**. Parents must observe 2m social distancing whilst waiting.
- Pupils will be dismissed from the conservatory entrance at 3:40pm.
- Parents and pupils should leave the premises across the car park.
- The carpark will be closed to vehicles at the end of the day. Vehicular access is strictly prohibited.
- Parents must not enter the school under any circumstances.
- Parents should closely observe the government's social distancing measures when walking on School Lane and surrounding areas.

Will school be providing Wrap Around Care?

So that we can clean the school in accordance with our risk assessment, we are unable to offer school provision before 8:40am and after 4:00pm.

I do not wish my child to return to school on 15th June. Will home learning continue?

Mrs Lee is returning to teach in school full time. She will continue to provide home learning on the school website in the same format, but she is unable to respond to emails from parents and pupils during the school day. She will try to make contact with pupils who are working at home each week to the best of her ability. Urgent enquiries should be directed to schooloffice@dawpool.wirral.sch.uk

I feel that 15th June is too early for my child to return to school. Can my child start at a later date?

We would prefer all Year 6 pupils to start at the same time, although we respect your wishes to start later if preferred. We will only permit pupils to return to school on a Monday, at the start of a full week. Please email schooloffice@dawpool.wirral.sch.uk before 12pm on the Friday before your child will return, so the registers can be prepared.

How should I communicate with the school?

Parents are not permitted to enter the school building. All communication with school should be done by email or telephone.

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In emergency situations, where face to face appointments are the only option, this will be arranged by appointment only so that adequate social distancing arrangements can be made.

What else can I do to prepare my child for coming to school?

- Talk to your child about the importance of hand hygiene: washing hands regularly for at least 20 seconds using soap and warm water.
- Talk to your child about managing coughs and sneezes using the '[Catch it, bin it, kill it](#)' approach.
- Talk to your child about respecting the personal space of others, keeping their distance and not touching other people outside of their family.
- Read the risk assessment on the [school website](#) so that you are clear about the protective measures we are implementing.

Please contact the school office if you have any further questions.

We look forward to welcoming your child back to school.

Yours sincerely,



David Burrows
Headteacher