

Haselworth Primary School

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4th January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I write further to my communication to you on 31st December 2020 following the Government announcement of the rapidly rising case rates and the new, more transmissible variant of the Covid 19. I understand that the school community is anxious about the return to school and I want to reassure all that I consider the safety and wellbeing of everyone paramount.

Whilst we follow the Department for Education and Government regulations, the Governing Body and the Leadership Team have a duty of care to keep everyone as safe as possible. Therefore, as we remain in Tier 4 and have a directive to open as planned to all pupils on Tuesday 5th January 2021, we have risk assessed our operations further and therefore I am asking all parents, carers and visitors to the school site to COMPLY with the following:

- All adults to wear a face covering unless medically exempt.
- Under no circumstances should you arrive early or late. Only one adult will be permitted to arrive with your child if necessary. Parents will not be allowed to come into the playground. Your child will enter the school site whilst being supervised by a member of staff. If entering via Stone Lane, please queue in a socially distanced manner and do not cross the orange barrier.
- **WE MUST MINIMISE ADULT TO ADULT CONTACT.** If you are dropping your child off at school, please do not come closer than 2 metres to the teacher or ANY member of staff.
- Any conversations with the teacher will need to take place by telephone, Seesaw or admin office email after the school day has finished. The response time may be longer than normal due to teaching commitments.
- Morning messages must be given to the office via email or telephone. Staff on gate duty will not be taking messages.
- We encourage all parents to walk or cycle to school where possible.
- Your child **MUST WEAR** a helmet and no one should be cycling onto the school site. Please dismount at the school gates and walk in.
- Please follow the government advice for using public transport if required.
- It continues to be the Government's aim that all pupils, in all year groups, remain in school full-time, therefore the usual rules on school attendance apply. If you decide to keep your child at home the absence will be unauthorised. Remote learning will only be supplied if a child is isolating due to Covid 19.

A copy of all of the risk assessments and up to date Covid 19 information can be found in the Parent tab on the webpage. Please look under the menu title Covid Information Hub for Parents.



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Reminders

Covid 19 symptoms and response to close contact tracing

- Do not send your child to school if they have ANY of the three symptoms of COVID-19 (a temperature or a continuous cough or a loss of taste or smell)
- Do not send your child to school if they have been in close contact with anyone with COVID-19 symptoms.
- Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website, or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet.

Drop off and collection

Part of the management of risk for schools, is the organisation of children coming onto the site and off the site at the beginning and end of the school day. This includes parents waiting outside the school, who should be socially distancing. In order for this to happen, we need ALL parents to keep to the timings and move off the site quickly.

School Uniform

Children should be dressed in the correct, clean school uniform at all times. Trainers or training style shoes, boots of any colour, backless or open shoes, or shoes with platforms or high heels are not appropriate for school. Leisure wear including hair accessories and novelty head bands are also not acceptable. Hair should be of one natural colour and long hair should be tied back. Parents will be contacted if the uniform does not meet the expected standard.

Other belongings including facemasks.

Children must not bring in personal belongings including toys. Children can bring in their coat, lunch box, water bottle, reading book and a small school bag. All belongings are stored in personal lockers. PE kit should be work to school on PE day. Please ensure the PE kit follows the school uniform rules as this was not the case for all children, last term.

If mobile phones are brought into school, they must be provided with a small bag to put them in to reduce the risk of cross contamination when stored.

Face coverings for children, whilst on site, are not required as recommended by Public Health England. Your child will be instructed not to touch the front of their face covering during use or when removing them. They must wash their hands immediately on arrival, dispose of temporary face coverings in a covered bin or place reusable face coverings in a plastic bag they can take home with them.

Attendance



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If your child is absent please contact the school ASAP with the reason. The school will contact you to provide a valid reason for your child's absence if they do not arrive at school and we have not heard from you.

Engaging with the school

- The school office reception area will be closed to all parents and carers unless you have a prearranged appointment. The school office staff will be able to communicate with all parents and other stakeholders by telephone and/or email.
- Please do not attempt to enter the school building (or site other than for dropping off or collecting your child) as you will politely be asked to leave.
- Parents and carers will not be allowed to gather at the entrance gates or doors or anywhere on the school site.

I look forward to welcoming back the children tomorrow.

Best wishes

N Jones

Mrs N. Jones

