

# HAWKSWORTH WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Welcome Back!

I hope you are all safe and well at this very strange time! We've all been very busy in school over the summer holidays getting ready to welcome the children back this week. And I am so looking forward to meeting you all at last!

Here's a reminder of some of the key things you'll need to know.

## **Bubbles**

The government guidelines now say that bubbles can be up to a full year group. The children will stay in their own bubbles with their own separate outdoor play area with the same teachers and teaching assistants throughout the day.

By keeping children and staff in a bubble, we minimise the risk of spreading any infections across the whole school. If a child or staff member in a bubble tests positive for coronavirus, all children and staff in that bubble will be asked to self-isolate. We will contact you straight away if this happens.

Because we are keeping our bubbles closed, we will be finishing school early on a Friday lunchtime to allow teachers to have their planning and preparation time, and for classrooms to be deep cleaned. This is only a temporary measure. We hope that very soon, we can move to having slightly larger bubbles so that children do not miss out on learning time.

If you are unable to collect your child at lunchtime on a Friday due to work commitments, please email the school office to request a childcare place in school.

## **Uniform**

Pupils are expected to wear school uniform as normal.

## **PE**

**PE is going ahead. On the days your child has PE, they should come to school in their PE kit.** (Track-suit bottoms and navy jumper / top instead of shorts would be good on colder days.)

## **Breakfast**

Free Breakfast Bagels and cereal will be served until 8:30 am. Please let your child's teacher know if you'd like them to have breakfast so we can have it ready for them.

## **Reviewing and Changing**

We will be constantly reviewing and changing our procedures according to government guidance. We are so grateful that parents are supportive and patient with us as we keep making changes.

## **Home School Agreement**

We have a new Home School Agreement which your child will bring home to you to sign and return to school. This sets out what you can expect from us and what we expect from you and your children to keep safe at this very unusual time. We will have lots of enhanced cleaning and hand washing facilities so please don't worry about sending your child to school with any sanitizer or other products as we have plenty to go round.

## **Lunches**

We will continue to provide lunches for pupils through a 'grab bag' lunch made daily onsite in our own kitchen. Pupils will eat their lunch in the class bubbles. (There is a menu on our website).

## **Safe Home Time**

As well as a Home School Agreement, you will also receive a letter about home time. Please fill in the slip and return it to school straight away so that we can make sure all the children leave school safely at the end of the day.

## **A few things that we're putting on hold for now....**

For the first half-term, there are a few things not happening:

- swimming lessons for Year 3 children
- after-school clubs for all children
- musical instrument lessons
- shared lunch times and breakfast club
- staff working across bubbles – this will mean we can give teachers their planning time at different times and we will be able to open back up on a Friday afternoon

We really want to get these up-and-running soon, but want to make sure that everything happens as smoothly as possible in other aspects of school life for all our children and staff.

**Any questions?** Please just email the [office@hwood.org.uk](mailto:office@hwood.org.uk) and we'll get back to you as soon as we can. Or, there will be plenty of staff including me around on a morning and at home time so feel free to come and have a socially distanced chat on the playground.

Best wishes.

**Miss E Pickard**  
**Headteacher**