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Wider Opening of school for ALL children from 8th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

I would like to thank you all for your support and patience over the last few months. It has been a very difficult time for everyone, and things have often changed on a daily basis so thank you for understanding. As announced by the Prime Minister schools will be open for ALL pupils from Monday 8th March 2021. We have reviewed our Risk assessments and daily procedures and will be reopening as we did in the Autumn Term. A reminder of these procedures is below;

Children will be in 'Class Bubbles' and will have staggered start and finish times. Playtimes and lunchtimes will also be different to minimise contact between different class bubbles. We will be working hard to ensure that school feels as normal for the children as possible.

In order to minimise the number of children and parents on site at any given time, we will be staggering the start and end times as follows;

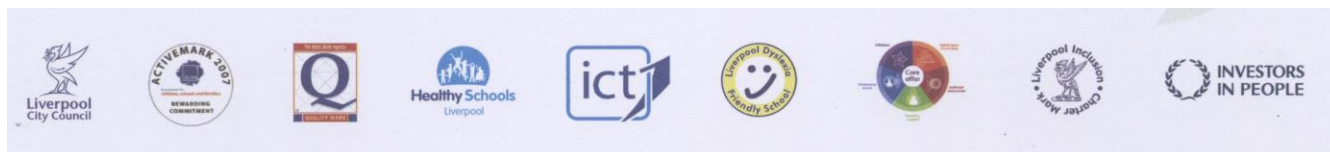
Year Groups	Drop off time	Collection time
1, 3 & 5	8.45am	3.10pm
2, 4 & 6	8.50am	3.15pm
Nursery/Reception	8.55am	3.20pm

The school gates will open at 8.45am and at 3.00pm. Staff will be on the gates and playground from this time. If possible, particularly for older children (Y3-6) can Parents please drop children off at the school gate, and let them walk to class, where there will be staff to greet them. If you need to come onto the playground with your children please follow social distancing guidelines, wear a face covering and limit numbers to one adult per family.

Where families have children in different year groups please follow the drop off and collection times for your YOUNGEST child. ALL classes will access school by their own classroom door. It would be appreciated if you could be prompt and stick to the allocated times and follow social distancing guidelines. Please help us by leaving the school site as soon as your children go into class.

Visitors will not be allowed into school without having made an appointment. If you need to speak to a member of staff please do so by telephone. If you call the school office they should be able to help you, or arrange for a member of staff to call you back as soon as possible.

Children will be required to wear school uniform once we return. On the days they have P.E they can wear their kit on those days, rather than having to bring it and get changed. We will inform you of guidelines for swimming in the Summer Term. Currently our swimming pool is out of use.



School bags are allowed, but please only bring them if it is absolutely necessary. Packed lunch boxes can be brought in, with a water bottle. Please make sure that they are clearly labelled with your child's name. Children can bring a healthy snack for playtime. Please do not send in cakes from home.

School lunches will be prepared by the school kitchen, but with a slightly reduced menu of sandwiches, pasta, jacket potatoes and some hot dishes. Lunch will be eaten in classrooms.

Current guidance does not require children or staff in Primary schools to wear a face mask in the classroom. Staff are wearing face coverings around the school. Staff will wear PPE if they are providing personal care for a child or if they are caring for a child who is unwell and shows symptoms of coronavirus. This guidance has been in place since September.

Home learning links are on each class page of our website to the Oak National Academy, <https://www.thenational.academy/> which has been selected by the government to provide online learning for pupils, staff will continue to upload learning on to See saw for any children not attending school.

All children will be encouraged to wash their hands regularly throughout the day. Tables, surfaces and equipment will be regularly sanitised throughout the day in addition to at the end of the day. We will continue to have high expectations for the behaviour of all children and will be looking for the support of parents in promoting and celebrating pupils returning to school after a long time.

If your child is ill and unable to attend school, we ask that you inform us before 9.30am. When notifying us, you will be asked a few questions about their symptoms, which will allow us to take any necessary precautions. If your child shows any COVID symptoms please do not send them into school.

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 8th March. We will continue to update the school website with any changes to our plans for wider reopening.

Thank you for your patience and support over the last few months.

Best wishes, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

Mr. Ian Hunt
Headteacher

