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IMPORTANT

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well and have had an enjoyable Summer. At the end of last term, you have already received information regarding your child's class for September 2020, as well as information about other general arrangements relating to returning to school. We all face a challenging time with all pupils returning to school, and it will be important that we all follow the specific health and safety arrangements and requirements. I would like to inform you the following more specific information about the arrangements.

As you are aware of, at the beginning of the new term we will implement a return procedure whereby the children gradually return to school, allowing fewer classes to attend on the same days over this period. This will give us as a school the opportunity to try out the changes in the arrangements gradually as we work towards each class returning by Monday September 14th. Not all children and classes will return immediately at the start of the new term. Full classes and specific ages will attend on different days and there will be some changes to the day's schedule, which will include different start and finish times for different ages as well as changes to the day's schedule specifically around lunch arrangements. The arrangements are temporary and it is hoped that we will eventually be able to work toward a return to the normal school timetable and arrangements.

Tuesday September 1st and Wednesday September 2nd are used as preparation days for the children returning to school. These will not be training days as originally planned. The staff training days have been rescheduled for Monday February 22nd, 2021 and Friday March 26th, 2021.

On Thursday September 3rd, the first groups of pupils will start attending and return to school. All able pupils are expected to attend school in September. We are aware that the situation regarding the coronavirus may change, therefore if there are any significant changes that may affect your child being able to attend, then you will be informed immediately.

We will have re-visited the school's covid-19 risk assessment and taken the Local Authority's advice on this before the children return. We will endeavour to avoid mixing large groups of pupils, regularly reminding children of the rules of social distance and regular hand washing. We would appreciate your help with this by reinforcing these important messages at home for the benefit and safety of all children and adults working within the school. We will expect full co-operation from all children in relation to these rules. If we find that an individual is struggling with the rules and puts others in uncomfortable or dangerous situations, we will contact parents/carers to arrange for them to be collected from school in order to have a longer period of practicing these rules at home.

We have introduced some changes to the drop off and collection times. We ask all parents to make every effort, for the convenience of the arrangements as well as for safety reasons, to ensure that the children arrive at school on time for the stated start times. It would greatly facilitate the arrangements if those of you who can walk to school with the children, to do so, and avoid bringing cars into the school campus. For those of you who are unable to walk to school, every effort should be made to drop off your child within the short time slot and then **once your child has gained access through the school gate where staff will be supervising, any vehicle should be moved directly from the school car park and campus. We also ask pedestrians to leave the school campus once you see that your child has gained entry into school. Your child should arrive no more than 5 minutes before the stated start time for your child's session. Similarly, you should arrive no more than 5 minutes ahead of time to collect your child at the end of the day and then leave the school campus promptly once your child has been collected.**

Arriving / Leaving – In the morning, children enter the school via the front gate on the right hand side of the building from the car park. At the end of the day, we will open the same gate for parents/carers to collect the children from outside their classes. To minimise the number of adults on the school yard, **one parent/carer only should collect their child from the school yard**. Again, if your child finishes at 2.45, then only the parents of the children from these classes should come on the school yard to collect the children. This will help us with arrangements to reduce the number of people on the yard at any one time. Once your child has been released from class, you should follow the one-way system through the school yard (follow yellow spots and signs), to the entrance on the other side of the building. Please respect the social distancing rules when collecting your child on the school yard. (Parents of nursery age children will have different drop off and collection arrangements, dropping off and collecting from outside the class)

School uniform – With all pupils returning to school, we ask the children to wear a school uniform. Details regarding school uniform policy requirements have been previously shared on numerous occasions and can also be found on the school website.

In the classroom

The daily timetable will be different to the normal school timetable.
Dinner time and playtimes will be staggered.
Classrooms will be kept well ventilated with windows / exterior doors being kept open.
Children will be reminded of regular hand washing.
Some groups of children who decide to bring a packed lunch, will eat their lunch in class.
Please ensure bags and lunch boxes are clearly labelled with your child's name. Rubbish or unwanted food should be returned home in the lunch box.
Pupils will not be allowed to bring any equipment, pencil cases, toys to school. We will provide the children with equipment required.
Toilet facilities will be timetabled and pupils will have regular opportunities during the day to use the toilet.
If your child begins to feel unwell, then the school will contact parents/carers to arrange collection from school.

Physical Education – You will be informed by your child's class teacher, of which day your child will be taking part in physical education lessons. On these days, your child should come to school in their PE kit. In line with the school policy, the children are expected to wear dark blue shorts and blue T shirt/school polo shirt. Suitable trainers are also required for outdoor activities. A tracksuit may be worn over the PE kit on colder days.

Lunch/Dinner – School dinners will be available to those that want from Thursday September 3rd. The school meals menu has been amended temporarily (please see copy of menu attached). The children will eat their dinner in the school hall within a specific time slot. Dinner hour will be reduced to a 45 minute session, which will allow time for the children to eat their dinner and have a short break outside. Children who bring their own packed lunch will be eating their dinner in class. It would be much appreciated for health and safety reasons if payments could be completed on-line. Details are available from the school office if required.

Teacher/Parent contact – Class teachers will be unable to meet face to face with parents/carers. If you do need to discuss an important matter related to your child, then please communicate through e-mail or telephone.

Breakfast & After School Clubs – As we will also offer breakfast and after school provision, there will be situations where we will be unable to separate children into smaller groups at all times. Please be aware of this situation and the challenges involved. **Breakfast and afterschool club provision should only be used by parents/carers who have no other childcare options available to them. If you do need to make use of these provisions, you will need to ensure that you have booked a place at the breakfast club and after school club as spaces for these provisions are limited.** At the beginning of term, the after school club will be located in the school hall.
The breakfast club will be available from 7:55 onwards, there will be a cost of £1 for pupils arriving before 8:15. The final entry time for breakfast club is 8.30. After school club will be available until 17:30 with a cost of £3.50 until 16:30 and a further £3.50 until 17:30. You must make sure that you have booked a place at the clubs for your child with the school office mailbox@hooson-pri.wrexham.sch.uk

Please see the timetable for the start of term. From Monday September 14th, all classes, except Nursery, will attend, following the same times used during the initial sessions. During the first two weeks of term when your child does not attend school, classroom activities will be provided for your child through their HWB account, accessing Google Classrooms. This will provide an opportunity for your child to continue with his/her learning from home over this period.

Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday** **3.9.20**	**Friday** **4.9.20**
			Reception (Group 1) **9:15–14:45** Year 1 & 2 **9:15–14:45**	All Year 3 & 4 **8:55-15:00** Year 5 & 6 Mr S Owen **8:55-15:00**
Monday **7.9.20**	**Tuesday** **8.9.20**	**Wednesday** **9.9.20**	**Thursday** **10.9.20**	**Friday** **11.9.20**
Nursery (Group 1) **9:30-11:30** Year 5 & 6 Mrs M Williams Miss E Evans **8:55-15:00**	Nursery (Group 2) **9:30-11:30** Reception (Group 2) **9:15–14:45** Year 5 & 6 Mr S Owen **8:55-15:00**	Nursery (Group 3) **9:30-11:30** All Year 3 & 4 **8:55-15:00** Year 5 & 6 Mrs M Williams Miss E Evans **8:55-15:00**	Nursery (half year group) **9:30-11:30** Reception (Whole class) **9:15–14:45** Year 1 & 2 **9:15–14:45**	Nursery (half year group) **9:30-11:30** All Year 3 & 4 **8:55-15:00** All Year 5 & 6 **8:55-15:00**

Start and finish times over the return period in September (3.9.20-11.9.20)

Nursery	9:30 – 11:30
Reception	9:15 – 14:45
Years 1 & 2	9:15 – 14:45
Years 3 – 6	8:55 – 15:00

Start and finish times from September 14th, 2020

Nursery	**9:00** – 11:30
Reception	9:15 – 14:45
Years 1 & 2	9:15 – 14:45
Years 3 – 6	8:55 – 15:00

The arrangements for the start of term as the children return to school are going to be challenging for everyone, we kindly ask for everyone's co-operation with these arrangements. Remember to keep an eye on the school's website, Schoop, the school's Twitter site as well as the school App for news and information, especially as we approach the start of the new term.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr Rhodri Jones
Headteacher