



Water Hall Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers

Returning to school Monday 8th March 2021

I am so happy to be writing this letter in preparation for welcoming all of our children back into school on Monday 8th March 2021.

Thank you all for your support with home learning. I am sure that at times it has been difficult so thank you.

When we fully open on Monday 8th March things will not be too different from when we opened in September 2020. Attendance is mandatory and therefore we expect all pupils to be in. The usual rules on attendance will apply, including:

- parents' duty to ensure that their child of compulsory school age attends regularly at the school where the child is a registered pupil
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- the ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, in line with local authorities' codes of conduct

Children will be in their phase group bubbles and their own classrooms as they were before we broke up for Christmas. An updated version of the risk assessment can be found on our school website

www.waterhallprimary.co.uk.

Drop off

- Carpark entrance- Melfort Drive
- No cars down Melfort Drive please- Park in the car park at the front of the school and walk to the staff car park entrance or park outside of our walk to school zone.
- Drop off window - 8:30 am - 8:45am. Please use the full window to avoid large groups forming around the school site. Children must be in their classroom at 8.45am.
 - Drop children off at the school gate- **parents not to enter the school site during drop off.**
 - **Please line up, as before, down the path way adjacent to the staff car park. This will then allow the opposite pathway to be free for parents and carers to leave.**
- Reception pupils should enter the school via the side gate at the front of the school.
- Nursery drop off will be at the main office doors from 8:30am

Pick up

- Carpark entrance- Melfort Drive
- No cars down Melfort Drive please - Park in the car park at the front of the school and walk to the staff car park entrance.
- Pick up window- 3:15 - 3:30pm Monday- Thursday and 2:15 - 2:30pm Friday.
- **Please line up, as before, down the path way adjacent to the staff car park. This line will be allowed onto the school site first.**





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- Parents to pick children up from outside classrooms.
 - Years 1 - 6 Parents to enter the school via the main car park gate and exit via the same gate, always walking on the left.
 - Reception children to be picked up from Reception's side gate (through front gate entrance)
 - Nursery to be picked up from the main office doors.
- Parents will not be permitted to enter the classroom at any point.
- **ONE PERSON WILL BE PERMITTED TO PICK UP.**
- All adults must wear a mask unless exempt.

Contact with teachers and messages.

- If you are required to speak to members of staff please call the school office. Staff will do everything to contact you at the earliest opportunity.
- Home communication books can also be used to pass messages on to staff.

Breakfast club

We will be offering a Breakfast club again. The charge per session per child is £1. This will be up and running hopefully from Monday 15th March. Please keep an eye out for more information on this.

Lunches

- Full lunch menu will be available to children.
- Cucina, the new catering company is using an online ordering system.
- ALL orders must be made online. **No order = no food.**

Hygiene measures

- Children will wash their hands on entry into the classroom, and at regular periods throughout the school day
- Door handles and surfaces that are touched will be cleaned throughout the day and classrooms will be thoroughly cleaned at the end of each day.

Equipment

- Children will need to be in school uniform.
- Children will bring their own water bottles from home.
- Children will need indoor shoes. **All children will need to have a book bag.** Children can bring back packs, however they will need to have a school book bag.
- PE DAYS- Children come to school already in PE kit.

Uniform

Children must wear school uniform in school. Uniform guidelines are as follows:





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- Grey or black trousers, smart shorts, skirts or pinafore dresses. Summer dresses can be worn during summer months.
- White or royal blue polo shirts.
- Royal blue sweatshirt.
- Indoor plimsolls.
- P.E. kit consisting of black shorts and a school PE t shirt.
- Long hair needs to be tied back, and all hair accessories need to be functional not decorative.
- No jewellery should be worn. Stud earrings only. A small functional watch may also be worn.

Loaned equipment

If over the period of the latest lock down you have loaned any equipment from school e.g. chromebook, laptop, internet hubs, please could you return them to school on Monday 8th March so that we can make sure that equipment is ready for distribution in preparation for any bubble closures in the future. If children take them into their classrooms, they can be collected from there.

Illness

Please remember that if your child is ill then they need to be kept off school until they are well enough to return.

You should not send your child in if they are displaying any symptoms of Covid 19. The main symptoms are:

- High Temperature
- New or continuous cough
- Loss of taste or smell.

If your child displays **any** of these symptoms then you will need to isolate and book a coronavirus test.

CHILDREN SHOULD NOT ATTEND SCHOOL until they have either a negative test result **or** they have completed isolation for 10 days. You will be required to inform school ASAP of any result in which you get back as we are still playing a huge role in the track and trace process. This can be done via the email address covid19@waterhallprimary.co.uk.

This continues to be the advice of Public Health England in which we all have to follow.

We look forward to welcoming the children back, it will be so lovely to have a full school again.

Yours sincerely

Becky McGuire
Head Teacher

