



Hawthorn Community Primary School

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We are all so excited that we will be able to welcome back all of the children to school on Monday, it will be so lovely to see everyone again. Not only will the children be returning to school on Monday, but I will also be returning to school following my recent knee replacement operations. A special thank you to Mrs Billingham who has led the school so well in my absence and to all of the staff for supporting her during this time. The Hawthorn Team has really pulled together and it is a credit to them that I haven't been missed at all!

I would like to begin this week's newsletter with a huge thank you to all of the parents and children who have engaged so positively with our home learning. I understand how difficult that this must have been, particularly if you have been juggling supporting your children to complete their learning tasks, with looking after other siblings and in many cases trying to complete your own work from home as well. It has not been an easy start to the year, and we can only hope that moving forward things will improve and life can steadily return to some sort of normality. Having all of the children back in school together is certainly a step in the right direction.

In readiness for next week's full reopening to children can we please remind parents and carers that it is important that we continue to follow the government's social distancing guidelines and we ask that you continue to wear a face covering when coming onto site. Please can you all continue to arrive at the exact timings at the start and end of the school day and not any earlier, and have only one adult on site to try to avoid too much congestion. Please can we also ask you to leave the site promptly once you have collected your child, and if you have to wait to collect a second child, that you ensure that your children remain standing with you when waiting, to allow everyone enough space to distance. Thank you for your co-operation with these measures.

We hope that you all managed to join in with our World Book Day celebrations yesterday, we were incredibly impressed with the wonderful potato characters that some of the children produced. Don't forget that the children will be bringing home a voucher on Monday so that the children can choose one of the specially produced books which are available from most supermarkets.

At the end of last week, we sent home a handbook outlining all of the arrangements for school reopening to all children, which included details of drop off and collection arrangements. The majority of the arrangements remain the same as they were in September, prior to the most recent lockdown. Can we please remind EYFS parents that you should collect your child from the Hawthorn Road entrance and not from the playground at the end of the school day. If you have a child in EYFS and KS1 you will be able to collect both children at the same time from this entrance. Our hot meals service will continue for all children from Monday. EYFS and KS1 children are entitled to a free hot meal, but this must be ordered through the ABM website. Meals are also available for KS2 children to purchase, and these need to be ordered in the same way. Our breakfast and after school club will also continue to operate for those families who need this provision.

Keeping Safe On-line

While there are huge benefits to being online to stay connected to family and friends during this period, the government recognises many parents feel concerned about the activities and content their children are accessing. The guidance that can be accessed through the link below outlines resources to help keep children safe from different risks online and where to go to get support and advice.

[parents and carers to keep children safe online.](#)

Dates for Your Diary:

March	
8 th	School reopens to all children
15 th	School individual photos
19 th	Comic Relief Day - Superheroes
w.c. 22 nd	On-line parent evenings – please book your appointment online
26 th	END OF TERM 4
April	
12 th	START OF TERM 5
May	
3 rd	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
28 th	END OF TERM 5
June	
7 th	START OF TERM 6
July	
23 rd	END OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

STAY HOME ▶ PROTECT THE NHS ▶ SAVE LIVES

This is what we will do to keep our school community safe:

- Extra sanitizing stations in class and around the school.
- Staff wearing face coverings in communal areas and when working closely with children.
- Children and staff do not move between bubbles wherever possible.
- Lateral Flow Testing available twice weekly for staff.
- Separate playtime and lunchtimes for different bubbles.
- Demarcation of areas to promote social distancing.
- School charter exists to remind children of expectations during COVID restrictions.
- Classrooms will be well-ventilated and outside learning will take place as much as possible, whilst protecting the bubbles.
- No communal gatherings to preserve the integrity of the bubbles.
- All meetings will be undertaken remotely.
- A bubble may be closed and children will be provided with home learning, if a positive case is confirmed within the bubble.

This is what we need you to do to keep our school community safe:

- Wear a face covering at drop off and pick up times (unless exempt).
- Limit the number of people on the school site – 1 adult at pick up times.
- Follow the social distancing markers.
- Keep younger siblings with you if waiting for older siblings and keep to edge of the playground.
- Stick to drop off and collection times and try not to arrive too early (or late).
- Follow government guidelines as we work through the roadmap for the lifting of restrictions.
- Notify the school if any member of your household/bubble is showing symptoms and keep your child at home.
- If you need to contact the school, please use Class Dojo or telephone the office.