



# Hezlett Primary School

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Principal: Mrs D Winters

Dear Parent

17/08/20

We look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September at the time specified on the letter you received in June. Pick up will also be at the time stated on your information letter. A record of these times is available in the letters section of our school website. We would ask that parents respect the 2m social distancing guidelines if you are waiting to collect your child on the school grounds. Please wear a face covering and wait in the two designated parent zones, leaving the school grounds promptly when you collect your child.

No schoolbags should be brought to school for the time being. Anything which needs to be sent home will be sent in a plastic document wallet. Pupils from P4 to P7 may bring a pencil case which is easily wiped clean eg. plastic, but this will stay on their desk in school and not be going home every evening. They may also bring a reusable water bottle which they will have to sanitize on entering school and before leaving school. Younger children will be helped to do this. This will go home to be washed and refilled daily. Training shoes may be worn to school, thus avoiding extra bags being brought into school.

Homework activities can be accessed through the school website although paper copies of some activities may also be sent home. There will be no homework for P1-6 for the first week back in school.

Morning routine will involve hand sanitising and a temperature check at each entry point of the school. This will soon become second nature to our pupils.

I am still awaiting clarification from school transport about times for school pick-up. There will be no blue bus provision on a Wednesday afternoon, as we have an early closure for deep cleaning of the school building.

You will all be aware that numbers of confirmed cases of Covid 19 is rising again again. We will have to be very vigilant in school to avoid increased risk to pupils or staff. If your child has a cough, temperature or any other Covid symptom you must keep them at home and have them tested before allowing them to return to school. Should your child have a temperature on arrival at school we will isolate the child and contact you immediately. That child should not return to school unless they have a negative test result.

Should a pupil exhibit symptoms of Covid 19 while at school, they will be isolated in the company of a staff member and you will be contacted. Should a pupil test positive for Covid 19 then they should self-isolate for 10 days. The other pupils and staff in that child's class 'bubble' will also have to self-isolate for 14 days before returning to school.

The classroom will be left for 3 days before being deep cleaned in preparation for the class bubbles' return to school. We will be ensuring that pupils wash their hands regularly, follow good hygiene rules and do not interact with pupils outside their class bubble. They will maintain 1m distancing where possible. Time will be spent during the first few days back in school explaining new school routines in a way which will not alarm those pupils who may be anxious about returning to school.

Should you need to talk to me or any other member of staff, please ring the office for an appointment. We would like to avoid having parents in the school building if possible, but recognise that this will be unavoidable at times. If you are entering the school building we ask that you wear a mask and maintain 2m distance from any staff member.

Should you have any further questions please feel free to ring school or email me at [dwinters565@c2kni.net](mailto:dwinters565@c2kni.net)

Yours sincerely

Donna Winters  
Principal