



# Hezlett Primary School

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## P4-7 RESTART INFORMATION 16/03/21

Dear P4-7 Parent,

As you will have heard through the media today, P4-7 pupils will return to school on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March for seven school days before the Easter break. I apologise, on behalf of the Minister for Education, for the short notice given.

We will return to pre-Christmas routines from Monday. Online homework etc will stop for the meantime, to give pupils and staff a break. I think everyone is competent with use of the home learning portal, should we ever need to return to using it regularly.

Pupils should wear school uniform, bring a coat and may use a 'bag for life' to carry their workpacks, books and materials from home to school on Monday. As there will be no written homework before Easter to allow pupils time to readjust to the school day, there will be no need to carry books and equipment back and forward.

The seven days in the run up to Easter will focus on wellbeing, revisiting classroom routines, working together to develop good relationships and will also give teachers some opportunity to see how much learning has taken place during this lockdown and establish a baseline to resume new teaching and learning after Easter.

Pupils with the surname A to M should arrive at school between 8.40 and 8.50 and those with surnames N to Z should arrive between 8.50 and 9.00 am. Entry point to school remain the same. Classes will remain in their bubbles and in their usual classrooms. Staggered break and lunch will continue. The school day will finish at 2.50 pm for P4 & P5 and at 3.00 pm for P6 & P7. There will be an early closure, as before, on a Wednesday for extra cleaning. P4 & P5 leave at 1.50 pm and P6 & P7 at 2.00 pm. Parents picking up pupils should wear a face covering if outside their vehicle, either on the pavement or on school grounds in the parent pick-up area. There should be no congregating at the school gate and parents are asked to pick up pupils and leave promptly. Yellow and blue buses will run as usual, morning and afternoon. Yellow bus will pick up at 2.00 pm on a Wednesday but there will be no blue bus service on a Wednesday.

Our school meals kitchen is now up and running. Pupils may avail of break from the canteen as usual or may bring their own. Bread products are 30p and a fruit pot is 50p. A current menu is available on the school website and dinners cooked on site will still be served in the classroom at a cost of £2.60 daily. Free School Meal payments to parents will end on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March and a free meal will be available to those children in school from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Pupils bringing a packed lunch should do so in a plastic lunchbox which can be wiped down.

Registration information for Parent Pay will be sent home on Monday, and cashless payments will begin after Easter.

Between now and Monday, please talk to your child about returning to school. Be positive about restart. Using language like 'catching up', 'being behind' and 'lost learning' is not helpful and puts unnecessary pressure on pupils. They will find their feet again and be ready to move forward positively, with support from teachers and you, as parents.

Yours Sincerely  
*Donna Winters*