

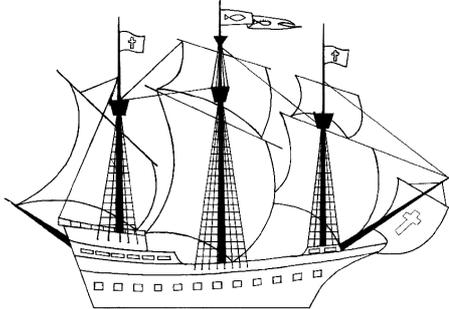
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# Dawpool C.E (Aided) Primary School

## *. . . Growing the Fruit of the Spirit*

*'The Fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness & Self Control'  
(Galatians 5:22-23)*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Arrangements for September 2020**

I am reissuing the information that was shared with parents on 17<sup>th</sup> July about the practical arrangements for all pupils returning to school in September. Pupils in Years 1 to 6 will return on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Pupils in F1 and F2 will return on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. We can't wait to see you all!

The information contained within this letter is a summary of the school's [Recovery Plan and Risk Assessment](#) which has been written in response to the latest guidance and in consultation with staff, governors, professional associations and trade unions. A copy can be downloaded from the school website. Please make sure you read all of this information carefully.

To ensure that all children settle back into school quickly, we propose to operate the school day as close to normal as possible. The children should not be aware of any significant changes to the school environment and the teachers will deliver the full curriculum. We know that the children will be starting the year at different points and the teachers will be assessing the children quickly so that they can modify the curriculum where needed to address gaps in the children's knowledge.

We know that some children will be excited to return to school, others will be anxious. Rest assured that we will be there to support your child as they return. Our experience with the children who returned to school during the Summer term is that those who were anxious quickly relaxed back into school life once they were around their friends and teachers.

We have carefully considered the government's latest guidance and made a judgement about how to balance and minimise any risks from COVID-19 with providing a full educational experience for all children. The government ask schools to reinforce the following procedures:

1. A requirement that people who are ill stay at home.

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**'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord. 'Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future.'** (Jeremiah 29:11)

2. Robust hand and respiratory hygiene
3. Enhanced cleaning arrangements
4. Reduction in contacts

### **1. A requirement that people who are ill stay at home**

Your child must not attend school if they or a household member are displaying coronavirus symptoms. The most common symptoms of coronavirus are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For further information about symptoms and self-isolation, please read [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#).

For Covid-19 testing see: <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> and <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>

If your child displays any symptoms of COVID-19 when in school we will notify you to arrange immediate collection. We will also contact the local Public Health England team to obtain guidance and support on further measures within the school community. Please let us know the outcome of any COVID-19 test immediately.

### **2. Robust hand and respiratory hygiene**

COVID-19 is an easy virus to kill when it is on skin. This can be done with soap and running water or hand sanitiser. We will be ensuring that all pupils clean their hands regularly, including when they arrive at school, when they return from breaks, when they change rooms and before and after eating. Regular and thorough hand cleaning is going to be needed for the foreseeable future. Please help us by talking to your child about the importance of hand hygiene: washing hands regularly for at least 20 seconds using soap and warm water.

The '[Catch it, bin it, kill it](#)' approach continues to be very important and we will have enough tissues and bins available in the school to support pupils and staff with this routine. Public Health England does not (based on current evidence) recommend the use of face coverings in primary schools. This evidence will be kept under review. Face coverings may be worn on the journey to and from school as footpaths can become busy at peak times.

### **3. Enhanced cleaning arrangements**

Cleaning across the school will be generally enhanced to include:

- More frequent cleaning of rooms and shared areas that are used by different groups.
- More frequent cleaning of touched surfaces.
- More frequent cleaning of toilets.

### **4. Reduction in contacts**

In welcoming all children back in September, schools are asked to minimise the number of contacts that a pupil has during the school day as far as is reasonably practicable given the school's setting.

Pupils will work in their usual year groups of around 30 pupils. In order to access the full curriculum, pupils within a year group will interact with each other normally. As far as possible, year groups will not be permitted to mix during the school day.

We will minimise contacts and mixing between people by reducing overcrowding at key times:

1. Arrivals and Departures
2. Collective Worship
3. Playtimes
4. Lunchtimes

### **1. Arrivals and Departures**

To avoid traffic congestion on School Lane, parents are encouraged to park away from school and walk. Pupils must be accompanied by one adult per family.

The usual pedestrian gate should be used for entry and exit. Arrival and departure times have been staggered across a 30-minute period to avoid overcrowding. Adults should be vigilant to social distancing and maintain 2m distance from each other where possible. Where 2m is not viable, for example on pedestrian paths at peak times, adults should reduce the risk to themselves and others by taking suitable precautions:

- Keep interactions brief
- Avoid face-to-face conversations
- Wear a face covering (if preferred)

**Note: You must not attend school if you are symptomatic, or a member of your household is symptomatic.**

### ***Arrivals***

The wooden gate on the small playground will open between 08:30-09:00 for pupils to enter school. Pupils should arrive as follows:

**08:30-08:40:** Pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 (including their siblings in younger year groups)

**08:40-08:50:** Pupils in Years 1, 2 and 3 (including their siblings in F1 & F2)

**08:50-09:00:** Pupils in F1 and F2 without siblings.

Any pupils arriving in school after 09:00 should enter through the main school entrance. Parents and carers should not enter the school building under any circumstances and should leave the school premises as soon as possible to prevent overcrowding.

### ***Departures***

To enable adequate social distancing, parents and carers should walk through the wooden gate onto the larger main playground and wait for pupils to be dismissed. Parents and carers are asked to observe social distancing whilst waiting. Pupils will depart from the larger playground as follows:

**15:00:** Pupils in F1 and F2 (without siblings in other year groups)

**15:10-15:20:** All pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 (and siblings in other year groups)

**15:20-15:30:** All pupils in Years 1, 2 and 3 (and siblings in F1 & F2)

Parents and carers should arrive at their allocated time to prevent overcrowding.

If you are a childminder, and need to collect pupils from different year groups, you may collect all of your children at the dismissal time of the oldest child. Please let us know if you would like to arrange this.

## **2. Collective Worship**

Large gatherings such as Collective Worship with more than one year group are not permitted. This will be reviewed at October half term.

## **3. Playtimes**

Year groups will be allocated a designated space within the school grounds for a 20-minute playtime during the morning and the afternoon. Playtimes will be staggered so that year groups do not mix.

## **4. Lunchtimes**

Year groups will be allocated a designated space within the school grounds for a 30-minute playtime during lunch. Each year group will also have a 30-minute indoor session for eating their lunch. Pupils with a packed lunch will eat in a classroom, pupils purchasing a lunch from the school kitchen will eat in the school hall. Lunchtimes will be staggered so that year groups do not mix. For enquiries about purchasing school meals, please email [mparr@dawpool.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:mparr@dawpool.wirral.sch.uk).

## **Wrap-Around Care.**

Wrap-around care is permitted to resume in September. The government recognise that this will be logistically challenging for schools that would normally offer wrap-around care across year groups. Parents should be aware that within our wrap-around care it will not be possible to maintain the groups being used during the day, but we will use small consistent groups where possible in accordance with the government's guidance. The timings of wrap-around care are:

*Breakfast Club 07:45 – 08:45* (Pupils will be escorted to their classroom by a member of staff at their designated start time)

*After-School Club 15:00 – 17:45* (Pupils will be collected from their classrooms by a member of staff when their lessons have finished)

For enquiries about Wrap-Around Care, please email [mparr@dawpool.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:mparr@dawpool.wirral.sch.uk).

## **Extra-Curricular Clubs & Music Lessons**

Extra-Curricular clubs will not take place for the time being. This will be reviewed at October half term. Where possible, peripatetic music lessons such as piano, keyboard, guitar and ukulele will be permitted to continue in September and the tuition will be delivered either individually or within year groups. We will provide further information about this in due course. Unfortunately, brass and woodwind lessons are not permitted to continue at the moment.

## **Entering the school building**

Unfortunately, parents will not be able to enter the school building unless you make an appointment by prior arrangement. If you need to contact school, such as to arrange dropping off medicine, please email or phone the school office. In emergency situations, where face to face appointments are the only option, this will be arranged by appointment only so that adequate social distancing arrangements can be made.

## **Uniform & PE Kit**

All pupils should return to school in September wearing school uniform. Please refer to the [School Uniform](#) section of the school website for all the details. School uniforms do not need to be washed any more differently or regularly than usual. For enquiries about uniform, please email [mparr@dawpool.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:mparr@dawpool.wirral.sch.uk).

From week 2 we will be letting you know what day your child has PE and we ask that you send your child to school in their PE kit on that day. You may send them in dark plain tracksuit when the weather gets cooler.

## **Items from home**

Your child can bring in a school bag if absolutely necessary. Packed lunches should be fully disposable, please avoid using lunch bags and boxes. Pupils do not need to bring a pencil case as everything will be provided for them to do their school work. Please ensure they have a named water bottle with them each day. It is not yet clear if the government's free fruit and vegetable scheme will resume in September, so you may wish to provide your child with a daily snack until further notice. Alternatively, the school kitchen will be providing toast at morning break time for those pupils who have signed up for it. Please do not allow your child to bring into school any toys or other unnecessary items from home.

Homework will be mainly delivered through online resources for the Autumn Term. We will provide further information about this shortly.

Where possible, all correspondence to parents will be shared through the school website, email or Twitter feed. Paper correspondence will be avoided for the time being so please make sure we have your up-to-date email address. We will also continue to update the [Coronavirus Information](#) page of the school website with any pertinent information. The government have also published some useful information for parents: [What Parents and Carers need to know about schools in the Autumn Term](#).

If you have any questions in the meantime, please email [schooloffice@dawpool.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@dawpool.wirral.sch.uk).

We look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Yours sincerely,



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