



## Welcome back Helmingham Primary School!


In order to make the transition to full term education as easy as possible, we have put together a list of reminders and safety measures that are in place to minimize the risk of catching and/or spreading covid in our schools.


 Due to the number of pupils on roll, we will be able to operate as 1 bubble.


Woodpeckers, Otters and Owls children should arrive at school from 8.15am to start school at 8.30am.


Reception and Nursery children should arrive at the Nursery building for 8.30am


 Hand sanitizer will be used to clean hands as children enter the building.


 All children will be required to have their temperature taken upon entrance to the school and if they begin to feel unwell throughout the day.


 Staff have the option to wear face masks/ visors throughout the day- this is a personal decision. We are encouraging them to wear a face mask in communal areas where it is difficult for adults to socially distance for longer periods of time. The staff room has had a maximum capacity throughout the lockdown and this will continue, with other spaces made available for staff to use at break and lunchtimes, including outside.


 Staff also have the added protection of taking 2 x weekly lateral flow tests


 Teaching assistants will be working in different classes and with different children. Intervention groups will continue as usual and communal workspaces will be wiped down after each group.


 School lunches will be served in the school hall and Owls classroom. Seats and tables will be wiped between sittings.

 Where weather permits, KS2 packed lunches may be eaten outside.


 There will be lots of opportunities for the children to learn outside- please ensure that your child has the appropriate layers for the weather.

 **Please provide a pair of additional outdoor shoes/ wellies for your child to be able to access the school field** (so we can help to keep the school cleaner). Children can wear plimsols or their school shoes in school.

 Reading books will be issued. They will be quarantined in school before redistribution.

 Surfaces in classroom will be wiped down between morning and afternoon sessions.

 Door handles, communal areas and touch points will be cleaned throughout the day.

 Windows and doors can be left open for ventilation (but closed in adverse weather). Children may wear plain fleeces over their school jumpers if they are cold.


 On PE days, children will be expected to come to school in PE kit. PE days are as follows:


Owls – Wednesday


Woodpeckers - Tuesday


Otters – Tuesday


Hedgehogs - Monday

 Individual learning packs of resources and stationary will be provided. KS2 children may bring their own pencil cases but these will need to be left in school for school use only.


 Please provide your child with a water bottle. There will be opportunities to refill it throughout the day.

 Bring a spare set of clothing for outdoor learning- which can be kept in lockers/ cloakrooms or classrooms

 We will be encouraging all parents and staff to wear a face covering at collection time due to the numbers of adults on the playground. Please also remember to socially distance across the playground to help keep all members of our school community safe.

 **One adult only** to collect your child/children- to limit footfall and therefore lessen the risk of infection.

 At the beginning/ end of the day, please enter/exit through the double wooden gates at the front of the school. This minimizes contact with gates/doors etc. The main gates can be used for emergencies and at other times of the day.

 Any positive covid tests taken will need to be reported to schools so that isolation can be reintroduced where bubble groups need to be closed.

Please copy and paste or click on the following link to view our website page containing the updated Covid Risk Assessment: [Helmingham RA March 2021](#)

**Please also remember to return any laptops, resource packs, Maths or English books that have been loaned to your child by the school- these will be needed in school as soon as we return. In addition, children should not bring any additional non-essential items into school. Thank you!**

### **DFE GUIDANCE**

- The DfE's guidance states that school attendance will be "mandatory for all pupils from March 8".
- The usual rules on attendance will apply, including parents' legal duty to secure their child's attendance at school.
- The ability to issue sanctions such as fines will also be reinstated, and schools will be responsible for recording attendance, following up absence and "reporting children missing in education to the local authority".
- Today's guidance confirms that schools must send home anyone who has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive, "advising them to self-isolate immediately and for the next 10 full days counting from the day after contact with the individual who tested positive".