



# Dunkirk Primary and Nursery School

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Dear parents/carers,

## School Re-opening Update – Highfields is open to all pupils on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

GREAT NEWS! The government has given the go ahead to reopen schools commencing 8 March 2021. We are currently looking at the '@wholeschool' reopening plans in great detail. We can confirm the following pieces of information, which we hope will help with your own planning, before and during the transition week. This is a long letter but it is really important that you are aware of the safety 'return' systems and organisation.

Please be aware that these return to school plans are **provisional** and could be changed at the last minute based on risk assessment, government guidance, COVID19 cases and our staffing capacity. I would therefore ask that you make sure you have provisional **childcare back-up arrangements** in place, just in case! It happened in January, so could happen again.

### The First 'Transition' Week

During the week of 8th March, we will be:

- Having all the children at Highfields back on the Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.
- When the children return to school, they will access lessons in bubbles (as they were before Christmas) with year groups having a play time in their year group bubble as before.
- The children will continue to use the same gates as they were before Christmas but some of the times have changed slightly – **please have a look at the table on page 3 for the details of times and gates.**
- We will offer school lunch options for Y4-Y6 and will share menu details of this with you next week.

Uniform will continue as per the Autumn term, where children can wear black or grey jogging bottoms with the school uniform tops. Children can bring a bag to school, a named water bottle each day and a coat. They do NOT need a PE kit.

Children can bring a single piece of fruit each day as a snack. No other food is allowed. Only **plain water** is allowed in the drink's bottles (no squash or fruit juice etc).

Year 5 and 6 children, **who have permission**, can walk to and from school independently again. If you need permission for your child then please email the school office.

Children must bring back their **POWERMATHS and READING** books to enable them to engage with learning in school.

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Any **LAPTOPS** borrowed from school must be returned on the day that your child comes back to school. We will be checking them all off our laptop loan list.

## Keep Learning Until the 8th

We ask that all children who are home learning continue to engage in all of their online learning. This will ensure that they are well organised and ready for their return to school. We are very much looking forward to seeing all our Dunkirk children back at school and it will be expected that children return to school, with normal attendance and excellent time-keeping (allowing only for COVID19 isolation/quarantine/bubble closure exceptions).

## Learning Catch-Up Focus

Our job now, as a staff team, is to support the children in settling back into their school routines and learning as soon as possible. Because we had the online learning, Class Dojo, phone, home visit and email support for families and all our YouTube teaching videos, we were able to make sure that every child (the @home and @campus children) could start learning together again at the same point. For example, all the Year 5 children for the last two weeks have been learning about instruction texts and writing different sentence types using a range of language features. This will ensure that when they all return on the 8<sup>th</sup> March, they will all be at the point to plan and ready to write their own set of instructions, using those language features. Seamless and consistent!

## Pupil Progress Reports

Staff have been preparing progress summary videos to send to all the children who have completed the online learning and returned the work. Please make sure that you watch these video messages with your child. The messages will talk about:

- Learning behaviours and attitudes
- Completion of work @campus and @home (via Class Dojo)
- Progress made and next steps

If your child has been learning @home and due to IT issues, you have not been able to send work back via ClassDojo, then we cannot send a video message. Instead you will receive a letter from me. You may have your child's learning in a book etc so please contact school immediately, as we need to find another way to view the evidence of your child's learning and support you further to be able to access Class Dojo (which we will continue to use as a school).



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## Childcare

Dunkirk Fun Club childcare will not be open immediately, as they have a separate risk assessment. This will be reviewed by the club once all the children are back in school and the club will contact parents with an update.

## Highfields Campus Return

Class	Gate Number	Gate Opened	Gate Locked	Finish Time	Line Arrangements
Y4 Wisteria	1 on Marlborough Street	8:40am	8:50am	2:55pm	Along green fence in front of school entrance/bike shelter
Y4 Madrono	1 on Marlborough Street	8:40am	8:50am	2:55pm	Along green fence in front of Cherry tree and main car park gate (it will be closed). Please leave a gap for the drive way in case anyone turns in
Y5 Cedar	2 on Marlborough Street	8:40am	8:50am	2:55pm	Along brick wall in front of houses. Please be careful of drive-ways
Y5 Redwood	2 on Marlborough Street	8:40am	8:50am	2:55pm	Along green fence in front of playground trees
Y6 Banyan	3 in community centre car park	8:40am	8:50am	2:45pm	Along car park wall nearest to gate. The children will need to stay by the wall as this is a car park
Y6 Cypress	3 in community centre car park	8:50am	9:00am	2:55pm	Along car park wall further down if early so there is room for Banyan first. The children will need to stay by the wall as this is a car park
Bay	4 on Marlborough Street	8:50am	9:00am	2:55pm	Along Children's Centre green fence

Mrs Mitchell will be contacting Blossom class parents to discuss individual return arrangements.

We will have each gate open for 10 minutes to support families with children in different classes/campuses. If you are late then you will have to go to the main entrance and wait until we can release a member of our teaching staff to come and check your child's



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temperature and admit them safely onto the campus. We will be fully focused on settling the children and supporting learning, not with waiting at gates for late families!

Please make sure you **turn your car engine off** at the start and end of the day as the car fumes smell awful and make many parents, staff and children feel sick in the morning! It also helps if (where possible) **adults wear face coverings** to reduce the risk of transmission outside of the school gates. Children can wear face coverings up to the school gates but need to take them off before they come into school grounds. Thank you.

## Dropping Your Child Off in the Morning

Families need to **line up** (in their classes) at each gate (**socially distanced**) at the start of the school day. We will NOT accept children into school if parent try and 'jump' the queue and hang around at the gate. This is not safe or fair for all the other families! Parents must wait with their children (unless children have permission to walk by themselves) until they have been handed over to the teacher at the gate.

## Collecting Your Child at the End of the Day

At the end of the day parents/carers need to **line up again** to be able to safely collect their child. We will NOT dismiss children to parent who are 'hanging' around at the gate. **We cannot dismiss children to parents/carers waiting in or by their cars or across the road.** This is not safe or fair to all the other families and is a risk to your child. This will be the system and this is what all staff will be following, as it is part of our 'return to school' risk assessment. We will remind families if they forget!

## Parent/carer Q&A session

Next week, I will be holding a campus 'Question & Answer' session via Zoom. If you have any queries about the re-opening then please attend. If you would like to attend please register your interest via the following online form:

[https://dunkirkprimary.formstack.com/forms/question\\_and\\_answer\\_meeting\\_with\\_mrs\\_hollis](https://dunkirkprimary.formstack.com/forms/question_and_answer_meeting_with_mrs_hollis)

For those parents who register their interest to attend, we will send out the Zoom access details early next week. If you could send your question(s) in advance to [admin@dunkirk.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@dunkirk.nottingham.sch.uk) it will ensure that the meeting is focused on the information that you need to know. Please be aware that this meeting is solely about school re-opening and catch-up learning. It is **not** to discuss:

- Your individual child or family circumstances
- What you think about government policy/decisions
- Childcare needs

**Highfields campus Zoom meeting: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 2:15-2:45pm**



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We look forward to welcoming our fabulous Dunkirk children back into school during the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Kind regards

Heidi Hollis

Head Teacher