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Dear Parents and Carers

School Partial Reopening Plans

This plan has been written in line with Government and Local Authority guidance.

From 1st June, school will continue to offer emergency childcare for the children of key workers on the days they are required to work and vulnerable children.

Following consultation with the Local Authority, it has been decided that Halton schools will aim to open to more children from **Monday 8th June**, giving schools more time to prepare for a potential reopening.

There will be specific arrangements for each group of children. Staff and parents must adhere to strictly, if we are to ensure the safety of our children.

The following guidelines will apply for all children returning to school:

- There is no Breakfast Club or After School Clubs.
- No parents/carers will be allowed into the building.
- Only one adult may drop off/collect their child.
- Parent/carer and child must queue adhering to social distancing measures by standing in designated places, 2m apart, which will be marked onto the floor around the entry/exit points into the classrooms.
- By accepting a place, parents/carers are committing to ensure that their child attends each day, is dropped off and collected at the allocated time (children arriving late will not be allowed to enter school with another group).
- All members of the household are continuing to adhere to social distancing guidance at all times outside school.
- Children must bring a named water bottle to school daily – water fountains are out of use for safety reasons.
- Children must bring a packed lunch from home or parent/carer can order a school meal online in advance via the new SchoolGrid system (Dolce). Please ensure that you have activated your SchoolGrid account. FSM children, Reception and Year 1 are entitled to a free school meal each day – but these must still be ordered online in advance. Please send packed lunches in a disposable bag each day.
- Children must be dressed in a clean uniform every day. Children must be able to dress themselves, therefore no buttons, zippers, laces etc, if your child is unable to do these.



- To keep class sizes to a minimum, the children are allocated a group with one teacher, and they must remain in this group each day. This will not be the usual class teacher for some children.
- Children will be allocated their own desk, workbook, pencil and equipment to be used by them only throughout the day.
- Children will not be allowed to move around the classroom and must remain seated.
- Children will eat lunch at their desk in the classroom.
- Each group will be given an outdoor break for fresh air at staggered times.
- Children will be supervised when moving around school between the classroom and toilet/outside, and will only be allowed to walk down the left of the corridor, 2m apart.
- All toys, soft furnishings etc. will be removed from all classrooms.
- Children will not be allowed to use the trim trail or outdoor play equipment such as footballs, skipping ropes etc. Contact games will not be allowed.
- Children must not attend school if they, or any member of the household, are displaying any symptoms of Coronavirus and must inform school immediately.
- If children develop symptoms while they are at school, guidance states that they must be taken to a room away from others and must be collected immediately by a parent/carer.
- Staff will wear PPE equipment when giving first aid, or waiting with a child who is symptomatic.
- Strict handwashing will be carried out throughout the day – on arrival, before food, after outdoor play, when using the toilet etc.
- Start and end times for each group of children will be staggered in order to keep everyone safe.
- Staff will endeavour to reassure the children in school as much as possible, by providing opportunities for age appropriate discussions, relaxation, well-being activities, reading, maths and other learning activities, but with the restrictions to resources and movement, it will not be a full, structured curriculum in a usual lesson format.

Key workers and Vulnerable Children

Children of key workers and vulnerable children, who are not in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 will be best placed in one of the groups.

EYFS children

Guidance states that we must remove all soft furnishings (cushions/blankets/tents/dens etc), non-plastic/non-wipe clean toys (teddies, dolls, dressing up etc), malleable materials (sand/dough etc) and limit the use of resources such as paint brushes etc. This is hugely restrictive, particularly for EYFS, and means that there are very few resources that we can use with our youngest children safely at this time.

Staff members will do their very best to encourage social distancing, but we know how difficult the children will find this. Our children instinctively run up to staff and hug them - this just is not able to happen at the moment.



When we have confirmation of numbers attending school, we will allocate your child to a group and you will be given an arrival and collection time for your child, and an entry and exit point.

If you have not confirmed if your child will be attending, can you please give this considerable thought over the next few days so we can arrange groups?

As you can understand the guidance changes daily; we will inform you of any changes as they arise.

Thank you for all your support.

Kind regards

P. Newman

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