



2nd July 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

Covid...

We have been made aware that the Covid infection rates have been increasing on Wirral over the last couple of weeks. On Monday (28th) I was informed by Wirral Local Authority that the 7-day rate now puts us at 213 per 100,000, which represents approximately 690 cases per week. Many local schools have had bubble closures over the past two weeks; 8 local schools have had 10 or more cases. We are doing as much as we can in school to keep our bubbles apart, except outside where phases mix at playtime. We have a very short time left in school before the end of the academic year. Our aim is to limit the risks by following the Government guidance and our school Risk Assessment so that we can continue with face-to-face, quality first teaching for the next 10 school days.

Please can we ask that you continue to support us with this...

- One adult at a time per household to drop off and collect children.
- Continue to wear masks at all times on the playground unless exempt.
- Use the correct entry and exit onto the playground.
- Keep to the allocated start and finish times to avoid congestion.
- Limit the belongings that children bring into school, please ensure they only bring what is needed for the school day.

Road Safety...

Last week I sent a newsletter about Road Safety. Miss Bird, who works on our patrol crossing each day has said that it has been great to see everyone waiting until it is safe to cross. I would just like to take the opportunity to share a few reminders from the newsletter last week.

Drivers

- By law you must stop when signalled to do so by a Patrol displaying a stop sign.
- Please do not move forward and remain patient.
- Please slow down when approaching a Patrol.

Pedestrians

- The Patrol will tell pedestrians to wait on the pavement and may use the Stop sign as a barrier to prevent them from edging forwards.
- The Patrol will then use the Stop sign to instruct the traffic to stop. Please remind your child that they should not follow the patrol into the road.
- When the traffic has safely stopped, the Patrol will call you to cross over. Please walk in front of the Patrol so that they can see you.

Online Safety...

Very often we are made aware of children who have been talking on line to others, playing online games or posting videos on social media. Unfortunately, quite often conversations become unkind and these issues are often then brought into the classroom. Please can I ask that you regularly check your Parental Control Settings and that the children are not assessing content that is recommended for an older age group.

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, TikTok, Pinterest are all **13 Years and older**.

WhatsApp is **16 Years and older**.

These two links may support you in understanding parental controls further and know how to go about setting them to ensure that your child is safe when they are using the Internet.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

<https://www.pandasecurity.com/en/mediacenter/panda-security/parental-control/>

Healthy Week...

Next week is our Healthy Week. Weather permitting, the children will be taking part in a variety of Intra Sporting Celebrations. Upper Key Stage Two children will be heading to the beach to take part in games and challenges with Dan. Unfortunately, our usual Sports Day has not been possible this year due to the rise in Covid cases within the Wirral and the restrictions that are in place. We understand that this is really disappointing for many of you, as for so many of you it would have been your child's first or last sports day at West Kirby Primary School. Mrs Burrows, our PE lead has been working hard to ensure that the Intra Sporting Celebrations ensure that the children still have the opportunity to compete and have fun.

New classes...

Next week the children will find out which class they will be in for the next academic year (2021-2022). We appreciate that the change of class can be unsettling for some children, and we will do our best to support any children who may be worried or unsure. On Tuesday morning our School Office will email you to inform you which class your child is going into. In School on Tuesday, class teachers will tell the children which class they will be going to and they will have the opportunity that afternoon to meet the children who are going to be in their new classes as well as meeting this new teacher. This year, we are going to do two transition sessions, which will be outdoors (weather permitting) to avoid indoor mixing across bubbles.

These will take place on...

Meet the teachers 1 – Tuesday 6th July in the afternoon

Meet the teachers 2 – Wednesday 14th July in the morning

We have tried to ensure that we have taken many aspects into consideration when placing the children in their new classes. Please can we ask you to support us with this, and we would encourage you to come and talk things through with us if the new classes are causing worry for your child.

Reports...

End of Year reports will be emailed out to you all on Friday 9th July. Included in the email will be an online link for you to complete your general comments. We would really appreciate you taking a small amount of time to complete this for us. There will be an opportunity for you to have an Optional Parents Evening appointment with your child's class teacher if you feel that there is anything you wish to discuss further before we close for the summer holidays. These appointments will be in week commencing 12th July.

Waves for September 2021...

Due to the restrictions placed on all schools, we are unable, at the moment, to extend our before and after-school provision in September. Therefore, we will be keeping open places for any children who are already attending WAVES and cannot offer a place to any other children (except for new F2 children who are siblings of existing WAVES children). We will continue, unless otherwise advised, to offer our existing provision and very much hope that Wirral will be in a position soon when we can start to mix our bubbles and go back to offering children bespoke after school clubs. As soon as we have the go ahead, we will let you know.

Twitter...

Our school Twitter account is up and running. If you are not following us yet, please search for West Kirby Primary School (@WKPSWirral) and look at the exciting events taking place in our school. You will be able to see some of our recent posts linked to our Coast to Country Project, which is in collaboration with some of the other local schools. LKS2 completed a Litter Pick last week around the local area. This week the children have been demonstrating their great artistic talents and have been painting our wonderful banner, which is on display on our playground - it shows all the Wonders of Wirral.

Here Comes The Sun...

Next week look out for our Sunflowers starting to appear on display. Wirral Schools were asked to spread some joy and positivity by using images of the sun, sunflowers and other bright cheerful images. Schools were asked to display the happiness on gates, railings or school windows. We hope our sunflowers bring you a smile.

Amazon Wish List...

Our Amazon Wish List was launched a few weeks ago. Thank you to everyone who has supported this, our new books have been arriving and we are really grateful. Our Amazon Wish List is still active and can be accessed using the following links:

[EYFS Amazon Wish List](#)

[Key Stage One Wish List](#)

[Lower Key Stage Two Wish List](#)

[Upper Key Stage Two Wish List](#)

[Curriculum Wish List](#)

Contact Us...

As always, please ensure that you contact us if you have any concerns or questions, so that we can aim to address any issues straight away. You can call the school office (0151 625 5561), email the school office schooloffice@westkirby-primary.wirral.sch.uk or use the Key Stage email addresses. We will always do our best to get back to you as soon as possible.

Dates for your diary...

Monday 5th July – Friday 9th July: Healthy Week

Tuesday 6th July: Email to Parents about new classes, and the children to meet their new class teachers in the afternoon – weather permitting

Friday 9th July: Reports to Parents, these will be emailed

Wednesday 14th July: Second Meet the teacher transition event – weather permitting

Friday 16th July: School Closes for the Summer Holidays

Thursday 2nd September: School Reopens for the New Academic Year

Have a great weekend, Stay Safe and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs E Bailey

Acting Headteacher