



15th July 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are in the final days of our summer term, and school will close for the summer break tomorrow, Friday 16th July. We have a few bubbles that are currently having to isolate and it is sad that we have not been able to see everyone before the summer holidays.

Reports...

The children's end of year reports were emailed to you last Friday. I hope that you enjoyed reading them, and they helped to inform you where your child is at and what they need to work on next. The children have all done really well even though we have had school closures and periods of time when families have had to isolate. Within the end of year report email there was a link to click on to share your feedback with us about the reports. Thank you to those who have already completed this, we really appreciate the feedback. If you have not yet had time to complete this, the links are still working for you to be able to access them.

School Day

As you may have seen from different media sources, the Covid Operational Guidance for schools has been updated and positive changes have been made. Therefore, when the children return in September, we hope that we will be able to return to some normality. Schools first closed in March 2020, so normality seems a long time ago. The staff at West Kirby Primary School are really looking forward to being able to reinstate some of our old routines and provision.

Covid is a rapid and constantly changing situation so we will need to be fully aware of the National and Local situation as September approaches. However, as I write this to you, our plan is to return to all the children starting school at the same time and finishing at the same time. These times are going to be slightly different to our old school times. School will now start at **8:45am** for all children and finish at **3:20pm** for all children. Our school gates will be open onto the main playground from 8:30am, please can we remind the children that no ball games should be played at this time, the Trim Trail should not be accessed and children should not ride on bikes and scooters in the playground – they should dismount bikes and scooters at the gates and safely walk and park them. The doors to school will open at 8:40am and our plan is to continue using some of the different entrances to ease congestion.

Entrances from September ...

EYFS – Through the main white doors in the EYFS area

Class 1 – Through Class 1 side door, straight from the playground

Class 2 – Through the skylight room and into Class 2

Class 1/2 - Through the skylight room, down the corridor and into the Class 1/2

Class 3 – Through the skylight room, down the corridor and into Class 3

Class 4 – Through the external door off the playground, which leads into class 3/4 and through to Class

Class 3/4 – Through the external door off the playground and straight into class 3/4

Class 5 - Through the skylight room, down the corridor and into Class 5

Class 5/6 - Through the skylight room, down the corridor and into Class 5/6

Class 6 – Through the skylight room, down the corridor and into Class 6

Before & After School Provision...

If we enter into Step 4 of the National Roadmap, under the new guidance it will no longer be necessary to keep children in consistent bubbles in the autumn term. Therefore, we will have more flexibility with our before and after school provision.

From 7:45am-8:45am Waves will operate from the Skylight Room. There is a charge of £3.50 per day for this. Please contact the School Office if you would like to book a place.

From 3:20pm-4:20pm There will be a range of after school clubs available. The full range of clubs available will be shared with you during the first week back in September. For Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September, supervision will be available if you have no other options for childcare for these two days. As we settle into routines, there will be no charge for this. From week commencing 6th September, there will be a charge of £4.50 per day.

From 4:20pm-5:45pm Waves will operate from the Skylight room. There is a charge of £12.00 per day for this. The £12.00 covers the cost for the provision from 3:30pm to 5:45pm. Please contact the school office if you would like to book a place. There are only a number of places available.

French Day...

On Tuesday the children took part in French Day. The children looked great wearing red, white and blue and enjoyed a range of different learning opportunities throughout the day to further develop their French skills.

Merci - Ms Ashley for organising a brilliant day in our school.

Staying Safe...

We have been asked to share the following information and summer safety messages with our school community.

- Always use safety crossings to avoid taking risks
- Stop, Look and Listen before crossing any road
- Never cross by buses or large vehicles and avoid parked cars
- Cycle sensibly and obey the rules of the road
- It is advised that you wear a cycle helmet
- Always check for yourself that it is safe before crossing a road, never just follow somebody else and be ready to stop if necessary
- Don't forget to always put on your seat belt and sit on the correct car seat for your age or weight (see link) www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules

Private E-scooters: Illegal and Dangerous for Children

Trauma surgeons recently met with Merseyside Police at The Merseyside Road Safety Partnership to discuss the increasing number of life changing injuries they are seeing after e-scooter collisions.

Lots of sellers hide the fact that any e-scooter you can buy is illegal to use (except on private land), and police regularly seize them. The orange ones you might see around Liverpool are

part of a government pilot scheme and are illegal for under 17s. You have to have at least a provisional driving licence to use one.

We know that e-scooters look fun, but they aren't legal or safe for children.

For more information visit www.merseysideroadsafety.org/e-scooters-know-the-difference

Thank You...

It has been another challenging academic year, and I would like to thank you for your continued support to ensure that we can continue to provide the best we can for all of the children. The children have been amazing through all the changes and challenges that they have faced – we are very proud of every single one of them! Your plans may be different this summer compared to normal summers, but whatever you have arranged, I hope you can enjoy the summer break.

Wednesday 1st September is an INSET day so school will be closed for pupils. School reopens for Year 1 – Year 6 on **Thursday 2nd September**. Doors will open at 8:40am and our school day starts promptly at 8:45am. Foundation Stage children will begin a staggered start from **Monday 6th September**. It is really important that all children arrive on time for school so that they do not miss any valuable learning time.

Stay safe, take care and we look forward to welcoming you all back to our school in September.

Mrs E Bailey
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