



19th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the second full week back at school, with school fully open, I would like to say well done to all of the children for their positive and enthusiastic approach to their learning.

Can I thank you for supporting us to stay safe at West Kirby Primary School by wearing masks when you enter the playground, keeping to one adult per household, socially distancing and arriving at the correct staggered start and finish times.

Even though schools have reopened, we are still in a National Lockdown and we have been asked by Wirral Local Authority to remind you that parents and/or their children should not be visiting each other's homes, unless you are in a childcare bubble.

Since September we have been following Government guidance and have operated staggered start and finish times for the school day, to avoid congestion. We have now made additional amendments within the school day, which has allowed us to increase the lunch hour back to one hour for the children. To ensure that the children still have the correct amount of teaching time within the school day, we need to adjust the finish times at the end of the school day. The finish times for each year group have moved to 15 minutes later. This will take effect from Monday 12th April.

Staggered Start and Finish Times from Monday 12th April

Year Groups	Start Time Remaining the same	Finish Time 15 minutes later
Year 5 and Year 6	8:30 am	2:45 pm
Year 4 and Year 3	8:45 am	3:00 pm
Year 2 and Year 1	9:00 am	3:15 pm
F1 & F2	9:15 am	3:30 pm

Mornings arrangements...

Since September we have allowed families to drop off siblings all at the same time. Therefore, if you have a child who is in Year 5 and starts school at 8:30am, other siblings who may be in other year groups can also be dropped off at this time. They will be supervised in their classroom until their school day starts.

Due to our reduced WAVES capacity to prevent the mixing of class bubbles, if you need to drop children off earlier than their official start time because of work commitments, these children can also be supervised in the classroom. **However, please can we ask that this is only used for parents who are working and have no other childcare options.**

Afternoon arrangements...

Similar to our morning arrangements children who finish earlier than their siblings can remain in class at the end of the day. For example, a child in Year 4 who finishes at 3:00pm, but has a sibling in F2, may stay in the classroom and wait until 3:30pm. This then enables you to collect both children at the same time. To avoid congestion on the playground and the pavements outside school, please try to avoid collecting one child and waiting until a sibling finishes at a later time.

Please can we remind you that the Trim Trail continues to be out of action before and after school. Children should dismount scooters and bikes and push them across the playground to the bike and scooter stands – thank you.

WAVES...

WAVES, our before and after school provision is operating at a reduced capacity at the moment to support social distancing between children from different bubbles. WAVES is in operation from 7:45am – 8:30am and 4:15pm to 5:45pm. If you require your child to stay in school beyond the last bubble finish time (3.30pm) the children can stay in the classrooms under the supervision of teaching assistants until 4.15pm. (Charges will apply) If you require further information regarding costs and / or a place up to 4.15pm or at WAVES, please contact the school office.

Parking...

Yellow zig-zag lines outside school indicate the length of road where stopping or waiting is strictly prohibited. We have had several reports that cars are parking on these and it is becoming a hazard for adults and children. Please do not park on the yellow zig zag lines, or stop on them to drop children off. We need to keep the area outside our school as safe as possible at all times.

Easter Bunny Dash...

Friday 26th March (last day of the Spring term) will be our Easter Bunny Dash; this will be similar to our Santa Dash that we held in December. However, this time it will be the exchange of a large egg, not a Christmas present! In school, the children have been busy making their papier mâché balloons ready for the event. The children will need to come dressed in PE clothes and trainers for the day.

Contact Us...

As always, we encourage you to contact us if there is anything you wish to discuss about your child or if you have any concerns. Please can we ask that you contact us using the main email addresses rather than individual staff email addresses. We will do our best to reply to you as soon as possible.

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Dates...

- School Closes on Friday 26th March for the Spring break for 2 weeks.
- School will reopen on Monday 12th April for the Summer Term.
- Parents Evening will be on Tuesday 4th May and Thursday 6th May via Teams – details will be sent out at the start of the summer term. You will receive the Spring Two Interim report for your child prior to the Parents Evening.

Have a good weekend – thank you for your continued support

Mrs Bailey
Acting Headteacher