



Little Heaton C of E Primary School

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Friday 5th March 2021 – Full opening of schools in England final update.

Dear Parent's / Carers and children,

3 more sleeps until we can welcome you all back! Parents, carers, Grandparents- HUGE congratulations for a job well done, a task you thought you would never have to do again yet suddenly found yourselves 'reassigned' to, without additional pay, again. We know for some families you have loved this opportunity to spend time with your children helping them learn, but we also know that for the majority of you have had to juggle your own work, working from home/ at work, on top of home schooling in some cases more than one child across a range of year groups.

We know this has not been easy, but your hard work has helped to ensure that we stopped the gaps in learning from becoming too big for school to try and then address through catch up teaching.

As we now begin the steps towards 'normality,' even though safety restrictions are still in place in school and society for quite a while yet, we want you to know that your hard work and support towards all the education staff supporting your children on site and remotely has been appreciated.

Take this opportunity to enjoy your 'end of term' weekend! May I suggest the age old teacher treat of a box of heroes/ biscuits and 'dance around your living room/ garden' in celebration at the end of a very long term! We won't be offended at all if you skip gleefully from the school gates on Monday morning or let out a cheer!

Please be assured that as the children return in full on Monday we will be supporting their emotional needs as well as supporting them in returning to the curriculum time table on site in a way which will reassure the children and help us to assess the next stage of learning for each child, as part of our usual high quality teaching.

Please can I take the opportunity to remind you of the importance to still follow the national safety guidance regarding social distancing, face coverings when coming into contact with people from outside of your household and support bubble, hand washing and being mindful still of symptoms. The R rate has fallen across Greater Manchester, but the R rate in Rochdale still remains above the R rate for Greater Manchester- we need to work together to keep contacts low to help prevent others within our community as the vaccination programme across Rochdale continues.

Please stick to your arrival and departure times, as much as you really want to chat to other parents, please do not do this around the entrances to school, remember every additional contact you make, even for 5 minutes, is an additional risk of coming into contact with the virus. This is why we are encouraging the use of face coverings still at arrival and departure times to reduce the risks of airborne transmission.

Class	Start time	Finish time	Gate
Siblings	8:45am	3:20pm	Key stage gates Younger children can NOT enter the KS2 yard.
Reception class	9:00	3:05	KS1
Year 1	8:55	3:10	KS1
Year 2	8:50	3:15	KS1
Year 3	8:55	3:10	KS2
Year 4	8.55	3.10	KS2
Year 5	8:50	3:15	KS2
Year 6	8:50	3:15	Ks2



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Please encourage your KS2 children to walk up to the gate to meet you at home time if you have younger children with you- send an email to your child's class teacher if you need them to do this. Face coverings must be worn, unless exempt, if adults are waiting on the social distance markers on the KS2 playgrounds in an evening.

We are still encouraging children to come to school wearing their PE Kit on the days when they have PE. (See timetable below) As we are still ventilating the building with open windows and doors, please ensure your child is wearing, if possible, a warm vest under their Blue school shirt / polo shirt and jumper / fleece and has warm socks / tights.

Class	PE DAYS – White T-shirt, Black jogger/ leggings/ shorts and school fleece / jumper and trainers.
Reception	Wednesdays, Friday's – Please also send wellington's in a plastic bag, labelled, to remain in school from Monday for forest school!
Year 1	Thursdays and Fridays
Year 2	Monday Thursday and Friday
Year 3	Monday and Wednesdays
Year 4	Wednesdays (PE and CoJo)
Year 5	Monday and Tuesday
Year 6	Tuesday and Friday

We are thrilled to announce we are able to start our forest school sessions from Monday 8th March 2021, this will begin with Reception class. We do desperately need each child to bring in their own wellington boots, with their names inside, in a named, clean, plastic bag on Monday 8th March please Reception parents. Mrs Webster has been sharing this with you on her live lessons this week. KS1 children will also gain access to the forest school site on a rota from March 15th, so we would appreciate if KS1 parents could also start sourcing wellington boots for March 15th.

On Monday 8th March, please return to school your children's IF bags and reading books. Loaned laptops also need to be returned on Tuesday March 9th To the main office - Reception and KS1 3PM- 3:30m KS2 loans 8: 30am- 9:00am – Only 1 adult allowed into the waiting area at a time, you will provide your child's name, (for our records) and leave the laptop and it's bag on the blue chairs. They will then be isolated, before being cleaned and updated by our tech team at the need of the week after the 3 day isolation period.

Any children having a packed lunch- it must still be a reasonable sized clear Tupper wear box, with a healthy balanced meal. Limit the treat items please- we have had large numbers of children just eating lots of treat items such as biscuits, chocolates and Crisps and not eating any of the protein, dairy and carbs you provide when they have lots of treats to choose from. We provide all children with water at lunch times – please do not send sugary/ fizzy drinks and be aware fruit juice is a high sugar item.

Enjoy the weekend- see you all safe and sound on Monday 8th March.

Miss JL Hulme. Head Teacher.