



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

High Hesket, CARLISLE, Cumbria CA4 0HU TEL: 016974 73386

Head teacher: Mrs A Harvey

Email: head@high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk Website: www.high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk

Monday 22nd June 2020

Dear Year 6 parents,

RETURN TO SCHOOL INFORMATION – Year 6

It was lovely to see some of you briefly on the Zoom session this week and I am really looking forward to seeing more of you in person when some of our Year 6 cohort return in a few weeks' time. I am writing to provide further details about how the return will be organised for those children who will be joining us before the end of term.

Return dates

As I have previously said, due to the government maximum of 15 per group, the children will need to be put into 2 groupings which will have to be taught separately and not be able to mix unless government guidance changes between now and their return. I know that some of the children returning were disappointed that they were unable to return together as one group and, unfortunately, this is still out of our control for the time being. However, we did say we would keep things under review and we think we have managed to organise staffing to allow for an overlap of the two groups for at least a proportion of the return which will also include a little bit of extra time in school.

We are hoping, unless circumstances change, that the dates for the two groups will now be as follows:

Group 1: Monday 6th July 2020 – Tuesday 14th July 2020.

Group 2: Thursday 9th July 2020 – Friday 17th July 2020.

We will continue to hold this under review and, if we can extend the days even further we will. However, we are limited by a range of factors, including the fact that staff are unable to move between groups unless a designated period of non-contact time is provided.

Group allocations

To help us ascertain the groupings, we would like the children's input on how we can try and take into account friendship groups. It will be absolutely impossible to ensure the children are with everyone that they would like to be with as it will be a complex jigsaw but we will do our best to try and satisfy some of the children's preferred choices.

As a result, please can every parent complete the below Survey Monkey for their child to identify up to 3 names of classmates that they would like to be grouped with. We will NOT be able to meet all 3 requests but we will endeavour to match each child with at least one of the chosen names. **Please complete the survey by 5pm on Wednesday 24th June.** We will then notify you of the groups by Friday 26th June.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PKRMKNV>

If your child has no preference, there is no need to complete the survey.

At present, it is expected that one of the groups will be led by Mrs Ager and the other group will be led by another member of the teaching staff. Mrs Ager will be on site for both weeks but is only able to work personally with one group due to guidance relating to staff not being able to mix groups. She will be overseeing the content of the sessions for both groups.

Uniform

We have relaxed our school uniform policy and children should come in clothing that is suitable for outdoor and physical activity. We also ask that the children wear fresh clothing each day and that they bring a waterproof coat as we will be maximising our use of the outdoors.

Additional items

Children will not require any items from home and we ask that, in nice weather, children have a long lasting and high SPF sun cream applied at home before coming to school. We will provide individual cups for water so there is no need for water bottles.

Lunches / snack

We are currently able to provide a school packed lunch for those children who request it. Please notify us on the Survey Monkey if you would like us to prepare one for your child. Alternatively, if you would prefer to bring your own packed lunch from home, it must be in completely disposable packaging and not contain any nut items.

If you would like your child to have a mid-morning snack, they are welcome to bring in a fruit-based item that is in disposable packaging only.

Drop off / collection

It is incredibly important that we maintain social distancing at drop off and collection times. Your child will be assigned a staggered arrival and departure time and it is imperative that you stick to these times as there will be at least 5 key worker groups on site as well during this period. Parents are not allowed on the school premises currently under the government's risk assessment advice so parents are asked to drop their child at the main gate and the children will enter via the green cloakroom door. Staff will be present to direct the children.

Group 1 will be based in the Year 6 classroom.

Group 2 will be based in the Year 1 classroom.

Both groups will be maximising the use of the outdoors.

As there may be other parents arriving, please can you ensure you stand 2 metres apart along the pavement whilst waiting for your child. To assist with this we have marked 2 metre distances with green ribbon or green stickers along the metal fence.

Please use the guide below to determine the drop off / pick up times for your child. They are organised according to the first letter of your child's first name.

A-H: 8.35 – 3.10

I – L: 8.40 – 3.15

M – Q: 8.45 – 3.20

R – Z: 8.50 – 3.25

If you have been accessing Key Worker provision, you will already have been provided with timings and these will remain the same.

Key Worker children

Children who have been attending our Key Worker groups are welcome to join their year group 'bubble' if parents have indicated on the survey they wish for them to return. We will factor in the need to still provide Key Worker provision when we assign groupings.

Home / School Agreement

The home / school agreement must be read carefully by all parents and, if you choose to send your child back to school, we will assume that you agree to follow the content of this. Please read this carefully as it contains additional information to this letter.

Finally, I would just like to say that we are really looking forward to welcoming the children back and can't wait to see them all in person!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey
Headteacher