



Friday 17th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw to the end of an academic year like no other, I would like to share our plans for the full reopening of Hook Infant School in September. We have read and digested the Government publication “Guidance for full opening: Schools” Published 2nd July 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>. We are currently in the process of updating risk assessments to ensure Hook Infant School is as Covid safe as it possibly can be for the children and staff.

We have assigned the first two days of the Autumn term as INSET days where final preparations can be made and any changes that the Government might have made to their guidance over the summer break, can be implemented ready for the school to reopen to Current Year R and Year 1 children on Monday 7th September 2020. Children starting school this September in Year R will have a couple of visits in the first week of term and then be full time from Monday 14th September 2020.

Attendance from 7th September will once more become compulsory which I understand for some families will cause extra anxieties, but if we can use the current Year R children’s return since 1st June, it has been very positive and the children adjusted really quickly and have had fun learning in their new small bubbles.

In September we are able to increase the size of our “bubbles” to 30 children in each “bubble”, which has enabled us to accommodate all three year groups back into school. These “bubbles” of children will still remain separate from other “bubbles” with their own playtimes, playground and assigned toilets. We will still be staggering each class’ start and finish time in order to minimise the number of parents/carers and children on site at any one time and we would request that only one parent/carer from each family come onto the school site. Please walk to school where you can and please do not bring scooters or other toys on site. Punctuality will be key throughout this period so please ensure you arrive on time at the start and end of your child’s day. Please can you leave the site promptly after drop off and follow the coloured arrow route assigned to your child’s class. If you are late, please wait on the footpath beside the staff car park and ring the office and a member of staff will come and escort your child to their classroom. Unfortunately, parents/carers will still not be able to access the school building itself and communication for the school office will still be via a phone call 01256 764487 or email to office@hook-inf.hants.sch.uk.

Please see the table below indicating the staggered start and finish times for September. The timings have been organised based around sibling links in the Infant School, but we appreciate that some families may have the same start time for both

children, we accept that it will take time to walk from one drop off area to the other, so please don't worry.

Start time	Classes	Finish time
8:15am	Flamingo, Starfish & Butterfly	2:45pm
8:30am	Penguin, Seahorse & Dragonfly	3:00pm
8:45am	Puffin, Turtle & Bumblebee	3:15pm
9:00am	Owl, Dolphin & Ladybird	3:30pm

Please follow the map attached to this newsletter, indicating the route you should follow in and out of school, we would also like you, for everyone's safety, to observe social distancing when waiting for your child's teacher to arrive at the drop off/pick up point. Please also keep your child with you when waiting on the playground. We have placed some videos on the website showing the routes in and out of school, we hope that these will help you familiarize yourself with all these new changes before you actually attempt that first school run!

Free school lunches will be provided for all the children as normal, but Year 1 and Year 2 will be eating their meal in their classroom, whilst our new Year R children will be eating their lunch in the hall. There will still be two choices each day and special diets, previously agreed, will continue to be catered for. Each class will continue to have their own lunchtime supervisor who will oversee the lunch hour. Should you wish to provide your child with their own packed lunch, we are once again able to allow lunchboxes into school from September.

We are also once again able to allow your children to bring their bookbag, a water bottle and their PE bag into school with them. We will be trying to do as much PE outside as possible, so as well as the normal T-shirt and shorts, please could your child have some jogging bottoms, a sweatshirt and plimsoles in their bag.

Unfortunately, one thing that won't initially be going back to 'normal', is the afterschool clubs, there will be none running until at least after half term. Mrs Lodder, my School Business Manager and myself will be having a meeting with Koosa Kids in August, to discuss the possibility of our wrap around care starting again in September. I suggest parents keep their eye on the Koosa Kids website for updates.

<https://www.koosakids.co.uk/>

Just before I close, I would like to give a great big shout out for all you wonderful parents who have had to become substitute teachers over these last five months, I

totally appreciate the mammoth task you have had teaching your child/children, whilst trying to continue to hold down your own job. I totally admire all your efforts and I hope you will take a break over the summer holidays to recoup. On behalf of all the staff, I should like to say a huge thank you for all the presents, cards and letters of thanks you have afforded us and the patience and understanding that you have given us over these very trying times.

All it leaves me to say now is try and have a good holiday, even if it is only in the back garden, fingers crossed the weather holds. Good luck to all our Year 2 children as they leave the Infant school and I look forward to seeing current Year R and Year 1 children on Monday 7th September.

Kind regards

Mrs Walker