

# High Bank Junior, Infant & Nursery School

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## Returning to School on March 8<sup>th</sup>

### Can I keep my child at home and continue with remote learning?

No- the Government have made it clear that all children must attend school.

### What time will school start and finish?

Children will need to be in school for 8.50am. Your child will need to be picked up at 3.15pm. On Friday afternoons ALL children will be in school.

### What are the arrangements for dropping off and picking up my child?

Arrangements remain the same as before lockdown. Please follow the one-way system and keep a distance of 2m away from others. We also ask that you wear a facemask on site. Please make sure that your children stay in your family group and not run off and that they do not use the gym outside of the key stage 2 classrooms of the play area before and after school. For health and safety reasons please do not use the car park to drop off or pick up your child.

### Is breakfast club open?

Breakfast club will restart in class bubbles. If you wish your child to attend breakfast club the doors will be open from 8-8.20am. Please do not arrive after this time.

### Are children still being taught in their bubbles?

We will continue to teach children in their year group bubbles. Your child will have a teacher and TA who will remain in your child's bubble.

### Will school staff and pupils wear facemasks?

Primary school pupils do not need to wear a facemask. Teachers in key stage 2 will wear a face mask where appropriate, for example if they cannot keep a distance of 2m.

### What happens if there is a positive case of COVID in school?

If there is a positive case of COVID in school the affected bubble will need to close and parents and carers will be informed. Remote learning will then be activated via Teams.

### **My child has symptoms, what should I do?**

If your child has a high temperature, a new persistent cough or they have lost their sense of taste or smell or things taste differently, you will need to book a test. If you cannot get to a test centre, please speak to school as we may be able to give you a testing kit. It is important that you inform school if your child has any symptoms and then isolate your household until you receive your test results.

### **Will my child need to wear school uniform?**

Yes, your child will need to come to school in correct uniform and wear black shoes.

### **What day will my child have PE?**

Your child will need to wear their PE kit to school on the following days:

Reception- Tuesday

Year 1 and 2- Wednesday

Year 3 and 4- Tuesday

Year 5- Thursday

Year 6- Friday

**Please make sure that your child has a white t-shirt, plain black jogging top and plain black joggers or leggings with black trainers.**

### **When and where should I return my child's laptop?**

All laptops must be returned to the school office on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. In the event of a bubble closure we will re-issue them to support with remote learning.

### **Will the school office be open again?**

The school office area remains closed for the moment but we are more than happy to help and answer queries over the phone, through email, facebook messenger or the school mobile.

### **I am feeling anxious about my child returning to school. What can I do?**

If you are feeling worried about your child returning to school, please speak to us. We do understand that this is a worrying time for both parents and pupils and we are here to help. Please remember that Mrs Stebbings is available to speak to parents about any concerns you may have.

### **My child is feeling anxious about returning to school, what can I do to help them?**

The most important thing is that you talk to your child and ask them what they are worried about, if they can't put it into words maybe they could draw a picture or write a list of things that they are worried about. It is perfectly normal for children to be apprehensive about coming back, for many of them we have not seen them 'in person' since before Christmas. Please get in touch with us if your child is feeling apprehensive.

### **What procedures are in place to keep my child safe?**

As a school, we follow the guidance from the Government. Our risk assessments are regularly reviewed. Some of the procedures in place you will already be aware of as these have not changed since the last lockdown. Here are just a few.

- Children are in year group bubbles
- No visitors on site
- One-way system for pick up and drop off and wearing of facemasks on site
- All staff take lateral flow tests twice a week
- Enhanced cleaning in school
- Enhanced hygiene systems in place for children
- Lunch and playtimes are in class bubbles
- Virtual assemblies

### **How can parents/carers help to keep our school community safe?**

You can help by following the drop off and pick up arrangements in school and ensuring that your child is on time so that we can make sure that they make good progress. We also ask that you follow the Government guidance outside of school.

As part of the roadmap for easing coronavirus restrictions, it has been announced that parents can organise delivery or 'click and collect' lateral flow tests for their household.

### **Free tests are available to pupils' households regardless of whether anyone has symptoms.**

Please follow the links below to order your lateral flow tests. The links have also been put onto the school website so you can access them easier.

#### **Delivery:**

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

#### **Collection:**

<https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>