

Grove Street Primary and Nursery School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I know that it is a difficult time for you all and understand your safety concerns over your children possibly returning to school before the end of the summer term.

Wirral Council does not expect parents or carers to send their children to school from the 1 June.

Councillor Pat Hackett, Leader of Wirral Council said, “Whilst we recognise the importance of schools supporting more children, we want to be absolutely clear that we are taking a measured and cautious approach to this. Our priority is the safety of the people we represent, and we therefore do not expect schools to support more pupils until they are assured it is safe to do so.” We know that many of you have already told us that you will not be sending your child back to school yet and we fully understand and respect your decision. **There is no compulsory education at the moment, and parents will not be penalised in any way for choosing to keep their children at home for a little longer.**

The Local Authority has requested that schools prioritise key worker families and vulnerable children, followed by Year 6, then Reception, then Year 1, as outlined in the table below:

	Phase 1A	Phase 1B	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4		
	W/c 1 st June	W/c 8 th June	W/c 15 th June	W/c 22 nd June	W/c 29 th June	W/c 6 th July	W/c 13 th July
Key Workers							
Vulnerable Children							
Year 6			Subject to review	Subject to review	Subject to review	Subject to review	Subject to review
Reception				Subject to review	Subject to review	Subject to review	Subject to review
Year 1					Subject to review	Subject to review	Subject to review

Subject to review: A thorough review of available rooms and staffing; risk assessment by the Governing Body in line with the five conditions to be met before a school can re-open – taking into account latest Government, LA and scientific guidance.

We cannot wait for our school to be filled again with happy children, enjoying learning, feeling nurtured, cared for and in the company of their friends. It is clear however, that we must go step by step and above all, ensure that we are keeping everyone safe.

For those who are thinking of sending children back to school we have put a possible return timetable in place, **if the Government's five safety tests continue to have been met.**

We have also put a detailed risk assessment in place and these are the things that you need to be aware of:

- Only one parent can bring/pick up a child from school to limit numbers of people approaching the school gates. As soon as you have dropped your child off, we ask you not to congregate around any of the school's exits
- Parents must keep strictly to the agreed times of entry and exit - we will not accept children who arrive outside of their allocated times
- Children must wear fresh, clean clothes each day to school (comfortable clothes that are easily washed).
- Children will be taught in smaller groups in a classroom which may not be their own classroom
- Children may not be with their own teacher
- Children will be kept apart from all other class groups at all times to limit contact with others
- Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered to avoid contact with other groups
- Lunch will be eaten in the classrooms and will be a packed lunch
- Children are asked to bring their own bottle of water in to school each day
- No other personal equipment, including mobile phones or pencil cases can be brought in
- Children will sit at an individual table with equipment that will not be shared
- There will be hand washing on arrival and throughout the day and hand sanitiser in each room
- The attached return slip must be returned to school via email by Wednesday 3rd June (3.00pm) enabling us to prepare rooms and registers for the following week.
- Rooms will **only** be prepared for the number of children who have requested a place - completing this form does not guarantee a place as this is subject to constant review.
- **If you child or anyone in your house is displaying any signs of Coronavirus children must not be brought to school**

Start dates and arrangements for each year group can be found below.

Children will return in the following order and on the following dates (subject to review):

Phase	Year Group	Possible Return date	Times of day	Entrance/Exit	Classroom
1a	Additional vulnerable children(by invitation) and key workers only	From Monday 1st June	9.00 am to 3.00pm	Via School Hall	School Hall
1b	Additional vulnerable children(by invitation) and key workers only	From Monday 8th June	9.00 am to 3.00pm	Key Worker / Vulnerable Children Only Nursery/Reception- via staff car park Year 1 - via gates next to public car park Year 2 - via Bungalow front entrance Year 3 - via KS2 gates and enter through school hall	Key Worker / Vulnerable Children Only Nursery/Reception- Nursery classroom Year 1 - Year 1 classroom Year 2 - Bungalow Year 3 - Year 3 classrooms

				Year 4 & 5 - via staff car park and enter through KS2 playground door Year 6 - via KS2 gates and enter through KS2 playground door	Year 4 & 5 - Year 5 classrooms Year 6 - 6HE classroom
2	Year 6	From Monday 15th June (subject to review)	9.30 am to 2.30 pm	Via KS2 gates and enter through KS2 playground door and stairs leading to 6HE	Year 6 - 6HE classroom
3	Reception	From Monday 22nd June (subject to review)	9.30 am to 2.00 pm	Via staff car park and enter through Reception gate	Reception Classrooms
4	Year 1	From Monday 29th June (subject to review)	9.15 am to 3.00 pm	Via KS1 gates (next to public car park) and enter through Year 1 classrooms	Year 1 classrooms

If you choose not to send your child back to school at this time, rest assured home learning activities will continue to be provided and your FSM food vouchers will still be issued.

Take care and keep safe,

Mrs. L. Walsh

Please complete the information below and return to school via email to: schooloffice@grovestreet.wirral.sch.uk

Due to strict Covid-19 health and safety guidance, we will not be able to accommodate your child, if you do not return the information below. The attached return slip must be returned to school via email by Wednesday 3rd June (3.00pm) enabling us to prepare rooms and registers for the following week.

Name of child:

Year Group:

I would like a place in school for my child to return before the summer holiday: Yes/No

I can provide 2 up to date contact numbers:

1. _____ 2. _____

If your child is in Year 6, are you happy for them to walk home alone? Yes/ No

