

Mersey Park Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter - October 2020

Welcome Back

We would like to warmly welcome everyone back to school and thank you for your help in keeping our school community safe during this time.

We would be most grateful if parents would not visit the school office unless absolutely necessary. If you do need to visit school please remember that only 2 adults should be in our school reception area at any one time and we would ask that a mask be worn when inside the building.

Please telephone with any enquiries and we will be more than happy to help.



October Dates to Remember

Fitness Friday
Friday 2nd October

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Flu Immunisation
Tuesday 13th October
FS2 to Year 6

Half Term Holiday
Monday 28th October—Friday 1st
November



School Meals

In order to maintain our class 'bubbles' and to ensure the safety of our staff during the lunchtime break the choices on our school menu will now be limited to wraps and batches instead of hot meals.

The children will also be given fruit, cake or biscuit, a yoghurt and a drink of fruit juice.



Obviously, we would prefer to offer our normal variety of meals to the children and we hope it won't be long before we can return to normal.

In the meantime, thank you for your continued support.



Face Coverings

Please remember that, for the safety of our school community, all parents and carers should wear a face covering at school pickup and drop-off points and when entering school. Thank you for your support.



Home/School Discussions

Due to current safety measures, our Home/School Discussions will be via telephone this term.

Please complete and return your letter indicating convenient times for your child's class teacher to call you.



We look forward to speaking to you.

Leave of Absence During Term Time

Please be aware that the law around compulsory school Attendance is now back in force since the start of the Autumn Term. This includes the regulations around leave of absence during term time. There continues to be no entitlement for parents to take their child out of school during term time, unless circumstances make this completely unavoidable. Children have already lost so much teaching and learning time due to COVID19, and the priority now is for us to work together in the best interests of all children's education.

All schools within Wirral work closely with the council on school attendance matters. The Council is fully committed to making sure that all children attend school and make the best possible progress. Unauthorised holidays taken during term time can result in Penalty Notices being issued by the Council. As a school, this is something that we would wish to avoid and ask that any

Data Collection

We will shortly be sending out Data Collection Sheets for each pupil.

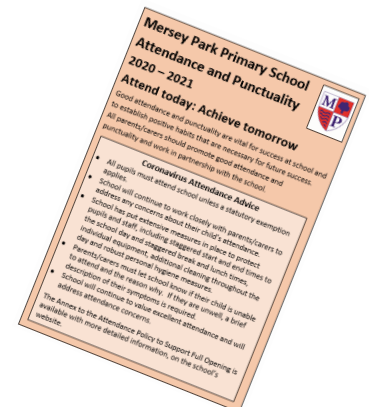
PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THE SHEET TO SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER THERE ARE ANY AMENDMENTS TO BE MADE OR NOT.



Attendance

A copy of the school's attendance leaflet was sent out with every pupil last month. Please keep the leaflet handy as it contains valuable attendance and punctuality advice. It can also be found on the school's website attendance page on the Key Information drop down menu.

<http://merseyparkprimary.co.uk/key-information/attendance-punctuality/> This page contains a range of helpful attendance and punctuality support and information.



Coronavirus Attendance Advice

- All pupils must attend school unless a statutory exemption applies.
- School will continue to work closely with parents/carers to address any concerns about their child's attendance.
- School has put extensive measures in place to protect pupils and staff, including staggered start and end times to the school day and staggered break and lunch times, individual equipment, additional cleaning throughout the day and robust personal hygiene measures.
- Parents/carers must let school know if their child is unable to attend and the reason why. If they are unwell, a brief description of their symptoms is required.
- School will continue to value excellent attendance and will address attendance concerns.
- If your child is displaying any of the symptoms for Covid-19 please keep them off school and arrange for them to be tested, informing school of the result as soon as it becomes available.

If you are concerned about your child's attendance or punctuality do not hesitate to contact school staff for support.



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