



Wednesday 3rd March 2021

Full Reopening: 8th March

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to take the opportunity to sincerely thank you for the support and engagement with home learning. It has been an incredibly challenging period of time but I have been so encouraged by the consistent hard work and high levels of enthusiasm. I have also really enjoyed looking through the children's work in their portfolios and have been genuinely proud of what they have achieved. Class Teachers are currently uploading examples of this learning onto our website by way of celebration.

With our school fully reopening from Monday 8th March, I am writing to confirm the safety measures that will be in place once again following a careful review of the most recent Government guidance.

Essentially, we will be returning to the measures we had in place prior to the lockdown on 5th January but please take a moment to read through the following information.

Risk Assessment

We have updated our Risk Assessment to ensure that the safety measures we have in place at Heamoor continue to be in line with recommended guidance. This document has been shared with staff and their comments and input has been encouraged. A copy of this document is available on the 'Parent' section of the school website.

I would also like to remind you that the ventilation of all rooms in school continues to be key and although the weather should continue to improve, the rooms are still a lot colder than we are used to. Class teachers are advising that children wear extra layers and if they would like to bring in an extra fleece to wear in class, that will be absolutely fine.

Staff continue to wear face masks when moving around the school, outside their bubbles but this is not recommended for the children as mis-handling of the masks may lead to a risk of secondary transmission. Children will remain strictly in their bubble groups and we will continue to operate with staggered starts and breaktimes to reduce contacts.

Lateral Flow Testing

As you may or may not be aware, the government has now widened its offer of rapid lateral flow home test kits to include whole families and households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles in a bid to identify symptomless cases of covid-19 at the earliest opportunity. I have put together a separate letter with full details of this.

Times of school day

We will continue to operate our staggered drop off and pick up times to reduce the number of people on the school site at any one time. We ask that only one adult accompany the children during these times and ask that you vacate the site as soon as possible to support us in keeping the site clear and safe for everyone. We will also continue to run our early close on a Friday afternoon (see times below) and appreciate your continued support with this approach.

Surnames A-M	Surnames N-Z
Arrival (between) 8.45am and 8.55am	Arrival (between) 9am and 9.10am
Departure 3pm (1.15pm on Friday)	Departure 3.15pm (1.30pm on Friday)

It is very important that you do not arrive before your 'arrival' time slot

Moving around the site

We will continue to operate the one-way system around the school site and the children should continue to use their allocated entrances in the mornings;

- **Y5/6:** external classroom doors accessed via playground
- **Y3/4:** entrance adjacent to the school office
- **Y1/2:** Door adjacent to the school hall at the rear of the building
- **Reception:** Classroom entrance via the pencil gate

The carpark will remain closed for parking (8.30am - 9.15am & 2.45 – 3.30pm) and the drop-off zone will be in place during the morning drop-off supervised by Mr Tresidder and Mrs Flynn.

Picking up children at the end of the day will continue to be from the lower playground, please socially distance around the perimeter of the playground and wait for the children to come over to you. The lower playground can be accessed via the path at the right-hand side of the building. Please also be aware that the playground climbing frames should not be used during this time and small children need to stay with their parent/carer.

Attendance

Government guidance states that 'school attendance will be mandatory for all pupils from 8 March'.

The usual rules on school attendance apply, including:

- A parents' duty to secure their child's regular attendance at school
- The school's ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct

As a school, we are responsible for recording attendance, following up absence and reporting children missing education to the local authority. If you have any concerns about your child attending school, please

get in touch as we will not be able to authorise any absences relating to Covid-19 unless children are self-isolating or they have been identified as Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV).


The advice for CEV pupils is to shield and stay at home as much as possible until further notice. They are advised not to attend school while shielding advice applies nationally. If this is the case, then parents will be asked to provide a copy of the shielding letter sent to CEV children, to confirm that they are advised not to attend school.

Home Learning

As a school we continue to be responsible for setting 'home learning' for children who are at home due to them self-isolating. This may be due to covid symptoms or exposure to a positive case within their bubble. If children are self-isolating (and physically well) class teachers will ensure that home learning tasks are set, this may include live teaching sessions where appropriate. We would not expect children who are poorly to engage with home learning.

School meals

At lunchtime, the children will continue to eat in their bubble groups and have staggered breaks outside. Our kitchen team have created the menu below which will be delivered to the classrooms, packaged in individual containers. Wb 8th March will be Week 1's menu choices.

 HEAMOOR SCHOOL MENU SPRING TERM 2021		
	Week 1 08.03/22.03/19.04/03.05/17.05	Week 2 15.03/29.03/26.04/10.05/24.05
MONDAY	Quorn Hot Dog & Potato Wedges Or Jacket Potato, Beans & Cheese or Tuna Mayo Peas & Sweetcorn Sponge Tray Bake	Macaroni Cheese Or Jacket Potato, Beans & Cheese or Tuna Mayo Broccoli Orange Drizzle Cake
TUESDAY	Pasty Pie Or Veggie Mince Cottage Pie Baked Beans Chocolate Crispy Cake	Pork Sausages Or Vegetarian Sausages Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Gravy Iced Finger
WEDNESDAY	Beef Lasagne Or Pasta Spirals with Tomato Sauce & Cheese Garlic Bread, Side Salad Yeo Valley Yoghurt Pot	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Or Chicken Curry & Rice Green Beans Yeo Valley Yoghurt Pot
THURSDAY	Roast Chicken & Stuffing Or Lentil Roast Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Cabbage, Gravy Peach Crumble & Custard	Roast Gammon & Yorkshire Pudding Or Quorn Fillet Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli, Gravy Syrup Sponge & Custard
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers Or Mac & Cheese Bites Chips, Spaghetti Hoops Butter Biscuit	Battered Fish Fillet Or Vegetarian Sausage Roll Chips, Baked Beans White Chocolate & Raspberry Muffin
FRUIT AVAILABLE ON REQUEST INSTEAD OF PUDDING PLEASE ORDER IN THE MORNING		

Breakfast Club

This provision continues to be difficult to facilitate with our limited staffing whilst the school is split into bubble groups. For the moment we are unable to offer Breakfast Club across the school however, we would

be happy to hear from you if both parents are working, starting work before 9am and you are not in a childcare bubble with anyone else. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to staff this but we will do our best to consider each case individually and try to support.

After school clubs

For the remainder of this term we will not be running any after school club provision. this will be reviewed at Easter.

End of year reports

Usually at this time of year, we are due to send home the children's 'Annual Reports' but due to the school closure we have decided to delay the publication of the reports and they will now be sent home on **Friday 28th May**. This will allow us more time to assess the children's in-school learning. This year the reports will also reflect the children's engagement with home learning during the spring term.

Curriculum

When the children return next week, we will launch our 'Rainbow Pathway' recovery curriculum to help children to process their experiences during lockdown and re-settle into school life again. During the next couple of weeks, we will also be undertaking some assessments to capture the progress of the children and to help class teachers to tailor their teaching to ensure we are fully meeting the children's needs.

Home Learning Resources

Thank you if you have already returned loaned resources to school e.g. reading books – if you haven't managed to do this, please do so as soon as possible. We would also be grateful if any loaned Chrome books are returned to the school office.

FSM food parcels

Thank you for all of the very positive feedback about the school 'free school meal' food parcels, I have passed this onto our (amazing) kitchen team. As school is resuming, the food parcels will now cease.

Communication with staff

Unfortunately, staff will not be available to chat during drop off and pick up times as we can't have adults lingering as other parents are dropping off or picking up. If you need to speak to the school office, please remember that only one person will be permitted to enter the reception area at a time so you may have to queue outside. To reduce this crossover of people, we would urge you to either telephone or send an email if you have a query;

- Tel: (01736) 364868
- Email: secretary@heamoor.cornwall.sch.uk

Staff will still be able to pick up messages via Class Dojo and we recommend that this is the best way to contact them if you need to however, these won't be checked with the same regularity during the school day once the school reopens. If it is urgent or time sensitive, please call the school office.

Website Updates

As always, we will continue to keep you updated as the guidance changes and the restrictions (hopefully) continue to be lifted. All information relating to Covid-19 updates will also continue to be uploaded to our school website for your reference.

Please contact school if you have any specific enquiries not covered by this information.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and I am very much looking forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jodie Flynn', is displayed on a light blue rectangular background.

Mrs Jodie Flynn
Headteacher