

HAWTHORN NEWS FEBRUARY 2021



Welcome back!

As you will likely be aware, the Prime Minister has announced that all school-age pupils will return to school from 8th March. We would like to take this opportunity to outline our arrangements for full opening prior to this date.

All pupils will be expected to attend on-site provision from 8th March, with the exception of pupils following public health advice, e.g. if they are required to self-isolate or shield.

Attendance

From 8th March, attendance is mandatory for all pupils, and the usual rules for attendance apply. Please call the office before 8:50am if your child is going to be off poorly. We will resume our usual attendance monitoring procedures on return.

If your child is following public health advice, e.g. if they are required to self-isolate, are shielding or have coronavirus, you will not be penalised for any non-attendance. Pupils not attending for these reasons will continue to receive remote education, where appropriate.

Protective measures

We want to reassure you that the school has implemented a number of protective measures to keep your child safe upon their return to the school site. We have updated our risk assessment to reflect any changes in line with government guidance to ensure we can welcome all pupils back safely. We will communicate any future changes to you as and when we make them. An updated risk assessment is available to view on our school website. In order to help us in minimising risk of infection, please ensure your child is only bringing essential items to the school site each day, including:

- Lunch boxes
- Hats and coats
- Book bags

Please do not allow your child to bring in pencil cases or stationery items into school as these are all provided. We have a limited amount of storage within school and we are trying to reduce unnecessary items being brought into school. Every child was issued with a book bag and this should be used for homework, reading books and letters/permission slips rather than bringing large back packs into school.

If your child usually brings a packed lunch into school this should be in a standard packed lunch bag.

There is no need to bring large back packs into school.

We will still be operating staggered start and finish times to minimise any unnecessary contact between parents and pupil groups. Only **one adult** should accompany children to the school gate and we would kindly ask adults to also wear face coverings during these times and when visiting the school office.

Staff will also be wearing face coverings when at the school gates during pick up and drop off times.

Start	Finish	Gate 1: MUGA gate (Park Close)	Gate 2: Bottom Gate (Ashfield Close, by school garden)	Gate 3: Bottom Gate (Hawthorn Terrace, by KS1 yard)
08:50	15:25 (Friday 13:25)	Yr2	Yr6	Yr4
08:55	15:30 (Friday 13:30)	Yr1	Yr5	Yr3
08:50	15:25 (Friday 13:25)	Reception		

Breakfast and Afterschool clubs

We will be starting Breakfast club from Monday 8th March at 8:15am, continuing to keep children in their phase bubbles. We will be operating breakfast club on reduced numbers so please request a place via the school admin email: admin@hawthorn.newcastle.sch.uk.

After school clubs won't start until after the Easter break.

Thank you for your continued support during this tough time. We appreciate your efforts, and we look forward to welcoming back all of our pupils.

Uniform

Please remember all children should attend school wearing their correct uniform, with a school book bag.

School uniform consists of:

- Dark school trousers or skirt
- School sweatshirt (available from the office)
- Plain white socks (knee length or ankle)
- Black school shoes
- Waterproof coat
- Plain stud earrings only (these should be removed for PE)
- Year 6 will be provided with a tie
- Children are provided with a P.E. kit



World Book Day

We are really sad that we won't be able to celebrate World Book Day in school on the 4th March but we are going to be putting lots of fun activities for your child to do at home on this day via SeeSaw/ Tapestry.

As part of this day we would like to have a competition which involves the children getting either an empty toilet roll or kitchen roll tube to decorate as a character from a book. We will choose 1 winner from each class.

All entries need to be submitted virtually through the activity which will appear on your child's SeeSaw or Tapestry account.

We will also be posting a quiz on Seesaw/Tapestry where children need to guess which teacher has chosen which book as their favourite one based on the clues given.



Speech and Language

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Imogen Wright, who has been our speech and language therapist within school for the past few years, good luck for the next step in her career as she has taken a new job in Edinburgh.

We are welcoming Emily Monk to our Hawthorn team and she will continue working with the children in our school.

Class Teams calls

As we prepare for a full school reopening on the 8th March we understand that your child may be feeling a range of emotions ranging from excitement to nerves. These are all perfectly normal feelings and we thought as a way for children who haven't been in school over the past few weeks to see their friends and teachers faces before coming back into school, we would arrange class greetings over Teams.



We will send a link to the Teams meeting via your child's SeeSaw/ Tapestry account, all you need to do is click on the link at the relevant time and your child can join the conversation.

Reception— Thursday 4th March @ 1pm

Year 4—Wednesday 3rd March @ 2pm

Year 1—Monday 1st March @ 11am

Year 5—Tuesday 2nd March @ 10am

Year 2—Tuesday 2nd March @ 11am

Year 6—Thursday 4th March @ 11am

Year 3—Friday 26th February @ 11am

Please see the next page for some Do's and Don'ts whilst your child is having their class call.

Seen on the Screen

Do's and Don'ts



	<p>Do make sure you are ready and presentable for your school friends and teachers. No pyjamas.</p>
	<p>Do keep a grown up near you to make sure you are keeping safe on your device.</p>
	<p>Do put your camera on so we can see your sensible face and put your hand up to speak.</p>
	<p>Don't talk over your friends, try and wait your turn. Mute your microphone until it's your turn.</p>
	<p>Don't play games or watch TV. Listen carefully.</p>
	<p>Don't eat or drink. Save it for after.</p>