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**SPIRES IPS Return to School Q&A**

**Q: Does My child have to return to school?**

A: DENI advises that all children return to school. Our start date for all pupils is Thursday 27

August (half day).

**Q: How will you keep my child safe?**

**A:** We have introduced a number of measures and we will prioritise their safety. However, we cannot guarantee that your child will not be unwell as this could happen at any time.

**Q: What will my child wear?**

A: Your child should wear school uniform, either P.E. and/or Formal Uniform, whichever they prefer. We want them to be comfortable and for you to be able to wash their uniform regularly.

**Q: Can I call into the school office or speak to a teacher?**

A: No visitors are permitted past the drop off/collection point without an appointment. As we are trying to reduce the number of visitors in school, it is likely that the majority of meetings will occur via telephone.

**Q: What does my child need to bring to school?**

**A:** A packed lunch and water bottle(s) in a disposable bag and a coat. We also ask that on/before Tuesday 1st September they bring a box of tissues; hand sanitiser; a small packet of colouring pencils (P1 crayons instead); a sharpener; felt tips (P4 – P7). We ask pupils in P5, P6 & P7 to bring a dictionary and calculator for their own use to prevent sharing.

**Q: What time does school start?**

**A:** School begins at 9.00am, however it is open from 8.30am. Each child will get their

temperature checked and will go straight to their classroom, where they will be

supervised until 9.00am.

**Q: What time does school finish?**

* P1 to be collected between 11.50am – 12.10pm
* P2 to be collected between 1.45pm – 2.00pm
* P3 to be collected between 2.30pm – 2.45pm Mon, Tues & Wed and to be collected between 2.00pm -2.15pm on Thurs & Fri
* P4 to be collected between 2.45pm – 3.00pm

Pupils in P1 – P3 must be collected by an adult at the collection point (wooden gate). Pupils in P4 will stand at near the oil tank and walk to their car or walk home. It is essential that you inform us if your child has permission to walk home in P4. All P4 pupils should leave/be collected promptly as pupils in P5 – P7 will be leaving from near the oil tank at 3.00pm.

**Q: Can I accompany my child to their classroom?**

**A:** No, we are trying to restrict the number of visitors into the building.

**Q: My child has medication, how do I arrange for this to be taken in school time?**

A: Please contact Mrs Bell.

**Q: Will my child be allowed to bring in a toy?**

A: No toys or additional items are permitted at this time.

**Q: Will my child social distance in school?**

A: Children within the same class will form a bubble. SEN support will continue Monday –

Wednesday in Mrs Bates’ room with children from the same bubble.

**Q: Can my child get dinner?**

A: Not at this time, we hope to gradually introduce during the next few weeks. All

those entitled to FSM will receive a packed lunch from Tuesday 1st September. It is essential

that you apply for FSM as we currently have very few children listed on our official FSM

register. If your child is not listed, they are unable to receive a free meal. All meals (including

packed lunch) should be ordered online through our online system, no exceptions.

**Q: Will my child receive homework?**

A: During the first few days of term the teacher will issue a list of spellings/tables as normal. These

will remain at home. With the exception of Transfer pupils, no hard copies of homework will

be sent home at this stage. Parents will be issued with new passwords for SEESAW and we will

introduce homework using this forum in the next few weeks.

We thank you for your continued patience with the changes to the school day. We are delighted to have all children back and we look forward to this term. It is going to be different and children should be made aware of this at home. We hope to make changes to some of the protocols/ procedures we have in place as soon as possible, depending on whether or not there are any Covid related issues linked to school. It is possible that an issue may occur and if so we will follow PHA and DENI advice.