

Highworth Combined School

Dear all

Welcome back and a massive thank you for all your help in a successful start to day 1 of the return to school.

It has been an absolute joy to see your children back at Highworth; I cannot remember a happier September return. You must have worked hard to prepare your children and we are all very grateful.

I promise to limit the number of times that I send messages, but there are a few points that I believe helpful to share having seen the school in action

It is important that you and your children remain 2 metres distant from other families whenever possible. There is a lot of evidence to suggest that Covid 19 is not a serious illness for children; this is not the case for adults. For your own safety, please remember social distancing when dropping off and collecting your children. To help with this, please do not arrive on the school site before 8.30am as there is not enough space for you to remain distant from each other. If you need to arrive earlier, please wait on the common, opposite school, where there is more space

- It has been made very clear by the Government that the recommended staggered start and end to the day must not impact upon teaching time. For this reason, it is not possible for you to collect children early from year groups with a 3.20pm finish even if your other children are finishing at 3.10pm. My apologies for the inconvenience that this will cause some of you
- At the end of this week and the beginning of next week, we will start to send reading books home. Please send your child with an appropriate bag for bringing these to and from school

- A reminder that your children will spend tomorrow in their 'old' classes before moving to new classes on Thursday and Friday. This will mean a change in start and end time for some children

My thanks once again for your support

Best wishes

Clare Pankhania