



OJS WEEKLY UPDATE

5th March 2021



Message from Mrs Sheridan and Mrs Elwill

We are looking forward to seeing your children back in school next week.

We open on Monday 8th March to all children and can't wait to see all the children we have missed over the weeks spent learning at home.

Public Health England #facecoverings are not advised for primary school children due to lower infection rates and limited evidence of transmission in these settings. Following this guidance, we do not expect or recommend children wear face masks. They are difficult for young children to wear and children find it hard not to touch them.

We will be reminding children of the behaviour policy on Monday, including Hands, Face, Space, our one-way system and the importance of our RESPECT principles.

Classrooms will be well ventilated as this proves to lower rates of infection.

Children will need to bring a coat to school and wear warm clothing. An outdoor PE Kit will need to be worn on PE days. We are asking children not to wear football kits as we move back to our school PE Kit over time.

We are hoping to set up a uniform swap shop shortly as many of you may have uniform children have grown out of. Maybe even brand new!

Only one adult should bring or collect a child to/ from school and face masks must be worn on site at all times and please keep 2 metres apart.

We encourage you to communicate via ParentApp ("Contact Us"), emails or phone calls rather than entering the reception area in order to prevent spread.

Thank you for helping us to keep our community safe.

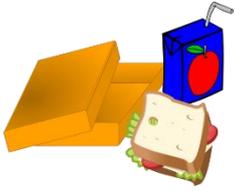
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Council Young Person Support Helpline

We know this return may be worrying for pupils so I would like to draw your attention again to the council's dedicated freephone helpline and live chat service for young people.

The online service is available Monday to Friday, between 9am and 5pm, and sits alongside the council's dedicated freephone helpline available for the same hours on 0808 196 4147.

The team are now also available Wednesday evenings 7pm-10pm. More information is available here: <https://wirralview.com/covid-19-news/live-chat-service-offer-young-people-listening-ear>



Packed Lunches

If you did not pre-order a school lunch for your child, please ensure that they bring a packed lunch to school.



Star Readers

This week's Star Readers are:

Apple -	Zach R	Cherry -	Cally
Ash -	Charlie	Pine -	Roisin
Larch -	Leo	Silver Birch -	George
Beech -	Zac R	Elm -	Abbie
Hawthorn -	Bess	Lime -	Leon
Willow -	Jack L	Rowan -	Will J
		Sycamore -	Heidi

Well done to Lime who have taken back their lead from Cherry for the most words read at Overchurch Junior School.

Our Year Group leaders are as follows: Ash have 1.9 million, Hawthorn have 2.6 million, Cherry have 5.6 million and Lime have 5.7 million words.

Also, a massive congratulations to Scarlett in Silver Birch who is the fourth person in our school to reach a million words!! Silver Birch have also taken the most tests this week (60) and Rowan have read the most words (318,926).

Fabulous reading everybody!

Change of INSET Day

On Thursday 6th May, the Local Authority needs to use Overchurch Infant School, including pathways and car park for the elections of combined police and crime commissioner for Merseyside, Liverpool City Region's combined authority mayoral elections and the usual local elections.

In light of the ongoing pandemic, this means that unfortunately some changes need to be made to the usual school day to facilitate the nearly 2000 electorate who may need to access the polling station.

To ensure the safety of those voting and the safety of our school community, it has been agreed with the Local Authority to **change our INSET Day from the previously communicated date of Friday 30th April to Thursday 6th May.**

Mr Sheehan's Girls Football Development Sessions



Mr Sheehan's Soccer@School will be running a girls football development session on Fridays after school until 4:20pm. The first session will take place on Friday 12th March and the club will run for five weeks.

Children will need a water bottle, rain jacket and trainers. Please also bring football boots, we will try to use the grass pitch depending on the field condition.

Please follow link below to book 5-week course.

<https://www.soccerschoolwirral.co.uk/page/book-online/17>



Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test. Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.