



## Windsor Hill Primary School

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Dear Parents,

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Bank Holiday

School is closed on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May for the bank holiday. We will also be closed on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May for the Bank holiday at the end of the month.



### School Bags and Books



In line with public health guidance, children may if they wish resume bringing a pencil case and school bags to school. At this stage in the year we strongly discourage parents going to the added expense of buying new bags and we would ask that content is kept to a minimum and regularly cleared of unnecessary items.

Gradually teachers will increase the amount of paper and books going home and being returned to school in the coming weeks. They have however found the link which Seesaw has established between home and school very beneficial and would therefore prefer that written homework continues to be returned by uploading to Seesaw. These are valuable new skills which we are very keen to further develop, while remaining optimistic that we do not need them for another lockdown any time soon.

### Gradual reintroduction of services

We have welcomed the gradual reopening of services in school. Last week we welcomed the return of our music tutors for lessons, albeit socially distanced. They are hopeful that they will soon be able to consider new pupils from our current P5 classes who would like to start learning to play an instrument.

### Volleyball

Last Friday our P6 & P7 pupils enjoyed Volleyball coaching on the Muga pitch in their class bubbles with Callum Grieves, of Giant Leaps Sports Coaching. While these are cautious first steps, they are welcome.



### Eco Garden

This week we have Jilly Dugan, a local horticulturalist, coming to help Mrs Kerrigan's class working in the garden. This is a project funded by Radius Housing which will see the biodiversity in our garden extended with the addition of more fruit trees, raspberry canes, gooseberry and blueberry 'bushes'. The children have also had shared Zoom Lessons with Keep NI Tidy (Eco Schools) and pupils from Cloughoge Primary School.

### Mud Kitchen and Play Bus

We were delighted this week to have a wooden 'Mud Kitchen and Play Bus' donated to the school by Kevin Henry and helpers in **Barcroft Community Gardens**. The two structures are a great source of interest and enjoyment in the Foundation Stage playground. They have been creatively produced from recycled wood and have been made to an exceptionally high standard. Mrs Moore and Mrs Jennett's classes will get great use of these in the coming weeks and months. You can see them for yourself on the school website. <https://www.windsorhillps.co.uk/newsletters-and-letters-for-parents/>

### COVID REMINDER

*Please do not send your children to school if they are unwell, **particularly if they have any Covid symptoms:***

- High Temperature, New / Persistent Cough, Loss of taste or smell – Stay at home, isolate and book a test. <https://covid-19.hscni.net/testing>
- Inform school immediately and advise us of the result as soon as possible.
- Pupils do not return until symptoms have gone for at least 48 hours – even if the test result was negative.

Where a child has been in school it is essential that parents inform the principal by email immediately if he / she becomes unwell with Covid symptoms or is being tested, even if the result ends up being negative.

Thank you all for your continued support and co-operation. Please feel free to get in contact should you require further help or information.

Yours faithfully,  
I. McKane  
Principal