

# Howell's Prep School

## ReConnect Week – information for girls

All the staff are looking forward to welcoming you back to the Prep School again for our ReConnect week.

This will be a week of fun, spending time with your friends and your teachers and thinking ahead to your new class in September.

We hope you have so much fun this week. Some things in school will be a little different and this leaflet is to help you prepare and to know what to expect.



### What will it be like when I arrive at school?

#### **Dropping off**

Mrs Ashill and some of the staff will be there to welcome you at the top of the lane, next to the bandstand. If you are in Reception class your parents will park their car and walk you to meet Mrs Ashill. If you are in Year 1-6 you will say goodbye to your family in your car, at the dropping off zone, and you will walk to Mrs Ashill for a very warm welcome.



#### **Walking to class**

There will be lots of adults available to walk you to class and we will walk in small groups. The adult will have a long rope that they will ask you to hold onto. Each rope has coloured tape and you will hold on to your part of the rope. This will help to make sure you are walking 2 metres away from your friends as you walk to class. We know you will be so excited to see one another.

#### **Before I get to class**

We have new sinks in the playgrounds so that everyone can wash their hands before they come into the school building. You will be asked to wash your hands in turn and then you will continue walking to class in your group, led by an adult.



### **Will I be with my friends?**

Your class is split into 2 groups. Each group will be in classrooms next to each other. Some of the time you will be in your small group with your teacher or teaching assistant. Sometimes we may come together as one class if we are in a part of the school where we have lots of space such as out on the tennis courts or in the Prep Hall. Your teachers have tried to ensure you will be with some of your close friends.

### **What will my classroom look like?**

In your classroom you will have your own special table. These tables will be spaced out so we all have enough room to work safely. Your name will be on your table and this is your working space for the week. You can put your pencil case or your water bottle on your table. Your bags can be kept underneath your table.

It's really important that you don't swap tables or touch belongings on anyone else's table.

The rest of your classroom will look as bright and colourful as it did before.

### **What will I be doing in school?**

Your teachers have planned a really fun week! You may be reading together, playing games, taking part in discussions or circle time activities or doing other tasks and activities at your table. You will also spend some time outdoors in the playground or the Green Garden to do some of your activities.



### **What will I do at playtime and lunchtime?**

You will eat your snack and packed lunch in your classroom at your table. We will have the opportunity to go out and play in your small group either before or after you have eaten.

It's very important you wash your hands before you eat and the adult looking after you will remind you to do that.

### **What will I wear?**

You can wear either your pink summer school dress or your P.E kit. If your school shoes no longer fit, you can wear any other sensible shoes. It would be a good idea to bring a sun hat to wear outdoors if the weather is fine and a coat if it is not.

Your parents will ensure you wear clean uniform to school every day.





### **What will I need to bring?**

You will need to bring two water bottles for a drink during the day and your healthy snack for morning break. You will also need to bring your own packed lunch to school. Remember not to bring nuts as some girls have severe nut allergies. To keep your food cool it is very helpful to have an ice pack in your little lunch bag / cool bag.

You will need to bring a pack of tissues and a small bottle of hand sanitiser to keep with you.

Please put on sun cream in the morning and bring a small bottle with you to top up in the day if you need to.

Please bring your pencil case, with your own pencil, colouring pencils, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener, glue stick and scissors for activities.

If you have any school belongings at home e.g. library books, instruments, text books or JCC blazers, please bring them to return to school.

### **Will I be allowed to go to the toilet?**

You will need to ask an adult if you need to go to the toilet. You may be asked to wait until someone else has returned from the toilet before it's your turn to go.

Remember to wash your hands thoroughly after you have used the toilet.

Our wonderful cleaners will be cleaning the toilets regularly during the school day.

### **What will happen at the end of the day?**

You will collect your belongings and an adult will walk you back to the end of the lane to meet Mrs Ashill. On the way you will stop to wash your hands in the outdoor sinks so your hands are clean leaving school.

You will be asked to hold the rope again so you are walking with your friends at a safe distance.

You will wait with Mrs Ashill until she can see that your parents have come to collect you. We know you will have lots to tell your family about your day in school.

### **Will I be meeting my new class teacher?**

During the week you will meet your new class teacher. This may be on 'Zoom' if your new teacher is not in school the same days as you. You will have the chance to think about anything you would like to ask before you meet them. Your new teacher will tell you all about your new class.

## How can I make sure I stay safe and happy?

Mrs Davis, Mrs Ashill and all the staff in Prep School are responsible for keeping you safe and happy when you are in school. It is **very** important to us.

- You will be reminded to wash your hands regularly during the day. We can sing a song to help to remind us how long to wash our hands for.
- You have your own safe space to work and eat
- We will give one another space and try to keep a 2 metre distance away from others
- Our school cleaners will be working very hard to clean our classrooms and other areas in the school at the end of each school day and during the school day
- The adult in your group wants you to have a very happy week in school. Chat to them if you are worried or unsure about anything and they will try to help you.

*We are so excited about welcoming you back to school,  
we have missed you so much and can't wait to  
reconnect!*

