**Whitehaven Library will be opening on Monday 10th August.**

However, there will be some changes as requirements to have new Covid-secure measures in place will specifically mean we will have a building and library capacity (including reduced PC numbers so booking will be recommended) although our opening times and offer will be slightly different.  There are no community or meeting room, no tactile resources, and no activities or sessions at present – visitors are encouraged to make their visit as brief as possible in line with national guidance.

This may feel a very different offer to what we have so positively been working towards in Whitehaven Library over the last few years – wide open spaces, flexible use, community space  - but the health and safety of staff and customers is a priority.   We also realize this may all seem a little daunting but we are looking forward to welcoming customers back to the library, and will have Library Hosts greeting library visitors  on arrival to explain the new arrangements (and take the necessary NHS Test and Trace details).  There will be clear signage throughout our buildings to help everyone find their way around safely and hand sanitizers will be located at the entrance and exit points.

Although none of our usual activities will be available, but there will still be plenty of resources available for customers to enjoy – and we will keep on offering dynamic sessions online, including the popular Rhymetimes and Storytimes on Facebook that mirror the times the in-person sessions previously happened in the library – and making a wide selections of eBooks, audio books, magazines and newspapers available.

**Whitehaven Library Opening Hours**9.30 am – 1.00 pm Monday to Friday Prearranged Select & Collect sessions will be available 2.00 – 4.00 pm