



Monday 19th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

HISN End of Year Update from the Executive Leadership Team

As we head into the last week of this academic year we wanted to write with updates following the recent government announcement and also to reflect on what has been a challenging year for us all. We have been incredibly proud of the children for the resilience they have shown. They have worked so hard both in school and at home this year. We have appreciated all of the support and positive comments we have received from the parent community despite the challenges for many of our families juggling home learning, work and other commitments. Also huge thanks to HISNA who have managed to organise events that you have all supported and the children have enjoyed.

New Guidance Issued To Schools

Last week, the Prime Minister shared the government's final steps out of lockdown. Following this, new guidance has been issued to schools and will be updated again on 4th September 2021. Please see below for the key changes for schools:

The DfE issued new guidance to schools which takes effect from Monday 19th July.

1. Bubbles - schools will no longer need to keep children in bubbles whilst in school.
2. Face coverings - these are no longer advised in communal areas within school. This will only change if there is an outbreak and we are advised to reinstate them by public health.
3. Drop off and pick up - there will be no requirement to stagger drop off and pick up. However, as this is the end of term we will not make any changes to the times this week.
4. Positive cases of Covid-19 from Monday 19th July - the school will no longer be running track and trace and NHS Test and Trace will take over. They will identify close contacts of a positive case. In the Autumn term, children will no longer be required to self-isolate, if they are identified as a close contact. They will instead be **advised** to take a PCR test and if this is positive they will need to self isolate for 10 days. **We will no longer be notifying you if a person in your child's bubble is going for a PCR test.**





5. Hygiene - we will continue to ensure children wash their hands, keep rooms ventilated and have a full cleaning regime in place.
6. Lateral Flow Tests - staff will continue to have access to twice weekly tests.
7. Remote Education - we will continue to provide remote education if your child is self isolating.

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We are looking forward to teaching the children in our usual way in September and not having to keep them in bubbles any longer. This will mean they can mix together outside at break time and lunch time, eat in the dining room again together and we can have assemblies once more. If there is an outbreak at school or we are put into an enhanced response area, some control measures may need to be temporarily reintroduced.

Drop off arrangements:

New Nursery and Reception for September : A separate letter will be sent out to these families detailing the arrangements for the start of term for both drop off and collection.

Year 1 and 2:

We will continue to have a 'soft start' to the day between 8.40-8.55am via the drop off zone in the front playground. Children will enter via the **Priory Road gate** and parents should drop by the blue tables, allowing children to walk independently to their classrooms. Parents exit via the Ripley Road gates. This has worked successfully this year and children settle quickly to their learning.

HISN staff will be on the gates and in the drop off zone in the morning to welcome children to school.

Collection - Year 1 and 2:

Collection will be at 3pm for all children. The gates on **Priory Road** will open at 2:50pm. Parents should enter and walk round to the KS1 playground following the marked walkway. Collection areas for each class will be clearly labelled and staff on hand to direct parents who may be unfamiliar with where to collect their child from. **The gates on Ripley Road Road are for exit only.**





Attendance

School attendance is mandatory. We know you will agree how important it is for children to attend school every day. This is shown in our attendance rate this term, which has been over 97%.

However, it is important that children do not attend school if they are unwell. Any child that is showing any symptoms of Coronavirus or is otherwise unwell should not attend school or visit the school site for any reason. Other than this, all other pupils should attend school, promptly on time, every day. It is extremely important that the reasons for any absence are reported immediately to office.hisn@hpp.school or by leaving a message on our voicemail no later than 9am.

Meetings with Parents & Visitors

Over the last 18 months we have all made real use of tools such as SchoolCloud and Google Meet to organise meetings and speak with you. We aim for this to continue as it offers the flexibility for staff, parents and outside agencies to meet successfully and more efficiently. For example, we will continue to organise our parent/teacher meetings on SchoolCloud in November. Obviously, we will still be available for face to face meetings if needed and where this is preferable.

Visitors to the school should always be by appointment. If you need to contact your child's class teacher, please do so by email to office.hisn@hpp.school during normal school hours from Monday to Friday.

School Office

Our admin team has become very skilled at dealing with your enquiries via phone and by email over the last year successfully. We would like to continue to do so as much as possible. However, the School Office will be open for face to face enquiries should they be necessary.

Free School Meals

Free school meal vouchers will be provided over the summer break and both schools will be using the local authority to provide vouchers for children who are eligible. We have already been in communication with those families who are registered with us.





Dismissal times for end of term on Friday 23rd July

Nursery will finish on Thursday 22nd July. The children will attend their usual AM/PM session.

On Friday 23rd July the staggered times are below:

1PM - RJ/R Y

1:05PM - RD/R F

1:10pm – 1C/1W

1:15pm – 1H/ 1K

1:20pm – 2D/ 2S

1:25pm – 2P/ 2T

Finally, a huge thank you to the staff across HPP for their positive approach to the changes they have faced this year, adapting to remote learning and having a 'can do' response to the guidance schools have had to follow. We hope you all enjoy the summer break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 6th September.

Yours sincerely

The Executive Leadership Team

