

Monday 7th December

Dear Parent / Carer,

### **HISN End of Term Update.**

Before the end of term, we wanted to write with a final Covid 19 update which will provide further information regarding the Spring term. Although we can't be sure of the exact content of any new Government guidance for maintained schools, we hope that by providing this information now that it will reassure parents and allow them time to prepare.

#### **Attendance**

We are delighted to say that HISN has all classes and teachers back in school and that overall attendance is in line with this time last year. In addition, we would like to thank parents for the work they have done in ensuring pupils have received home education during this term whilst some class bubbles were closed. We have appreciated parents' understanding throughout this term and the period of class closure that some classes experienced and we are pleased that the home learning was accessible to parents.

#### **Illness**

To ensure everyone can have an enjoyable Christmas holiday period, we would ask that all parents are particularly vigilant about any coughs, colds and illness' your child might have. Please do not send them into school if they are unwell and, if they display any of the Covid symptoms, book a test and let the school know. The current information we are receiving is that tests can be booked on the same day and results are being returned within 48 hours. We want to try and avoid any families or staff having to isolate over the Christmas holiday.

#### **Teaching and Learning**

The Leadership Team has completed a range of monitoring activities this term and we are pleased to say that learning continues to be of a high standard. Although clearly there are some gaps in learning, pupils have settled in class and are making strong progress across all subject areas. We will continue to ensure we do all that we can to support all children in achieving their very best this year.

#### **End of term Arrangements**

The final day of term for the **Nursery is Thursday 17th**, this is to allow a deep clean of the Nursery to take place. The final day for the main school is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December and we will be finishing just after lunch. The children will be dismissed at the following times to ensure we do not have large numbers of adults on the school grounds:

1pm-RJ	1:05pm-RF	1:10pm-RD	1:15pm-RY
1:20pm – 1C/1W	1:25pm – 1H/ 1K	1:30pm – 2D/ 2S	1:35pm – 2P/ 2T



### Spring term changes

The children will return to school on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January**. We have reviewed the drop off and pick up arrangements across HPP and changed these slightly. The one way system will remain in place but this will be reviewed at half term. If you have any questions regarding these times please email the school office and a member of the leadership team will contact you.

### Drop off

Times for drop off at HISN has remained largely unchanged. Note the **5-minute change in reception drop off**. Parents have a 10-minute window within which to arrive, to avoid the queue we would recommend arriving toward the middle or end of the window.

Reception: 8.45-8.55am	Year 1: 8.55-9.05am	Year 2: 9.05-9.15am
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### Pick up

The times will remain unchanged next term.

2.40-RJ	2.45-RF	2.50-RD	2.55-RY
3.00-1C and 1W	3.05-1H and 1K	3.10-2D and 2S	3.15-2P and 2T

### School Meals

The vast majority of children at HISN are now enjoying a hot school lunch, this is two courses and cooked from fresh each day. The menu during the Autumn term was very much reduced to ensure lunch could be served in a Covid-19 safe way. However, as a school we are now confident that the children will once again be able to select their lunch from the choice available each day. The children will remain in their class bubbles during lunchtime. The menu will return to the 3-week rolling menu and parents will no longer be required to choose their child's lunch each day. We will send the menu home as soon as it becomes available to us.

### Clubs

We are working to reintroduce a small number of clubs for the Spring term. The club providers have all provided their Covid-19 risk assessment and will be running with reduced numbers. These clubs will only be **open to year 2 pupils** this term, we will be reviewing our clubs again prior to the Easter break. We will once again be running:



Club	Day of the week	Start date	Please book via this link below:
Tennis	Tuesday	12.1.21	<a href="http://www.englishsportsgroup.com">www.englishsportsgroup.com</a>
Football	Thursday	14.1.21	<a href="http://p://onsidefc.co.uk/">p://onsidefc.co.uk/</a> (note: bookings can only be made after 11 <sup>th</sup> December)
Dance	Thursday	14.1.21	<a href="http://www.boundlessarts.co.uk">www.boundlessarts.co.uk</a>

### **Thank you**

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge and heartfelt thank you to all our amazing teachers, learning support assistants and admin and premises staff, who every day make a real and vital difference to the lives of the children at HPP. Their passion, commitment and dedication during what has been a difficult and challenging time for all schools is extremely valued.

Thank also to our parent community for the money raised this term through the sponsored bounce and Christmas card sales. Also, for your ongoing support and kind words of appreciation for the school and its staff which has meant so much this term.

Yours sincerely

Executive Leadership Team

