



Monday 19th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

HJS 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 the FOHJS 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 was issued to schools for September 2021.

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.

It also means we will not need to stagger the start and end of the day to our school times although we have decided to keep the soft start from 8.30am to 8.45am each day. All children will finish at 3.15pm.

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

1. Bubbles - schools 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 July 19th - 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. **We will no longer be notifying you if a person in your child's bubble is going for a PCR test.** This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact. As parents or carers, you may be contacted to help with identifying close contacts. 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.





5. Hygiene - we will continue to ensure children wash their hands regularly, 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

The New Academic Year

We are already looking forward to the new term. As a school we have had to adapt to new ways of doing things and have decided to maintain some of these practices as we have seen the benefit to the children. However if there is an outbreak at school or we are put into an enhanced response area, you might be advised that some control measures need to be temporarily reintroduced.

Drop off and pick up from September

Drop off:

There will be a 'soft start' to the day between 8.30-8.45am whereby children come in through their designated gate and go straight into their classroom. There is no need for parents to come into school and all children should walk into school independently. This has worked very successfully this year and children have settled quickly into their learning. HJS staff will be on the gates in the morning to welcome children to school.

- **Year 3** children will use the **gate on Ashley Road** (on Monday 6th September, parents may bring their child into the playground).
- **Year 4** and **year 5** children will use the **main gate on Percy Road**.
- **Year 6** children will use the **small gate on Percy Road**, which is found between the main gate and the vehicle gate

Collection:

The main pedestrian gates on Percy Road and Ashley Road will open at 3pm. Parents should enter and wait in the playground where their children will be dismissed from.

Collection will be at 3.15pm for all children.

- **Year 3 and 4** will dismiss from the front playground using the gate on Ashley Road
- **Year 5 and 6** will dismiss from the back playground using the main gate on Percy Road

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.hjs@hpp.school or by leaving a message on our voicemail no later than 9am.

Fit for Sport

Fit for sport will continue to offer breakfast and after school club. These spaces should be booked directly with Fit for Sport.

Clubs for September

Information about after school clubs in September will be shared later this week.

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.hjs@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.

End of Term Dismissal Times

Friday 23rd July is the last day of term and there will be an earlier finish:

- Year 4 – 1.25 (front playground – please use Ashley Road gate as normal)





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- Year 3 – 1.30 (front playground – please use Ashley Road gate as normal)
- Year 5 – 1.30 (back playground – please use vehicle gate as normal)
- Year 6 – 1.40 (back playground – please use vehicle gate as normal). This timing will give teachers and year 6 parents a chance to clap and wave off our year 6 leavers.

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

