

10th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome Back from the Executive Leadership Team

We are delighted to welcome you and your child back to Hampton Primary Partnership schools. Both schools were very busy over the summer break with improvement projects which have really enhanced the learning environment for the children. We are delighted to have returned to a more normal school routine including assemblies which are an important part of the day.

Reading Focus

Reading is the foundation and the gateway to learning. Children are expected to read daily at home for a minimum of 10 - 15 minutes to supplement the reading skills they learn at school. Daily reading at home should include a mixture of independent reading, reading for pleasure, reading to an adult and having a book or story read together. Children should be exposed to high quality texts, both fiction and non-fiction, in order to build their understanding and vocabulary. Each child will bring home a reading book to support their development of reading skills. We will continue to enhance the reading provision in both schools to ensure children are enthused to read and have the skills to do so. More information will be provided this half term regarding our approach to reading.

Current Guidance Issued To Schools Regarding Covid-19

The DfE issued guidance to schools which is currently in place.

1. Bubbles - schools will no longer need to keep children in bubbles whilst in school.
2. Face coverings - these are no longer advised. 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 is no requirement to stagger drop off and pick up.

Positive cases of Covid-19 - if children are unwell with symptoms of Covid-19, they should not attend school and we would advise a PCR test is taken. If this is positive, NHS Test and Trace will liaise with parents to identify close contacts. The child will need to quarantine for 10 days. 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.**

4. Hygiene - we continue to ensure the children wash their hands, use tissues when required, keep rooms well ventilated and have a full cleaning regime in place.
5. Lateral Flow Tests - staff continue to have access to twice weekly tests.





6. Remote Education - we will continue to provide remote education if your child is self isolating. If your child is unwell we will not expect this to be completed.

Attendance

School attendance is mandatory. We know you will agree how important it is for children to attend school every day.

It is important that children do not attend school if they are unwell. Other than this, all other pupils should attend, promptly on time, every day. It is extremely important that the reasons for any absence are reported immediately to office.hisn@hpp.school or office.hjs@hpp.school or by leaving a message on our voicemail no later than 9am.

School Office

Our admin team has become very skilled at dealing successfully with your enquiries via phone and by email over the last year and 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

If you are new to HPP or your circumstances have changed and you believe your child is entitled to free school meals, [apply here](#).

If your child is entitled this means you may be eligible to reduced contributions for school visits and events. The school will also receive additional funding to support your child's learning in school or via additional tuition.

Finally...

We will be holding a Meet the Leadership Team event on 6th October at 9am at Hampton Infant School which is open to all parents from HPP to share school priorities and introduce key members of staff of HPP. Please look out for further information regarding this.

Your sincerely

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