



Holywell Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome Back

It has been a busy first few days back with staff, pupils and parents getting to know the new procedures. Pupils have been amazing in staying in their bubbles and following the guidelines set out. As the rules and routines becomes more familiar everyone is becoming more confident in class and ultimately in their learning. I have been impressed with the attendance of pupils this week, considering that school was closed for a long period of time over the last term. Our aim now is to get pupils' learning back to a high standard and ensure good progress and high achievement by all. Teachers and teaching assistants have been working hard to settle pupils into classes and establishing rules and procedures while ensuring that pupils feel safe, cared for and valued.



Curriculum and Assessments

Next week we will be assessing all pupils in school to get a baseline for their learning after the summer break. The pupils' previous teachers have forwarded information about pupils learning on to their current teachers but this additional information will help us to cater more specifically for each pupil's individual learning. Our aim is to teach missed learning and to recap on learning that needs consolidating. We know circumstances varied across families during lockdown so our aim is to get everyone back to where they should be as soon as possible.

Transition Meetings

The transition meetings for children starting in Nursery and Reception were held yesterday and we look forward to welcoming them all into Holywell Primary School over the next couple of weeks. The children in Nursery will have a staggered start that commences Monday 14th September 2020. The children moving up from our Nursery into



Reception will start on Wednesday 9th September and new children to the school who are starting in Reception will start on Thursday 10th September 2020.

Reception and Nursery places available - including 30 hours free

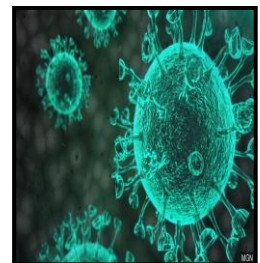
We have spaces available in our Reception and Nursery classes. The places available in Nursery are part time and full time. Children born between 01/09/2016 – 31/08/2017 are entitled to 15 hours free nursery care each week. Some parents are entitled to 30 hours free care for their children. Please tell family and friends who might be interested.



Social Distancing and COVID-19

Schools have been given the green light to reopen because -

- COVID-19 cases have fallen sufficiently
- No evidence shows children transmit the disease more than adults
- Risk of children becoming ill is low
- No outbreaks of COVID-19 in Hertfordshire schools since June 2020



I am sure you would have seen the news about infection rates going up in certain areas. Holywell Primary School wants to play its part to ensure that infection rate stay down. Like parents, I value our pupils' education and feel pupils cannot miss any more of their education.

We are constantly reviewing our procedures related to keeping the school community safe from the spread of the coronavirus. We have some feedback from parents about some aspects and we are closely monitoring our practices to see how we can improve. We need parents to support us in this and be role models for our pupils.

Social Distancing Around The Site For Parents

One of our biggest challenges is maintaining social distancing around the site during drop off and collection times. We will continue with the staggered times and allocated drop off and collection points that were issued in July. We are reviewing some of these as a result of parental feedback and a separate letter will go out to parents on Monday. All the school gates will open at 8:45am from Monday instead of 8:30am to stop people congregating. In the afternoon all gates will open



at



2:55pm to give parents enough time to get to the classes where they need to collect their children. We ask that parents wear a mask on the school site as you would when entering a shop from Monday. We ask that parents do not unnecessarily enter the site, for example in big groups or to drop older children who can make their own way to and from their class. Staff are out and about from 8:45 am and will support pupils who need it.

		DROP OFF TIMES	COLLECTION TIMES	ONE WAY IN AND OUT
YEAR 1	Sycamore & Maple	8:45am - 8:55am (small green gate by playground entrance)	3:00pm (small green gate by playground entrance)	Enter and exit through gate on Tolpits Lane and High View
YEAR 2	Hawthorn & Hazel	8:45am - 8:55am (small green gate by playground entrance)	3:15pm (collect under trees by new building)	Enter and exit through gate on Tolpits Lane and High View
YEAR 3/4	Mulberry, Cedar & Rowan	8:45am - 8:55am (Side door of canteen, in car park)	3:00pm (collect from side door of canteen, in car park)	Enter and exit through gate on Tolpits Lane and High View
YEAR 5	Elder & Chestnut	8:45am - 8:55am (small green gate by playground entrance)	3:10pm Grass area in front of Summer Place	Enter and exit through gate on Tolpits Lane and High View
YEAR 6	Birch & Elm	8:45am - 8:55am (Side door of canteen, in car park)	3:15pm grass areas in front of Summer Place	Enter and exit through gate on Tolpits Lane and High View

Homework and Reading Books (Resources)

Pupils will share resources in their 'bubble' and the resources will be cleaned regularly and always when used between by different bubbles. Books taken home and returned to class will be quarantined for 72 hours if not cleaned or for 48hours if they have been cleaned before they are shared with another child. Pupils are asked to follow the same rules at home. Pupils will be issued with a mixture of reading book, and bug club reading to allow quarantine times to lapse. Teachers will aim to set homework online via google classroom and we ask parents to let us know if they find this a challenge in anyway whatsoever. Books will be issued in a plastic bag that can be wiped clean.

Food

Every child must bring a water bottle to school from home. This water bottle will be refilled by a staff member in their bubble using a jug. Children will eat in their bubbles during lunchtime. Children have found the school dinners satisfying. We know some parents have been concerned about this, but we want to reassure parents that food is cooked to the highest food hygiene standards. Staff supporting pupils are wearing gloves and pupils sanitise their hands before returning to the playground. They wash their hands again when they return to class.

At this point in time, pupils are encouraged to bring their own snack in a bag that can be disposed.

Attendance

Parents are remind that attending school is statutory.

PE Lessons

On the days your child has PE, they should come to school in their PE kits and stay in them all day - they do not need their school uniform on these days.

YEAR 1	Sycamore	Monday and Thursday
YEAR 1	Maple	Tuesday and Wednesday
YEAR 2	Hawthorn	Wednesday and Friday
YEAR 2	Hazel	Thursday and Friday
YEAR 3/4	Mulberry	Thursday and Friday
YEAR 3/4	Cedar	Monday and Thursday
YEAR 3/4	Rowan	Monday and Tuesday
YEAR 5	Chestnut	Wednesday and Friday
YEAR 5	Elder	Wednesday and Friday
YEAR 6	Birch	Wednesday and Friday
YEAR 6	Elm	Monday and Wednesday



When to self-isolate:

If you have any of the symptoms (a new continuous cough, a high temperature (37.8 degrees or more) suggestive of COVID-19.

If you have tested positive for COVID-19.

If you have a household contact with symptoms or who has tested positive for COVID-19.

If you have identified as a contact via Test and Trace or a risk assessment.

How long should you self-isolate for:

If you tested positive you need to self-isolate for 10 days from the start of the symptoms.

If you have a prolonged raised temperature you need to continue to self-isolate beyond 10 days until 48 hours after your last raised temperature.

If you are a household contact of someone with symptoms or someone with a positive test you need to self-isolate for 14 days even if you had a negative test.

If you are a workplace or social contact you need to self-isolate for 14 days even if you had a negative test.

We trust that parents will strictly follow travel guidance and adhere to self-isolation rules for countries that they have visited.

Please keep us up to date with clear symptoms of pupils who are ill and let us know if you suspect COVID-19 or had a test so that we can enforce these policies correctly.

Year 6 – Secondary School Transfer for September 2021

A letter went out this morning to the parents of children in Year 6 with full details of how to apply for a place a secondary school for September 2021.

The website to apply for their place is now open and all applications must be submitted before Saturday 31st October 2020

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Alternatively, if you are unable to access the website a paper copy of the application from Hertfordshire can be obtained by calling the Customer Service Centre 0300 123 4043.



Holywell School Uniform

Please find below our school uniform expectations –

Maroon Sweatshirt – with school logo

White Polo Shirt

Grey Trousers/Grey Skirt

Sensible black school shoes (no sandals or trainers)

Red Check Dress/Smart Grey Trouser Shorts (Summer Term only)

PE Kit

White T-Shirt with school logo

Maroon Shorts

Plimsolls/Trainers

All pupils are expected to adhere to these requirements including the PE kit, as stated above

HOLYWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM DATES 2020 – 2021

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Tuesday 1st September 2020 INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Wednesday 2nd September 2020 – first day of term

Half Term – Monday 26th October 2020 to Friday 30th October 2020

Friday 18th December 2020 – last day of term (school closes at 1:30 pm)

SPRING TERM 2021

Monday 4th January 2021 INSET (school closed for pupils)

Tuesday 5th January 2021 – first day of term

Half Term – Monday 15th February 2021 to Friday 19th February 2021

Friday 26th March 2021 – last day of term (school closes at 1:30 pm)

SUMMER TERM 2021

Monday 12th April 2021 INSET (school closed for pupils)

Tuesday 13th April 2021 – first day of term

Monday 3rd May 2021 – Bank Holiday

Half Term – Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021

Friday 16th July 2021 – last day of term (school finishes at 1:30 pm)