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PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Pupils,

Welcome back to the new term! I hope you've had a good half term break.

For the first two weeks of the new term we will continue with our mixture of remote learning for most of you at home and in-school learning for the children of key workers. By the time this letter reaches you class Google Meets will have already taken place and I must apologise for not being able to join the first Meets on Monday 22nd February due to being a bit under the weather. I am feeling better and thank you for the well wishes I have received.

School will fully re-open for all on Monday March 8th as long as the government data regarding the virus infection rates continue to improve. We are really looking forward to welcoming you all back. All the safety and infection control measures that were in place in the September to December terms, will still apply.

A quick reminder of the main control measures;

- Staggered arrivals and collections and adherence to social distanced queuing outside school with no gatherings near the school site
- Temperature checks on arrival
- All school staff tested twice weekly with LF tests
- Making sure you keep your child at home if they are unwell
- Social distancing in and outside the school
- Staff and any visitors will wear masks when in public areas
- Hand sanitising and frequent hand washing
- Good respiratory hygiene – catch it, bin it
- The children will be in either Bubble 1 (class 1) or Bubble2 (class 2) and will remain apart all day, using designated parts of the playground, toilets, equipment. Staff will be assigned to the Bubbles and remain for the most part, within those Bubbles.
- The children will have their own desks and frequently used equipment
- Any shared equipment will be quarantined and cleaned
- Ongoing cleaning throughout the day by staff
- Daily thorough clean and periodic deep cleans
- Limit to the amount of items passed between home and school and quarantining of reading books
- The children will continue to arrive dressed in PE clothes on Fridays, with KSI bringing a change of clothes for Forest Schools on Friday afternoons
- Children will eat any snacks and lunch in their designated seats
- If a child or staff member displays symptoms of illness during the school day they will be isolated and then sent home
- Children will be encouraged to maintain social distancing particularly indoors
- The building will be as well ventilated as possible
- The number of visitors will be severely restricted and any contractors that need to work inside the building will only be allowed to do so when there are no children in the school
- No face-to-face teacher and parent meetings but teachers will still be available via class e mails and phone

Once everyone is back in school there are thirty plus households mixing for regular and sustained periods of time and in order to keep the virus away, we need to make sure we still proceed with caution and I ask that you all help by following the rules and respecting the measures we have put in place. We must keep up the good work that has kept our school a virus free zone and it is worth noting that another local school had to close just before half term due to a positive case so although the rates are very much decreasing, the virus is still very much out there in the community.

Next week I will write again and give you more information about hot lunches and other important information. There will be an emphasis on settling back into school routines and catch up again and the teachers will spend time assessing where the children are in their learning.

For Year 6 parents I am sure you are already aware that there will be no SATs this year and teacher assessments will be passed on to the receiving secondary schools in the summer terms.

We are looking ahead to better times and with the arrival of better weather, more sunshine and school re-opening, we can only feel positive and hopeful for the rest of this school year.

A quick note about next week, our last week of remote learning – as it is World Book Day on Thursday 4th March, the teachers will be telling you about some book related activities planned for you to do at home. Make sure you join us at the given times! The remote way of working will in fact continue when we fully re-open, as we will be using the G Suite platform to set regular home work, so please keep your login details safe. If there were to be any periods of covid related closure or self-isolation, then we would again revert back to G Suite, remote learning.

Last reminder for our online survey about the remote learning – if you would like to take part please do so as soon as possible and a huge thank you to those parents who have already taken the time to complete it. It only takes a few minutes and can be accessed here [Hillesley Primary Remote Learning Survey](#)

Look out for some writing done by Jacob Tilley and Poppy Richmond, about lockdown life, in the next edition of the Hillesley Happenings!

Regards,

J Pedley