

# Hillesley

## PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Pupils,

It was lovely to see many of you on the Google meets this morning and we are really looking forward to welcoming you all back next week, March 8<sup>th</sup>, when school re-opens fully for all!

A few reminders;

- **Lunches** - there will be hot lunches provided by Caterlink as usual, so please make sure you book choices on ParentPay.
- **Arrival at school** – please arrive between 8.45 and 8.55 if you have more than one child at Hillesley School. For those who do not have siblings at school, please arrive between 8.55 and 9.10. The register closes at 9.15 when lessons begin so children will be marked as late if they arrive after 9.15. It is beneficial for all the children to be in their classes for the start of lessons. They will feel much more settled and not confused by the need to catch up with any lesson introduction that they could miss.
- **Collection time** – the same process – 2.55 – 3.05 collection of siblings and 3.05 – 3.15 children without siblings. Please be prompt and keep to your times. Children who are collected late after 3.15 sometimes could still be on site when any contractors or other visitors arrive. Although we are keeping outside visitors to the minimum, there is sometimes a need for them to be here and these visits are arranged for immediately after the children leave when possible.
- **Parents/carers** – we ask that the children are brought to and collected from school by just one adult and that adults do not gather at the front of the school. Parents/carers are advised to wear a mask whilst they are queueing and when they bring their child to the entrance. Parents/carers should not enter the lobby with their child but should wait outside whilst their child's temperature is taken. At collection time, it is advised that masks are worn whilst waiting for your child and until you have left the school premises. Social distancing should be maintained during drop off/collection times.
- **Uniform** - children need to wear school uniform and as ventilation is a key infection control, children need to wear a school fleece, jumper or cardigan as windows will be open during lessons.
- **Hygiene** - we will be reminding the children about washing hands, using sanitiser and other social distancing measures that will be in place, much as they were during term's 1 and 2.
- **Equipment** - children will have their own dedicated work spaces and equipment within their bubble and we continue to ask that the children only bring in the minimum of items from home in their bags. A water bottle is essential.
- **Reading books** – we will continue to quarantine any books that are returned before other children are allowed to use them.
- **PE and Forest School** - on Fridays the children need to arrive dressed in their PE kit and KSI need to bring forest school clothes and footwear in a named bag.

I am so pleased that you have been able to engage with the remote learning via G Suite and class emails. Any work that the children did during lockdown that was not turned in on the learning platform, please send in for the teachers to see. Some of them might have exercise books or work on paper to show us.

Please keep your G Suite log in details safe – pupils will continue to use the platform for homework and other resources when they have returned to school and will need to be able to log in regularly. If you are unsure of your child's log in details, please contact the school office.

In school the children will see a big, display board full of images that have been sent to us showing work and activities that have been going on during these weeks of lockdown. We will add to this display and eventually place all the images in a book to provide a historical record of this very unusual period of time in the school's history.

These first few weeks back will be a time for the children to re-adjust and re-establish school routines. For KS2 we will be holding the Knex Challenge on Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup> and during the last week of term, Monday 29<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>, y5/6 have Bikeability cycle training sessions. A separate letter about this will be coming out very soon.

The School Nursing team have been in touch to confirm that they will be coming to school on 17<sup>th</sup> March as planned to carry out the Vision Screening and Height/Weight measurement for Reception children. Year 6 children will not now be measured due to pressure on the nursing team's schedule from the lockdown school closures.

**Household testing** - This week the government has announced that members of households of children attending primary or secondary schools are eligible for free regular asymptomatic rapid lateral flow testing. Parents/adult siblings and anyone in a household childcare or support bubble such as grandparents/other relatives will be able to collect or order test kits and test themselves twice weekly. This is testing for those who do not have any covid symptoms – anyone with symptoms must book a PCR test. For more information please visit the gov website page [Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff) where you will be able to see where the test kit collection sites are or order test kits to be delivered to your home. Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take tests. Secondary pupils will be provided with test kits by their schools.

School staff have been self-testing twice weekly since January, and will continue to do so.

Please be assured that the school staff will continue to do all they can to keep the school infection free and we look forward to a brighter, happier time ahead!

I look forward to welcoming you all next week and I wish you all a happy weekend.

Mrs Pedley