



Holywell Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am sure parents know by now, all pupils are expected back in school from Monday 8th March 2021. Therefore, we look forward to welcome back all pupils from Nursery up to Year 6 on Monday.

We have reviewed our COVID-19 procedures to be in line with the latest government guidance and now that the measures are in place, we will continue to offer a good level of protection for pupils, staff and visitors, including parents to the site. In addition, staff now wear masks when moving around school and also do COVID-19 lateral flow tests twice a week. All the measures add an additional layer of protection for all.

We know school is the best place for pupils to be, we are excited that all pupils are returning to school. Pupils will continue to be in their class bubbles and stay in their bubbles throughout the school day.

We will continue to limit access to school for parents, and only allow in essential visitors. This will be reviewed at the end of the school term. Anyone coming onto the school grounds should **not** visit if:

- they have one or more coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- a member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble, if they have one) has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- they are required to quarantine having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area
- they have had a positive test

The same rules apply as before and pupils should **not** attend school if they are self-isolating. If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change, in their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home. We will be returning to teaching a broad rich curriculum to all pupils from Monday.

Attendance

Attendance at school from next week is compulsory for all pupils. If pupils fail to attend then the school has the authority to deal with continued absences in its normal way.

School day and times

To ensure we manage congestion around the site before and after school we will continue with the following staggered starts and collection times. Parents will not be allowed into the



playground areas at this stage. There will be lots of staff around to assist both parents and pupils. Parents must not gather in the playground areas and drop their children after 8:45 am and leave the premises please. Gates will be open between 8:45 am and 9:05 am in the mornings and between 3:10 pm and 3:30 pm in the afternoons only.

Drop off and collection times and places are:

Year group and class plus collection / drop off point	Drop off times	Collection times	One way in and out
Nursery	9:00 am – Nursery gate	3:30 pm - Nursery gate	Enter and exit through alley gate on High View
<i>Nursery School Day = 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (Half day) or 9:00 am – 3:30 pm (Full time)</i>			
Reception	8:45 am – Small car park by Reception	3:10 pm - Small car park by Reception	Enter and exit through gate on Tolpits Lane and High View
<i>Reception School Day = 8:50 am – 3:10 pm</i>			
Year 1 Sycamore and Maple	8:45 am – 8:55 am (Small green gate by playground entrance)	3:10 pm (Small green gate by playground entrance)	Enter and exit through gate on Tolpits Lane and High View
<i>Year 1 School Day = 8:50 am – 3:10 pm</i>			
Year 2 Hawthorn and Hazel	8:45 am - 8:55 am (Small green gate by playground entrance)	3:10 pm (collect from grass by resource room)	Enter and exit through gate on Tolpits Lane and High View
<i>Year 2 School Day = 8:50 am – 3:10 pm</i>			
Year 3/4 Mulberry, Cedar and Rowan	8:45 am - 8:55 am Side door of canteen except Rowan class who uses Olympic hall door	3:15 pm Collection in car park in front of office except Rowan class who uses Olympic hall door	Enter and exit through gate on Tolpits Lane and High View
<i>Year 3/4 School Day = 8:55 am – 3:10 pm</i>			
Year 5 Elder and Chestnut	8:50 am - 9:00 am Small green gate by playground entrance drop off	3:20 pm Grass area in front of Summer Place	Enter and exit through gate on Tolpits Lane and High View
<i>Year 5 School Day = 9:00 am – 3:20 pm</i>			
Year 6 Birch and Elm	8:50 am – 9:00 am Side door of canteen	3:20 pm Grass area in front of Summer Place	Enter and exit through gate on Tolpits Lane and High View
<i>Year 6 School Day = 9:00 am – 3:20 pm</i>			

To ensure effective social distancing and hygiene levels in school we ask

- Pupils come to school in their PE kits on PE days from Monday 8th March 2021. Teachers will email parents with the correct days
- Pupils do not bring unnecessary equipment into school with them. Each child will be provided with a learning kit.
- Each child bring their own water bottle filled with water which can be filled up at school.
- Children who bring their own lunch may bring a packed lunch bag.
- Pupils may bring a school bag.

School meals

We will serve our full menu for Spring/Summer from Monday. This is a very viable healthy menu, with many choices for pupils. Please study the menu on our website and ensure credit is on your child's School Money account. Children will eat in the canteen together as a class in their bubble, whether they are having a packed lunch or school meals.

Reading books

We will start sending our reading books next week, more guidance will be in the newsletter tomorrow.

Face covering

There is no requirement for pupils in primary schools to wear face coverings. Research suggests that pupils who wear face covering incorrectly are more at risk than those who do not wear them. If children wear a face covering to school because they use public transport they will be encouraged to remove it once they get to school, following Public Health guidance.

Travelling to school

All members of the school community are encouraged to travels to school by walking, cycling or using their scooter.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 8th March 2021.

Yours faithfully



Mr C van Straaten
Headteacher