



Holland Haven Primary School

'Reach for the Stars'

1st September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have managed to have an enjoyable summer break despite the restrictions. We are all looking forward to the Autumn Term and welcoming back our pupils to school. Unfortunately, the pandemic is still with us and will be for the near future, so we will need to continue to be very cautious as we move into this new term.

We were expecting more instructions from the government on 11th August but instead it arrived late on 28th August. Most of the things we put in place before the summer holiday are still in line with government expectations but they have suggested that staff wear face coverings/visors in communal areas in primary schools, so we will be taking this advice. Below, I have attached the letter, which I sent to you at the end of the summer term. **Everything still applies so it is essential that you read this letter again before your child attends school on 3rd September.**

Below I have added some additional information.

Drop Off and Pick Up Arrangements

The dropping off and picking up arrangements in the letter must be adhered to, as to ensure that you are all as safe as possible. If you can, please wear a face covering on site, as there will be a large number of adults on the school site at this time. Only **one** parent may drop off or pick up their child/children as this will limit the number of people on site. Please read carefully the instructions in the letter regarding entrances/exits. It is essential that your child is on time for the start of the school day; please also read, in the letter below, 'what to do in the event your child is late for school'. You must wait with your child if they are late; please do not send them to the school entrance alone.

Teachers and LSAs will not be allowed to have conversations with you at the classroom door. If you have any concerns please ring the school office. All communication will be via phone, email or text. There will be no person to person meetings in the Autumn Term.

Each morning we are required to send a detailed report to the government regarding attendance.

Pupil Possessions and Equipment

Pupils must bring to school as little as possible and we would prefer it if pupils did **NOT** bring large school bags. The less items the children bring to school, the less possibility of virus transmission being brought home each night to you and your family. Therefore, we will be providing them with all the resources they need. Pupils will be able to use their personal locker but everything they bring to school must remain in their locker with the exception of their water bottle, homework books and reading books. Obviously, pupils will need their jumpers and coats and, as the weather gets colder, they can bring hats and gloves. Children may bring lunch boxes to school as normal however, a disposable bag is also acceptable.

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PE Arrangements

PE lessons start the week beginning 7th September.

On the days that your child has PE, we ask that they come to school dressed in their PE kit so that there is no need for children to get changed during the day. Indoor PE will not be taking place due to the higher risk of transmission when exercising in an enclosed space. Both PE lessons each week will take place outside and so please ensure your child has a kit that will keep them warm.

PE Days

Reception: After October half term - Friday only.

Year 1: Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 2: Tuesday and Friday

Year 3: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 4: Thursday and Friday

Year 5 and 6: Monday and Wednesday

Hot dinner payments

If your child requires a hot meal at lunchtime, please pay in advance on the online system. If you are unable to access this system you can post payment through the school post box. Please ensure the envelope has your child's name and class written on it and the amount you have included. All pupils in EYFS and KS1 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

COVID Symptoms and Tests

If you or your child requires a COVID test, we would appreciate it if you would forward evidence of the result. This document will then be used as evidence that your child's absence is authorised.

It is essential that if your child is unwell and is showing any of the COVID symptoms, you book a test immediately for your child and your family. The school will seek support from Public Health England when necessary.

Please read carefully the following paragraphs in the attached letter (originally sent in July):

Class Bubble Closure

If your child is unwell

If you child becomes unwell at school

We know that the start of the Autumn Term will be challenging for all of us as we are in such unprecedented times. I believe we can work together to keep all of our school community as safe as possible.

If you have any other concerns or questions contact our school office.

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Bardetti
Headteacher