

24th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We are pleased to inform you that, following the government's announcement on Monday 22nd February, our school will be welcoming all pupils back from Monday 8th March. We are really looking forward to having our school community back together again.

The previous staggered school start and end times will remain in place, as will the year group 'bubbles' and cleaning routines.

Start/Finish Times

Year group	Drop off/Arrival time	Start time	End time
Reception & Year 1	8.35-8.45am	8.45am	3.05pm
Year 6 & 3	8.45-8.55am	8.55am	3.10pm
Year 5	8.45-8.55am	8.55am	3.15pm
Year 4 & 2	8.55-9.05am	9.05am	3.25pm

Morning Drop Off

The class teacher/teaching assistant will be available to welcome children into their classroom, and remind them to wash/sanitise their hands upon arrival. We ask that only **ONE** parent/adult enters the school grounds to drop off and collect to help minimise the number of adults on site.

Parents will not be allowed inside the classrooms/cloakrooms at drop off or collection times.

Please arrive at school no more than 10mins prior to the start time and no more than 10mins before the collection time at the end of the school day. It is important that we do not have parents congregating at the school doors, gates or on the playground. The one way system around the school grounds remains as before and we ask all parents/carers to continue to follow social distancing and the wearing of mask/face coverings on the school grounds, **even if you have already had the vaccine injection.**

End of the School Day Collection

At collection time, please do not linger on the playground any longer than you need to. We need to ensure that we clear the school and the grounds as quickly and safely as possible at the end of the day. If you have collected one child and are waiting for another of your children to finish, please stand back from the main pathway areas. Parents/carers were fantastic with this last term and we really appreciated this support and cooperation.

Attendance

All children will be welcomed back to Hampton Hargate Primary School from Monday 8th March and attendance is mandatory.

The government has made clear the following:

- *It is a parents' duty to ensure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a registered pupil and they are of compulsory school age;*
- *It is schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up all pupil absence;*
- *Local Authorities have the availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct.*

Before Your Child Leaves Home in The Morning



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Please check for any of the following symptoms

- a high temperature;
- a new, continuous cough;
- a loss of, or change to the sense of smell or taste.

If any of these symptoms are evident **do not send them to school.**

Please contact the school office and report their absence by phoning 01733 296780

Our current understanding is that, should a positive case occur, the year group bubble will again have to close and self-isolate for up to 10 days. It is essential that parents/carers inform us of any positive test result for themselves and for their child. We are always made aware from the Local Authority so it is essential that parents inform us first.

This is very important and we need all parents to inform school immediately if they suspect their child is displaying symptoms of COVID-19; if they are being tested and the outcome of that test result.

School Office

The school office will continue to operate a '1 in-1 out' system. We ask parents/carers to ring or email the school wherever possible to minimise the number of people coming into our building.

Parents/carers should do all they can to ensure that children have all that they need for the day (e.g. packed lunches, PE kits) at the start of the day and if there is an instance where their child needs to be collected at a different time, they should telephone the school in advance to make arrangements.

If it is absolutely necessary for you to bring something into school for your child please put it into the blue box which will be left in the lobby. The item will then be sanitized and taken to the child.

Communication

Communication with parents is really important to us. Due to the current restrictions, we would request that meetings with **ALL** members of school staff are by prior arrangement only so that social distancing and safety precautions can be put in place. Please do this by emailing the office.

Behaviour

Our Behaviour Policy is on the school website. In these times of heightened risk to our health, it is important that children and staff are aware that behaviour which jeopardises the health of others, is taken very seriously.

Our values and ethos remain unchanged and children are expected to uphold them.

Children must be aware of the requirements and expectations in our school namely that they:

- Use their own specific equipment (including resources) and not share any of these;
- Not share any food, drinks, cups or water bottles;
- Work, eat and play in their 'bubble' groups to minimise contact with children from other groups (including in the playground, anywhere on the school site and on their way to and from school);
- Move around school as instructed by their teacher/adult and avoiding other people;
- Never cough, sneeze or spit towards another person; catch all coughs and sneezes in a tissue or fold of the arm. Throw away any used tissues in the bins provided (catch it, bin it, kill it), then wash their hands;
- Wash hands frequently (including whenever they are asked to), with soap and water for 20 seconds and use hand sanitiser.

It is essential that the children listen to and follow instructions at all times and adhere to the guidelines set by the government and our school. This is required inside school and outside during breaks and lunches. Any child who is unable to do this is risking the safety of themselves, other children and staff and we will ask parents to collect them immediately.



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World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 4th March which we intend to share with you at home, details to follow. However, as the children will all be back in school from 8th March, we are also intending to celebrate World Book Day on **Thursday 11th March** when we can all enjoy this special and fun day together. More information will follow shortly about both events.

Chrome Books

Children in Key Stage 2 who have borrowed their Chrome Books from school during the latest lockdown **MUST** return them back to school on Monday 8th March. Please also remember to send their charging cables in.

Finally.....

It is not 'back to normal' yet, but hopefully this is one of the many steps to allow some normality back into our lives. We know that things will continue to be different to what our children will remember and want from school for a while longer, but we will ensure that the children enjoy returning to school and the work and activities will be tailored to support them and allow safe interaction with their friends.

As the guidance and the situation changes, we will continue to communicate with you and keep you informed of what we are doing in school. We will do our best to make sure that as many of the usual fun events and activities can go ahead as we move through the school year while following government guidelines. Hopefully, this will allow you back into school too – Parent Race at Sports Day could still happen! 😊

See you all on the 8th March.

Yours sincerely

Mr Andy Lyons
Headteacher



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