



Hillside Junior School

Weekly Bulletin

Week 1 – 4th September 2020

Welcome Back

I hope you are all well and have had an enjoyable albeit different summer holiday. It was lovely to see all the children back in school yesterday looking very smart. As we begin the new academic year we would like to extend a very special welcome to all of the new families who are joining us, we hope your children will be very happy at Hillside Junior School. The safety of your children and the staff team are my prime concerns. The school has in place a comprehensive risk assessment which takes into account the latest public health guidance. Coronavirus has clearly not gone away and so it is important that we all - pupils, staff and parents adhere to the changes we have put in place to keep our community safe. We all have an important part to play in this in the coming weeks and months. Please find below a reminder of how school will be operating.

Start and finish times: In line with the latest Government guidance it has been necessary to stagger the start times of the school day to restrict the number of parents at the school gates at any one time. Once your children have entered the school grounds it is essential that you leave as quickly as possible to avoid overcrowding. This will ensure the safety of everyone and avoids having to walk on the road. It also enables us to respect social distancing and allows a fair distribution of car parking spaces. Gates opening times will be as follows:

Lower School: 8.45am—3.20pm

Upper School 8.35am—3.10pm

If you do arrive earlier, please would you **wait on the opposite side of the road** until all the upper school children and parents have left the area by the gates.

Personal Hygiene: We are supporting the children to wash/sanitise their hands as they arrive at school and regularly throughout the day. Please support your child to wash their hands before leaving home and when you arrive home after school.

Breakfast and After School Homework Clubs: Starting from Monday 7th September we will be holding a Breakfast Homework Club and an After School Homework Club at the cost of £2 per session. If you would like to attend, please complete the attached form and return it to the school office.

Attendance: The Government has made it clear that it is their expectation that all pupils should return to school in September. Parents have a duty to send their children to school and we have a responsibility to record attendance and follow up any pupil absence. However, if we are to keep our school community safe it is vitally important that if your child has symptoms, you do not send them to school, but keep them at home and book a test immediately. You should follow the isolation guidance until the result is received (and thereafter, if the test result is positive or still symptomatic. You should notify the school immediately of the test results. If there is a positive test result for anyone in your household, all the other household members (including children) must isolate in line with guidance. If you are contacted by NHS Test and Trace contact tracers, their instructions must be followed. Children must not be sent to school if Test and Trace identifies that a child should be self-isolating (even if the child subsequently has a negative test result during the isolation period).

School Uniform, Bags & Equipment: We have high expectations of our pupils when it comes to their personal appearance and want them to wear their uniform with pride as we return to our daily learning at school. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled including lunch boxes and water bottles. Following guidance children are allowed to bring bags in to school with essential equipment only. Children do not have to bring in any stationery, individual packs have been provided by school. Children may bring in a healthy snack to eat at lunchtime, as the Tuck Shop will not operate this term. Children must wear their PE kits and trainers to school on PE days.

Finally, we do ask you to bear with us as we navigate this new world and we will do our best to keep you informed of updates and get through this together.

Mr A. Davies—Headteacher



PE Days

Children must wear their PE kits and trainers to school on PE days. As the weather gets colder a black or navy blue tracksuit may be worn over your child's PE kit. PE days for each year group are as follows:

Year 3 Thursday & Friday

Year 4 Monday

Year 5 Tuesday

Year 6 Wednesday

Meet the Teacher Meetings

'Meet the Teacher Meetings' will be held via Zoom this year. Further information will be sent out next week.

Clubs

All clubs commence week beginning **Monday 14th September**. Club forms are available on the school website www.hillsidejunior.org/page/clubs

Staffing News

We would like to welcome two new Teaching Assistants to Hillside. We hope that their time here will be enjoyable: Mrs Jones, who will be working in Year 4 and Miss Thomson who is in Year 3.

Communication

All communication is e-mailed to parents therefore please ensure we have an up to date email address. If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher or a member of our Senior Leadership Team (SLT), please contact the school office by either phone or email and they will arrange for the member of staff to telephone you either at break-time, lunchtime or after school. Please do not contact via the class emails, as these were only used during lockdown. Thank you.

First Day of Illness

If your child is unwell, please contact the school by 8.30am on the first day of absence, either by phone on 01923 825991 or email to office@hillsidejunior.org

Medication

We can only administer medication prescribed by a doctor. If your child is required to take medicine during the school day, please complete the permission form available on the school website

www.hillsidejunior.org/page/welfare-attendance/22832 and send the medication in to school with your child and their teacher will then pass

Secondary Transfer 2021

If your child is currently in Year 6, information regarding secondary school transfer in 2021 can be found on the Hillingdon website <https://archive.hillingdon.gov.uk/secondary>

Diary Dates

September:

Mon 7th Sep—Breakfast & After School Clubs commence for Junior School

Mon 14th Sep—Clubs commence

Mon 21st Sep—Yr4 Meet the Teacher Meeting—2.45pm via Zoom

Tues 22nd Sep—Yr 5 Meet the Teacher Meeting—2.45pm via Zoom

Tues 22nd Sep—Yr3 Practical Pedestrian Training

Wed 23rd Sep - Yr6 Meet the Teacher Meeting—2.45pm via Zoom

Fri 25th Sep - Yr3 Meet the Teacher Meeting—2.45pm via Zoom