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Welcome Back

We are so glad to be planning to see and teach all of the children on site in September. As you will understand, there will be some differences which are explained in this rather long letter; my apologies are given. It will be a significant year with a new, albeit temporary, way of operating and our anticipated academisation with The True Learning Partnership.

I have expressed my gratitude to parents and staff via texts, Facebook and conversations over the last few months, but I want to also take this more formal opportunity to thank you all. Your energies and commitment to the children in delivering home-learning has been exceptional. Having spoken with many head teachers these last few months, I know that the Hague Bar community response has been highly regarded. I know it will not have been easy at times, but I am certain it will have been worth the time and effort. Our children will benefit from all these efforts.

Dates 2020/2021

The following dates denote the actual days children are to attend school:

Thursday 3rd September to Thursday 22nd October

Monday 2nd November to Thursday 17th December

Monday 4th January 2021 to Friday 12th February

Monday 22nd February to Wednesday 31st March

Monday 19th April to Thursday 27th May

Monday 7th June to Thursday 22nd July

INSET DAYS (Staff training. No children in school)

Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Friday 23rd October 2020

Friday 18th December 2020

Thursday 1st April 2021

Friday 28th May 2021

From 1st September 2020 the Government have been clear that attendance rules revert to the norm ie children are expected to attend school during term time. Any requests for holidays during term-time will be dealt with by a designated Governing Body panel.

Playground

We have been gifted £1,000 by the PTA and a further amount has been approved from our Capital Projects Fund to spend on playground improvements. Over the coming months we will install the following:

- trim trail with clatter bridge, swinging traverse + log weaver in main playground
- artificial turf in a portion of the playground
- artificial turf under the red canopy
- artificial turf behind Hassop
- table top games/activities installed on picnic benches
- large story chair in front garden
- play transport item in front garden
- painting of outdoor equipment

We hope all the children will enjoy these improvements and that they go towards making our school an enjoyable place to be. My thanks to the PTA and Governors for their continued support.

Staff Changes

We will be sad to say goodbye to two of our Teaching Assistants: Mrs Coles-Leach and Mrs Wright. We send them both our very best wishes for their future ventures.

Covid19 Related Changes

Guidance from the DfE has been received and interpreted for our school. Risk Assessments have been completed and actions under taken. The following measures will be in place upon opening:

Morning Entry to School

Entry to school will be through the double drive-way gates so that distance from others can be kept. Gates will be opened for children at 8.40am-9am. Parents of Y1-Y6 children need to say goodbye at the gate. A Hague Bar adult will be at the gate to register each child and ensure hand-sanitiser is used. Children will not be gathering in the playground each morning but going straight to class for a morning activity.





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Uniform (temporary)

We would like the children to wear the following: red school jumper, white polo t-shirt, black tracksuit bottoms/leggings and black trainers/trainer style shoes (not tradition school shoes please). This is because we do not want the children bringing in PE clothes. The children will need to do PE in these clothes and footwear.

If you have one school jumper this can be left at school on a Monday then worn daily until Friday afternoon when it can be washed at home. If you have more than one jumper, then it is advised to wash each wear between home and school.

Coats

A coat needs to be brought every day. Children may be spending time outside even if it rains!

Personal Items & Snacks

School will provide all equipment. Neither stationery items nor pencil-cases are to be brought to school. Lunchboxes (wipeable) can be brought if your child has packed lunches. KS1: a fruit/vegetable snack will be provided for Haddon class in the morning but please send an additional healthy snack for the afternoon. KS2: please send your child with 2 healthy snacks. Healthy snacks are: fruit, vegetables, cheese, crackers, malt-loaf, bread sticks etc (no chocolate, sweets or crisps). For all children, water bottles need to be sent from home and washed and returned daily. The tuck shop is planned to return when handling money is no longer a concern.

Classes

Each child's class is their 'bubble'. Teachers and adults will work in exclusive classrooms where possible. When group work, such as Woodland Group (Nurture) takes place, children will be grouped with children from their class bubble.

Hygiene & CV19 Cases

Children will be directed to wash their hands regularly throughout the day. They will be sensitively encouraged to keep good distance, as best they can, from others.

If a child tests positive for CV19 then school must be told and the child follow isolation procedures at home. School will inform parents of a positive case but this will not identify an individual or family. The relevant bubble will be sent the current procedure to follow after being in contact with a positive CV19 case. If a child shows symptoms whilst at school, parents will be contacted and asked to collect their child urgently. Please ensure your emergency contact details are up to date.

Lunchtimes & Playtimes

Break and lunchtime play will be staggered with class bubbles having exclusive use of the main playground on a rota basis.

Dinners

Catering will resume in September allowing your child a hot meal at lunchtime. Children will have 'sittings' for their class bubble with tables wiped down between each sitting.

Afternoon Collection

KS1 parents may collect their child/ren from 3pm at the driveway double gates. If you also have a KS2 child you may collect both at this time. A Hague Bar member of staff will send a message to the class teacher when you are waiting. KS2 parents may collect from 3.15pm. If your child catches the 'wheelie' bus then they will leave at the necessary time. At this present time, we are suspending the 'walking' bus but hope for it to resume soon.

External Visitors

We will be able to accommodate certain educational visitors into school, by prior arrangement. We have agreed safe working practices and visiting staff will be fully aware of our hygiene routines. Currently we have arrangements with UKSports (PE), Wider Opportunities (music) and Being Outdoors (forest school). All these companies have completed their own CV19 risk assessments and have modified their routines to these new standards.





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Reading Books & Homework

Books can be brought to school but we ask they are anti-bac wiped. Homework will mostly be given and submitted on Class Dojo to minimise the transfer items between home and school.

Breakfast Club

New timings: 7.30am – 8.50am. Please see flyer attached. We have arranged for the three class bubbles to be accommodated in separate zones. The club will be open on our first morning of Thursday September 3rd for children in Y1-Y6. Parents arriving between 7.30am and 8.15am can drop their child/ren off on school grounds but we ask you to not come inside school. Booking is only via the mobile number given (old office mobile number). Payments for Breakfast Club will be done via ParentPay (info sent prior to September).

Mrs McLean's Afterschool Club

New timings: 3.15- 5pm. Please see flyer attached. Please contact Mrs McLean to book your child's sessions.

Other Afterschool Clubs

Being Outdoors will be hosting a forest school club on a Thursday.

UKSports will be hosting a sporty club on a Friday. We are awaiting confirmation from other providers.

Payment System

ParentPay will be replacing School Money. An activation letter will be sent before September.

Learning

Parents and children have been very busy with their home-schooling activities these last months. Staff have been really impressed with the way in which parents have managed to juggle teaching and working. All of your perseverance will have had a positive impact on your child/ren and this will be seen when we re-evaluate where children are 'at' in September. For very few children we may need to provide some extra interventions and we will access 'catch-up' funding for these children if this is required. We expect many children will need a re-adjustment period (having been

at home for 6 months) and we will be building this into the first week or so at school by shortening activities and increasing the frequency of physical breaks, alongside an engaging and varied curriculum. In the first week or so, each child will be informally observed for any tell-tale signs that they may need further support for their well-being. If this is relevant, we will let you know and put a personalised support package in place.

Contact

Our website holds much information about our school and will be updated over the summer. It also holds all whole-school letters in the Newsletter section along with term dates in the Calendar section.

If you have any questions, you are welcome to phone Mrs Wagstaff in the school office before the summer or leave a message if during the holidays. We will check phone messages weekly during the summer.

If guidance for schools changes prior to September and this alters the given information for you or your child/ren, then I will send you an email update.

All the staff look forward to greeting you and your child/ren on Thursday September 3rd.

May I wish you all a happy and safe summer, no matter how near or far your plans may take you.

Kind regards

Mrs Rachel Parry
Head Teacher

