

# Hove Junior School Newsletter

## Parents & Carers

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are likely aware, the Government has announced that schools should fully reopen from the start of the upcoming Autumn Term. They have decided this on the basis of:

- The prevalence of Covid-19 is decreasing.
- More clarity about the measures that need to be in place to create safe environments in schools.
- Time out of school being detrimental to children's development.
- The low risk to children of becoming severely ill from Covid-19.
- The new NHS Test & Trace system being in place.

This means we're planning to open to all of our pupils in September. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back and we have worked hard to make the school a safe, enjoyable environment. We wanted to get in touch to explain what you can expect from us and what we will expect from all of our parents and carers.

Please also see our Parents/Carers hut on the school website which contains links to information on September reopening - <https://www.hovejuniorschool.co.uk/sept2020reopening>.

The first day of term for Year 3 is **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September**.

The first day of term for Years 4, 5 and 6 is **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September**.

### Portland Road

Year Group	Staggered Start/Exit	Entry/Exit Point
Year 6	8.30am/3.00pm	School Road
Year 5	8.40am/3.10pm	Portland Road
Year 4	8.50am/3.20pm	Portland Road
Year 3	9.00am/3.30pm	School Road

### Holland Road

Year Group	Staggered Start/Exit	Entry/Exit Point
Year 6	8.50am/3.20pm	Main Gates
Year 5	8.40am/3.10pm	Main Gates
Year 4	8.30am/3.00pm	Main Gates
Year 3	8.20am/2.50pm	Main Gates

### Safety Protocols

The safety of our school community at HJS is paramount. We have put in place a clear set of protocols for staff, students and parents/carers to ensure we are safe. These protocols follow DfE guidance and are protective measures for children and staff to minimise contact. Please also see our [Risk Assessment](#) on our website.

Please note the following:

- Staff or students with symptoms should not come to school. Anyone who starts to display symptoms during the day will be isolated and then sent home.
- Staff and students should wash or sanitise their hands regularly throughout the day, specifically when entering and exiting the school building or a room within the school building.
- All rooms have sanitiser or a sink and soap.
- All rooms have tissues, bins and signage to reinforce the NHS message “Catch it, Bin it, Kill it”.
- All areas of the school are regularly and systemically cleaned. A deep clean will take place weekly.
- Class bubbles are set up in zones around the school to minimise contact.
- Year group bubbles are set up in zones at playtimes to minimise contact.
- Classrooms are set up with children sat side-by-side and facing forward.
- Staff maintain a safe distance from pupils and each other.
- A one-way system will be in operation on both sites.
- Children will be social distancing (1 metre plus) during breaks, lunches, and transitions.
- No areas of the school should be crowded.
- The school building will be well ventilated.
- The local health prevention team will be alerted immediately if a case is suspected.

Please see our new revised [Staff, Parents/Carers & Pupil Protocols](#) for September. A copy of the protocols is also attached. Please read it carefully and talk it through with your child. On the first day of term we will talk through and clarify these protocols with all pupils.

## Attendance

Attendance will be mandatory from September, as the Government expects all pupils to attend school. The usual rules will apply, which means we will be recording attendance and following up on any absences.

If your child has been staying at home due to the current shielding guidance, the Government paused this guidance on 1<sup>st</sup> August due to the continued decline in Covid-19 transmission rates. This means that they should be able to come back to school in September.

However, if you've received clinical or Public Health advice that your child should still remain at home, please let us know and continue to follow that guidance. We will be offering remote learning to these pupils.

## Curriculum

Although there will need to be some changes to reflect the teaching time that was lost during the lockdown, we'll still be doing our best to provide an ambitious, broad curriculum.

Our current plan is:

- Year group curriculum plans will be shared with all parent/carers in the first week of term.
- Core knowledge topic sheets will support parent/carers and provide focus for the terms coverage.
- A year group PowerPoint document will be shared, introducing the year group and class teacher/s.
- Catch up teaching will be provided, where appropriate and pupils will be assessed from their starting points and any gaps in their knowledge created during lockdown, giving a personalised approach to assessment and learning.
- Remote education will be in place if needed for local lockdowns or given to individual pupils or groups of pupils needing to self-isolate.
- The majority of marking and feedback will be given using 'live feedback' and more information on this will follow in weekly newsletters.
- Extra-curricular provision will be running, such as breakfast and afterschool clubs.
- Afterschool clubs that can be run outside, will be returning in September. Additional club provision will be reviewed at the end of the Autumn Term.
- There will be no residential or additional trips outside of school in the Autumn Term.

## Pastoral Support

We are aware that lockdown has been a difficult time for many of us, including our pupils. Please let us know if you think your child might need extra support when returning to school, such as if they feel anxious about coming back or if they are experiencing a bereavement. You can get in touch with us via the Inclusion Team at [inclusionteam@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:inclusionteam@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk).

Our current plans to support your child's wellbeing during this time are:

- All class teachers to support general pupil wellbeing through pastoral/extracurricular activities and additional PSHE lessons for transition.
- Staff training on trauma awareness and wellbeing.
- Staff training on transition and PSHE lessons.
- Personal plans to support pupils who are vulnerable or who have difficulty re-engaging in school.
- Personalised provision for pupils with SEND as appropriate to their needs.

## Uniform & Equipment

Pupils need to wear school uniform each day. On days that students have a timetabled PE lesson, they should wear their school PE kit to school. The school will inform you of your child's PE day within the first week. It is essential that students bring their own stationary equipment to school, i.e. a small pencil case with a pen, a pencil, a ruler, a rubber, a sharpener and coloured pencils. Children will not be able to borrow equipment from other children.

## Water Bottles/Healthy Snack

Students will also need to ensure that they bring a full bottle of drinking water to school each day and a healthy snack for break-time. A reminder that in KS2, pupils are not provided with fruit/vegetables (as they were in KS1) and need to bring in their own snack.

We are extremely grateful for all the support we've received from the school community. We will continue to keep in touch if there are any updates to our plans or if we need to make changes due to new or updated Government advice.

Best Wishes,

*Maddie Southern      Lorna Cummings*





## KEY DATES – AUTUMN 2020

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
<b>03.09.20</b>	<b>SCHOOL INSET DAY</b>
<b>04.09.20</b>	<b>SCHOOL INSET DAY</b>
<b>07.09.20</b>	<b>First Day of Term</b> <b>Year 3 <u>ONLY</u> -Transition Day</b>
<b>08.09.20</b>	<b>All Pupils Return Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 with new year group teacher.</b> <b>Staggered start/finish times</b>
<b>11.09.20</b>	<b>Year Group Curriculum Newsletter and Year Group Take Home Tasks to go home</b>
<b>14.09.20</b>	<b>Meet the Year Group/Teacher Video for <i>all</i> classes -</b> <b>Exemplar 5 minute PowerPoint (or similar) for each year group to be made and shared with parent/carers</b>
<b>20.10.20</b>	<b>Parents Evening (Both Sites)</b> <i>These may be phone call appointments and not face to face</i>
<b>22.10.20</b>	<b>Parents Evening (Both Sites)</b> <i>These may be phone call appointments and not face to face</i>
<b>23.10.20</b>	<b>End of Term – Dress Down Day</b>
<b>28.10.19 – 01.11.19</b>	Half term
<b>02.11.20</b>	<b>SCHOOL INSET DAY</b>
<b>12.11.20</b>	<b>Year 6 Parent Workshop (Year 6 Team) – PR</b>
<b>16.11.20</b>	<b>Year 6 Parent Workshop (Year 6Team) – HR</b>
<b>14.12.20 - 17.12.20</b>	<b>Year Group Fabulous Finishes – Shared virtually</b>
<b>18.12.20</b>	<b>End of Term – Dress Down Day</b>