

Hove Junior School Newsletter

Friday 3rd September 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a restful summer holiday and I am delighted to let you know that Miss O'Shea, our Deputy Head of School (Portland Road), has had her baby daughter on Sunday. As you know, Miss Jeffers, our Assistant Head at Holland Road, is acting up this year during Miss O'Shea's maternity leave. Miss Jeffers is a very experienced senior member of staff and has worked previously at the Portland Road site for four years before her two years at Holland Road.

At the end of our first day back, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you all so much for your support in getting your children off to a fantastic start to the year. The systems, procedures and support we have put in place are working well and helping the school community to continue to feel safe and secure. All the pupils have enjoyed their full transition day with their new teacher and we look forward to seeing them again on Monday. Year group curriculum learning journeys will be sent out next week. Further information on our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions will also be sent on Monday.

Covid Safety Protocols

The safety of our school community at Hove Junior School is paramount. We have put in place a clear set of protocols for staff, pupils and parents to ensure we continue to keep safe. These protocols follow DfE guidance and are protective measures for children and staff. Please note the following:

- **Staff or pupils with Covid symptoms should not come to school.** Anyone who starts to display symptoms during the day be isolated and sent home as quickly as possible.
- Staff and pupils 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 NHS signage to reinforce the NHS message "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it".
- All areas of the school are regularly and systemically cleaned throughout the school day.
- No areas of the school should be crowded. Both sites will continue to use the one-way system.
- The school building will be well ventilated.
- Staggered starts and exits will still be used to reduce crowding and maintain social distancing for larger groups.
- Play and lunch times will also be slightly staggered to reduce crowding on entry/exit to the school and canteen.

Attendance

Please may I remind you that attendance is mandatory and the school will be recording attendance and following up on any absences daily. If you and/or your child are worried about attending school, please contact our Inclusion Team on the email below. We are always here to help you.

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 regular weekly PE day within the first week. We have provided a pencil case for all pupils with equipment.

Water Bottles/Healthy Snack

Pupils 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.

Communication

We are proud of operating an open door policy to speak to parents/carers and know that not being able to come in to school in the same way last academic year did make communication harder. If you have a concern and need to talk to your child's class teacher, please always email the enquiries email below and mark for the attention of the class teacher, naming your child and class. This will enable the office team to direct your concern to the class teacher who will then contact you. If the concern is more urgent, please phone the school office and a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) will contact you within the working day. Alternatively, please use the enquiries email and put for the attention of SLT. All of our teaching and HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant) staff are also out on the playground at the end of the school day.

Meet the Senior Leadership Team

Please see the [Senior Leadership Team page](#) on our website for further details of our current SLT.

Keeping In Touch

Please continue to keep in contact in with us – should you have any questions or concerns, contact us via the following:

Portland Road	portlandroadenquiries@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk	01273 295484
Holland Road	hollandroadenquiries@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk	01273 294333
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Best wishes,

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