



HUNSBURY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2021

Welcome to our first Newsletter of the year



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to our new pupils, parents and staff to our school; I hope you will be very happy here. This is a very special school and one which I feel extremely privileged to lead. It has been a great pleasure to welcome back the pupils in all year groups. It has been wonderful to see classrooms filled with pupils learning and happy to be back with the staff and their friends. We are very much looking forward to a fantastic year. We all want to return to and enjoy all those aspects of being part of the amazing Hunsbury Park School community. We will of course proceed with caution but look forward to returning to many aspects of typical school life.

In the light of the relaxation of Covid restrictions, some aspects of school life have returned to almost normal, whereas others practices have been retained, in order to tread with care, as schools fully reopen to pupils in the UK.

What's returned to almost normal and what practices have we retained?

- We no longer operate class bubbles but we still restrict numbers gathering in the hall for assemblies and lunchtimes.
- Before and After School Clubs have resumed without bubble restrictions.
- Soft furnishing in classes including calm corners and book corners have returned.
- Extra cleaning throughout the school day has been retained.
- Handwashing routines have been continued throughout the school day.
- Contact with staff via a phone call rather than face to face remains the preferred communication, although you can request an appointment with a member of staff if required and a suitable space will be allocated.
- Phone calls to the office continue to be the preferred mode of communication to avoid large numbers in the school entrance.
- The wearing of face coverings on the school site is still recommended (not mandatory) and highly recommended if you are in the school building. Staff may elect to wear a mask in any meetings on site.
- Toys from home – we ask children not to bring in toys from home.

I would like to thank the pupils, staff and parents for following all of the new guidance so carefully and taking steps to protect themselves and others through reducing the risks of transmission. We hope the systems that we have in place have worked and will work effectively, but of course there will be refinements as we go through the Autumn term. We are constantly learning and reviewing and have already made some tweaks to our school routines.

With our fabulous school community back together, we are very excited to return to the children's academic, social, emotional and personal education and know we still have some catching up to do. We very much look forward to working together in close partnership throughout the year. Welcome back!

Mr York
Headteacher

HEALTH AND SAFETY REMINDERS

CAR PARKING OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

We are continuing to receive complaints about inconsiderate parking. If you wish to report an incident, please send details to:-

<https://www.northants.police.uk/police-forces/northamptonshire-police/areas/northamptonshire-force-content/about-us/about-us/local-policing-teams/>

It might be useful to send a photograph to them.

Unfortunately, despite many messages, inconsiderate parking is still a problem. The amount of traffic is going to increase, once the road to the new housing is completed in October 2021. There will be approximately 70 homes, who will no doubt have at least one car, using Dayrell Road.



For the safety of all our children, please consider whether you could walk to school or park at the country park.



SCOOTERS AND BIKES

Children are not allowed on their scooters and bikes in the school grounds. Please make sure that they dismount before entering the school and walk safely with them. This is for the safety of all children as we have recently had a couple of near misses! If your child is riding their bike or scooter a member of staff will ask them to dismount.

DOGS

May we remind you that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds (even if carried) and should never be tied and left unattended at the school gates.



EARRINGS

We are aware that during the summer, many pupils have had their ears pierced. Our school policy is that no jewellery should be worn in a PE lesson. Consequently, earrings should not be worn on PE days. All earrings must be removed in order for children to participate in PE.



USE OF MOBILE PHONES

Please can we remind parents of pupils in Year 5 and 6 that children must not enter the school grounds with their phones switched on. Phones must remain switched off whilst on school premises and handed into the School Office every morning for safe keeping, these can then be collected at the end of the day. Any phones not handed in will be confiscated and you will be asked to come into school to collect. We have an increasing amount of children using their phones on the school grounds before and after school and this poses a real safeguarding concern.

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



We are thrilled to communicate that our extra-curricular clubs will be starting again this term. Extra-curricular clubs are a fantastic opportunity for children to enrich their experiences and develop new skills. They are also a sociable and fun experience for all children. Please sign up to these clubs via Class Dojo. Clubs do have a maximum capacity so please sign up to avoid disappointment.

Due to the success of our 'Catch up clubs' delivered last term we will continue to deliver these alongside our extra-curricular offer. These clubs focus on academic learning and developing core skills to close the gap in children's attainment. These clubs are through an invite only. Alongside this we will also be delivering an after school homework club to support children with their home learning tasks.

All clubs will require a signed permission form from parents. Please ensure you are aware of the club timings and collection points. No children will be allowed to walk home or walk to the gate after a club. Good behaviour and regular attendance is expected at all clubs or school staff may choose to remove your child from the club.

Please look out for updates regarding clubs over the next week. Please either contact myself or the club leader for any other questions.

STAFF CHANGES

We would like to welcome our new members of staff to Hunsbury Park Primary School:-

Mrs Sinclair	-	Assistant Headteacher
Mrs Hodgkiss	-	AdminAssistant (School Office)
Miss Feldon	-	Class Teacher
Miss Howard	-	Class Teacher
Miss Sandhu	-	Class Teacher
Mr Nicell	-	Sports Coach

I am sure you will make them all feel very welcome within our school community.

ABSENCE REPORTING

If you need to report your child absent from school, please use the following methods:-

1. Leave a voice message on the school absence line by calling 01604 761566, Option 1.
2. Leave a message via Parentmail.
3. Email office@hunsburypark.org
4. Call the School Office on 01604 761566, Option 2, to speak to a member of staff.

PLEASE DO NOT MESSAGE YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER VIA DOJO TO REPORT AN ABSENCE.

BIRTHDAY SWEETS/TREATS IN SCHOOL

Can we please remind you that sweets, cakes or any treats to celebrate your child's birthday are not permitted in school due to specific allergies and dietary requirements of other children.



PAYING FOR SCHOOL MEALS

Please ensure that you keep up to date with any payments you need to make regarding school meals. We are doing our best to contact people with regular reminders about payments owed. Payments can be made via Parentmail or by card at the School Office.

YOUR UP TO DATE DETAILS



If you think that we may not have your most up to date telephone number, address, email address, family circumstances etc...please do let us know. We are very grateful to the many parents who do notify us of any changes. Please also ensure that you have provided us with 2 or more emergency contacts.

COVID RULES

We all still have a part to play in stopping the spread of Covid-19.

Covid-19 is still around. You can catch it, even if you have had 2 doses of the vaccine. You should be careful.

Get tested and self-isolate

If you think you might have Covid-19:-

- **Self-isolate** straight away. Self-isolating means staying inside away from other for 10 days – or until you have a test that shows that you do not have Covid-19.
- **Get a PCR test.** PCR stands for polymerase chain reaction. A PCR test is sent to a laboratory to be checked, so you can get an accurate result

You might have Covid-19 if you have:-

- A new cough that won't go away
- A high temperature
- A change to your normal sense of taste or smell. For most people Covid-19 is not serious.

Test and Trace

The law says you must self-isolate if NHS Test and Trace tells you to.

Changes from 16 August

From 16 August 2021, you won't have to self isolate if:-

- You have been fully vaccinated and are a contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19
- You are under the age of 18.

TERM DATES FOR 2021-2022

AUTUMN TERM 1

Open to pupils on the morning of: FRIDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2021

Closed at the end of afternoon of: FRIDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2021

ONE WEEK SCHOOL CLOSURE

AUTUMN TERM 2

Open to pupils on the morning of: MONDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2021

Closed at the end of afternoon of: THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2021

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – TWO WEEK SCHOOL CLOSURE

