

YEAR 1 LETTER

Friday, June 26 2020

Dear parents / carers,

This is a long and detailed letter about what will be different when your child comes back to school. If you have any questions at all, please ring school either today, or on Monday morning before your child comes in.

We have spent a long time preparing for the return of some of our Y1 children, in order to make sure that it is as safe for them, and safe for our staff, as it possibly can be. Seventeen out of our fifty-five Y1 children are due to come back to school on Monday 29.06.20. There are some changes that you need to know about.

 Children do not need to wear their normal school uniform. They need to wear something comfortable, sensible and washable, as we would like them to come to school in fresh clothes each day. On days that they are going to do PE, they can come in their PE kit. It would be helpful if they came in trainers every day as they will be spending as much time as possible outdoors.

 If your child has anything belonging to school (like a reading book), could they please bring it back?

 We will not be sending very much home at all, and children should not be bringing anything into school from home.

 They will come in through the normal gate – off Park Road.

 No parents / carers will come through the gate onto the playground. Please wait outside the gate and keep 2m distance from any other families. Only one parent / carer should bring children to school. The member of staff on the gate will welcome your child in, and staff will help them get to the right classroom.

 Children will keep a 2m distance at all times, both inside and out.

 They will not all be in their normal classes with their teachers. We are going to work in groups (known as 'bubbles') of no more than eight children in a room. Each bubble will have two members of staff to look after the children all day every day until the end of the school year.

 All children will stay in school at lunchtimes; **no children will be able to go home for lunch.** Children can either bring in a packed lunch, or have a school meal. For the rest of this term, school meals will be packed lunches.

 If it is a hot day, please put some sun cream on your child before they come to school.

 It is also a good idea to send them in with a bottle of water, which they will be able to keep on their desk.

 We have put a lot of things in place to keep everyone as safe as possible. Everyone will be washing their hands regularly during the day and using hand sanitising gel. Equipment will



not be shared. We have changed lunchtimes and breacktimes so that the 'bubbles' do not go outside at the same time. We have put a one way system in place so that people rarely, if ever, cross in corridors.

 Your children will be leaving school a little earlier than usual. They will start to leave their classrooms at 15:00. Please wait outside the gate off Park Road at 15:00. As we are leaving a 2m gap between children and following a one way system, it will take time to get everyone out of school. The member of staff on the gate will ask you for your child's name, and will then call your child over to leave with you. PLEASE keep 2m distance on Park Road whilst you are waiting, and when you are going home.

 On Fridays, children will have their lunches at 12:00, and **will be coming home for the afternoon.** Like in the other afternoons, they will start leaving class at 12:15, so should be home between 12:15 and 12:30. Please collect your child from the gate on Park Road from 12:15.

 We are asking parents / carers not to come into school at all unless it is an absolute emergency. If you need to collect your child during the school day, please ring to tell us who you would like to collect and the time you will be collecting them. Then come to school, stand at the gate by the car park and ring the office to tell us that you are here. Your child will be brought out to you.

 Send money etc. in with your child, rather than bringing it to the office.

 If you have any questions or anything you need help with, please either ring to speak to one of the office staff or email bursar@hyndburnpark.lancs.sch.uk instead of coming to the office.

We have put a lot of plans in place to make our school as safe as it can be for your child's return. Please help us to keep all of our children and our staff safe by following the new rules.

Thank you very much for your continued support for Hyndburn Park.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher