



Hill View Junior Academy

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Arrangements for September Re-opening.

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are having an enjoyable summer and spending quality time with your children. Mrs Ross and I have been working hard to put plans in place to reopen the school in September. **All children will be able to return to school on Wednesday 2nd September (Years 4,5 and 6). Year 3 will be starting at the Juniors on Friday 4th September after their transition days at Hill View Infant Academy.**

We support the government here which notes:

“Parents duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age;

Schools responsibility to record attendance and follow up absence:

The availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authority codes of conduct.”

We will be operating 16 bubbles. Each year group will have 4 bubbles. Each class within the year group will form its own bubble. Maintaining distinct groups of bubbles where the children do not mix, makes it easier and quicker in the event of a positive case to identify those who may need to self-isolate.

“This will make it quicker and easier in the event of a positive case to identify those who may need to self isolate, and to keep that number as small as possible.”

However, in line with national guidance, adult support staff and supply teachers are able to enter the bubble. Teachers will be encouraging children to maintain social distancing.

Staggered start and finish times.

As per government guidance we will be operating a staggered entry into and exit to minimise contact. We have organised the school day slightly differently so that there will virtually no loss of learning time.

Children will enter and exit through either Queen Alexandra Road entrance or Stannington Grove entrance dependent upon where they live. Please note that this is a change to the procedure that was put in place in June and is to limit congestion at both entrances. **To maintain social distancing measures, parents will not be able to come onto the school grounds. There will always be someone on duty from 8.20am and again until 3.30pm. A member of staff will be at each gate for the duration of the start and finish times.**



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Staggered start and end times will be in place as follows:

Year Group	Arrival time	Pickup time*	Pickup place
Y3	8.40am	3.00pm	KS2 Playground – from Year 3 doors (up until Friday 25 th September) From Monday 28 th September, either Stannington Grove entrance or Queen Alexandra entrance depending where they live
Y4	9.00am	3.20pm	Either Stannington Grove entrance or Queen Alexandra entrance depending where they live
Y5	8.50am	3.10pm	Either Stannington Grove entrance or Queen Alexandra entrance depending where they live
Y6	8.30am	2.50pm	Either Stannington Grove entrance or Queen Alexandra entrance depending where they live

To support our Year 3 children to settle into the school, one parent only will be able to come onto the school yard. This will be in effect from Friday 4th September for three weeks only. Please may we ask that if you are waiting to collect more than one child, you stand away from the actual gate entrance to allow the children to safely arrive and leave the school site.

Uniform

All children will be asked to come into school wearing school uniform, in line with our policy, as set out on the school website. **Please note that trainers are not to be worn.** Please may we remind parents that children should not be wearing earrings and extreme haircuts are not appropriate for school.

Please may we ask that you send the children into school with a pair of wellington boots as some of them will be on the school field for break and lunchtime. Although this is not ideal, we are in the position of having to use the field to ensure social distancing can be maintained.

Children wearing wellington boots will make cleaning the school easier for Mr Craggs and his team. Keeping our school clean will remain priority for September onwards. We ask that the wellington boots remain in school.

PE

Children should bring their PE kit into school where it will remain for half a term.

Equipment

Children will be encouraged to bring minimal items into school. Every item belonging to the child will be brought in at their own risk including mobile phones. A disclaimer is enclosed with this letter. Unfortunately, if this is not signed, mobile phones cannot be brought into school. Mobile phones will be kept in trays. The rules regarding water bottles remain the same. They must be labelled.



Lunchtime Arrangements

Our canteen and catering staff will be working from September and offering a 'grab and go' meal. To maintain social distancing measures, children will be eating their lunch in the classrooms. Each classroom will be cleaned after they have eaten whilst the children are outside.

Access into School

Sadly, we cannot welcome parents into the school building from September. We have put safety precautions into place in our main Reception for any parents needing to come to the main school office. However, we ask that parents and carers remain respectful of social distancing and only come into Reception when necessary. The school office telephone number is:

0191 5947982

Whole school Events

There will be no whole school events in the autumn term. This will mean there will be no whole school **assemblies. We are in the early stages of exploring ways that we can celebrate our children's achievements and we will update you on this.**

Wrap Around Care

Breakfast club will be running from Wednesday 2nd September. A letter was sent regarding arrangements in July. Thank you to those parents that have responded.

Clubs,activities,music sports

We are aiming to reintroduce after school clubs and a letter will follow in the autumn term. We would very much like to see the majority of our clubs up and running again. However, there will be no clubs running in the first two weeks.

Hygiene

Extra handwashing/sanitising for the children will take place throughout the school day. Anti-bacterial hand gel is situated outside every classroom and in every classroom. Children may bring their own hand gel but must not share with others.

Visitors

Essential visitors will be by appointment only. Please contact by phone or email if you have a question or query. We will contact you later in the term with regards to parents evening. Communication with teachers will be via email or phone.

Our email address is: Office @hvj.org.uk

COVID symptoms

Please do not send your child into school with any of the COVID symptoms, i.e. persistent cough, high temperature or changes or loss of smell or taste. This is in line with government guidance and our own risk assessment. If a child displays these symptoms, we will isolate the child in a safe place with an adult. We will contact via phone to collect your child ASAP and ask you to get them tested before they return to school. Evidence of a negative test result will mean your child can return to school. In the event of a positive test result we will inform the local health protection team. They will advise us on further procedures with regards to cleaning, isolation and whole school/class bubble closure.



Before Your Child Leaves Home in The Morning

Please check for any of the following symptoms



- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to the sense of smell or taste

If any of these symptoms are evident do not send them to school, contact our absence line on 0191 5947982 or email office@hvj.org.uk

Government advice must be followed.

Finally, ...

I must apologise for the lateness of this communication. As I am sure you can appreciate, I have recently moved to the North East and despite several previous visits to the school, it has not been possible until now to put a risk assessment in place for September. We appreciate that some families may feel anxious about their children returning in September. We have worked hard to give you as much information as we can so that you can prepare your child for September opening. We have made the school as COVID secure as we can. I promise that we will continue to work hard to ensure we support each individual family on our return to a new normal in this current climate.

Kind Regards

Hayley Sutton

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Mobile Phone Disclaimer - September 2020

Child's Name:

Class:

I give permission for my child to bring their mobile phone into school. I accept responsibility for the mobile phone and understand that it will be kept in their school tray throughout the school day.

Name of Parent/Carer:

Signature:

Date:

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