

INFORMATION FOR WHOLE SCHOOL RETURN MARCH 8TH 2021

MONDAY 8TH MARCH 2021 Harrow Gate Primary will open its doors to **all** children. We are very excited to welcome all families back and in order to do this safely there are important protocols and systems in place. Please read this letter carefully and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact school.

Face Masks / coverings:

All adults **MUST** wear a face-mask or face covering when on the school site. All staff will wear a face mask when meeting with parents / carers .

Bringing children to and from school:

1 adult is allowed to drop off and collect children from the school site. This reduces the amount of people on site at one time and ensure social distancing is carried out.

Attendance:

School attendance will be mandatory for **all** pupils from 8 March. The usual rules on school attendance apply, including:

- parents' duty to secure their child's regular attendance at school (where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age)
- the ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct

DFE 'Schools coronavirus operational guidance
February 2021

Self-isolation and shielding

A small number of pupils will still be unable to attend in line with public health advice to self-isolate because they:

- have symptoms or have had a positive test result
- live with someone who has symptoms or has tested positive and are a household contact
- are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19)

Their absence will be recorded using a COVID-19 code which does not affect their attendance percentage.

School will ask for evidence of this absence. This could be:

- Copy of the shielding letter sent by the child's GP
- Screen shot of NHS Track and Trace message with dates and name.

Remote Education / Home learning:

We will continue to ensure that all children access a high quality curriculum and support teaching and learning if they are unable to attend school. Using Class Dojo and Microsoft Teams will engage the children in their lessons and support their learning.

Minimising contact and social distancing

The children will be working in 'year group bubbles'. This will ensure that we minimise contact with other children. Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered and separate play areas identified. If a positive case of COVID-19 is identified in a 'bubble', all children and staff will be informed and directed to self-isolate for an identified time. iPads and WIFI routers will be made available to ensure home learning can continue.

Prevention / Protective measures:

We are ensuring that the measures highlighted by the government guidance are followed at all times:

1. *Minimise contact with individuals who are required to self-isolate by ensuring they do not attend the school.*

You **MUST** inform school immediately if there is illness in your household and if a test has been returned as positive.

2. *Ensure face coverings are used in recommended circumstances.*

All adults must wear face masks / coverings when entering and waiting the school site. All staff will wear masks when talking with parents / carers.

3. *Ensure everyone is advised to clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual.*

- Routines are clear to all children and staff. Washing hands and use of hand sanitiser throughout the school day
- Posters in all areas to remind children and staff
- Children encouraged not to touch their face and mouth

4. *Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' approach*

- Tissues available in all areas of school
- Children and staff reminded that coughs and sneezes must be caught in a tissue or elbow
- Posters around school to remind children and staff.

5. *Enhanced cleaning, including frequently touched surfaces, using standard products such as detergents and bleach*

- All rooms have anti-bacterial spray and disposable roll
- Surfaces touched by children and adults wiped at regular intervals

6. *Minimise contact across the site and maintain social distancing wherever possible.*

Staggered start and end of the school day, separate play and lunch times will minimise contact.

7. *Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.*

All classroom spaces and corridors will have windows open to ensure ventilation.

Learning resources:

Children will not share resources outside of their year group 'bubbles'.

Pencil case provided for each child with all equipment needed.

All resources that are shared, for example PE equipment, will be cleaned after use.

Entry and Exit of school:

All school gates will be open from **8:20** each day. This is to minimise the amount of children and parents moving through restricted spaces at one time.

Please do not bring your child to school before their allocated time. Being late could also cause cross contamination.

Ensure that you respect social distancing whilst on school site and wear a face mask / covering

Keep your children with you at all times and ensure that they are not riding bikes / scooters / playing on equipment.

Year group	Entry time	Collection Time	Door
Nursery morning	8.30	11:30	Nursery
Nursery afternoon	12:00	3:00	
Reception	Between 8:30 and 9:00	Doors open from 2:30	Class doors
Year 2 Year 4 Year 6	8:30	3:00	KS1 entrance Glass Corridor Year 6 Door
Year 1 Year 3 Year 5	8:40	3:10	KS1 Entrance Glass corridor Upper Team Door

School Uniform:

Full school uniform policy applies to all children

Red jumper / cardigan

White shirt / polo shirt

Grey or black trousers / skirt

Red gingham summer dress

Black school shoes - NO BRANDED TRAINERS

There is no expectation for uniform to be cleaned more than usual or in a different 'specialist' manner.

PE Kit:

As before, children are to come to school in their PE kits on their identified days. The kit they will need is:

White polo shirt / t-shirt

Red or black shorts

Grey or black jogging bottoms

Black plimsolls or all black trainers

The children are to wear their red jumper / cardigan

Assemblies and school events:

Until further notice, we will not be able to hold whole school assemblies and invite parents into the building.

A R T awards will be given to children in school as part of a virtual whole school celebration.

We will ensure that parents receive a photograph via dojo of their child receiving their award.

Work celebrations:

As with assemblies, we are unable to invite families into school at this time. Teachers will place share achievements via Twitter, Dojo Class Story, Dojo portfolio and videos on the school website. This will ensure that all families are able to share in their child's learning and successes.

Educational Visits:

The DFE have stated: *We advise against all educational visits at this time. This advice will be kept under review.*

If you have paid towards the Yr6 end of year visit to Robinwood this will be refunded over the coming weeks.

If you require any further information, please visit the school website:

<https://www.harrowgateacademy.org/statutory-information/covid-19> or speak with a member of staff.