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Dear all

Thank you for all for your help and support with what has been a very successful return to school. All of the children are happy and accepting of the new routines and procedures within school and for the most part have just taken all changes within their strides.

As you would expect after a few days of working with everyone back in school we have become aware of a few issues that we have changed- hopefully making life easier for everyone and safer overall. I have outlined any changes below for your information:

- PE Kit- when it is your child's PE day in school they should come into school in full PE kit. They do not need to bring a change of clothes but will go home in PE kit also. This will make it easier in the cloakroom spaces and also will save time changing in school. Children will need to wear outdoor PE kit including a warm jumper and trainers. PE days are:
Reception- TBC
Year 1- Friday-
Year 2- Friday-
Year 3- Friday
Year 4- Wednesday
Year 5- Monday
Year 6- Thursday
- We have decided to place two year groups into a bubble. This means N/R and 1/2 and 3/4 and 5/6 are now 'bubbles'. They are still largely kept separate within school and at lunch and playtime however they use the same bathrooms and staff may be shared across the year groups.
- AS you would expect as we go into Autumn children will start to get colds. If your child has any COVID symptoms you must stay at home and get a test. You and your family must isolate until you have a test result. If the result is negative your child may return to school immediately. Please can an email be sent to the school office before returning confirming you have received a negative test result. If you get a result during a weekend please email to head@hoveton-st-johns.norfolk.sch.uk. This will ensure in the event of a positive test outcome we can notify parents with as much notice as possible.



- Some parents have asked about wearing masks at pick up and drop off times. If you feel more comfortable in a mask please wear one. Otherwise please follow social distancing guidance and keep a safe space between you and the people around you.
- When dropping off and collecting please pass through the playground quickly. Your child should be carrying their bags ready to join their class quickly without queuing or spending a few minutes saying goodbye. I know this is unusual but when everyone stops to have a word with the teacher it delays things for everyone else and places people in a difficult situation where parents are getting too close to class areas. Please respect the teachers also and drop off from the middle of the walkway. If you have any worries or questions send an email to the school office and a teacher will call you back to discuss.
- From Monday 21st September Reception and Nursery can come onto the playground with the rest of school. The gates are open from 8.35 am. There will be a Reception area on the playground to drop into and anyone dropping at Nursery can go and wait in the Nursery Garden area.

Nursery sessions times will be:

Morning: 8.45 am – 11.45am

Lunch: 11.45am – 12.15pm

Afternoon: 12.15pm – 3.15pm

- At the end of the school day to aid congestion and flow we have opened the back gate onto Brimbelow Road. This is only open as an exit at the end of the school day. We would encourage anyone to use this exit that can as it will make the flow of movement much better.
- We have decided to use Google Classroom to set weekly homework. This will be set on a Friday each week. The children will have a short Maths task, spelling pattern and reading comment to complete. The class teachers will ensure that children are sent home with their login details this week.

Finally thank you so much for all of your flexibility and understanding. We are navigating a system that is new and ever changing and you have done a super job of preparing your children for this.

Kind regards

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