



## HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Term is now well underway and we are thoroughly enjoying our return to a slightly more 'normal' way of doing things. As always, the children are engaging brilliantly and we have been thrilled to see the children interacting together at playtimes and reconnecting with friends in other classes. There are just a few things to draw to your attention this week but please do get in touch if you have any further questions or queries.

### Breakfast and After School Club

A reminder that we are trialling a 6pm finish time for our 'Wigglebugs' After School Club. An additional £1.50 charge can be added for the 5.30-6pm slot to allow parents more flexibility for collection. Places at After School Club should be booked in advance.

We are also happy to return to a 'drop in' approach for Breakfast Club and it is no longer necessary to book a place for the morning slots. Children may arrive from 7.45am and breakfast is available until 8.15am.

### Birthdays

Now that we are able to relax arrangements slightly, we have been approached to ask if children are able to bring in treats from home to celebrate a birthday. We are more than happy for children to bring in pre-wrapped sweets on these occasions (the small bags of Haribo are ideal). For the time being, we are asking for sweets instead of cake as this helps us to ensure we are catering for all allergies.

### COVID-19 update

Although we are operating within a new risk assessment which reflects the relaxed restrictions, settings have been asked to have a contingency plan in place to prepare in case school was to experience a rise in cases. In collaboration with Public Health, schools will be advised if protective measures (masks, bubbles etc) need to be reintroduced for a short period of time to manage the risk of increased transmission. It may also be necessary to close a class for a fixed period of time but this will only be decided in consultation with the Local Authority and Public Health.

This will be considered in the following circumstances:

- If 5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period; or
- If 10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period

It is worth reminding parents that isolation rules have now changed and that close contacts no longer need to isolate if they have been double vaccinated or are below the age of 18 years 6 months and are not presenting with any symptoms and can attend school. Anyone presenting with COVID-19 symptoms would still continue to isolate as per government guidance and seek a PCR test.

We do continue to seek your support in ensuring children only attend school if they are well enough and that if any individual exhibits at least one of the COVID-19 symptoms (persistent cough, high temperature and loss of taste/smell) that a PCR test is sought.

### Uniform

A polite reminder that school jumpers/cardigans should still be worn on PE days alongside PE kits. A change in top may be brought in if required for the PE session but these should be brought in separately and changed into for the lesson. We do have a large amount of good quality second hand school uniform in school so please do get in touch if you require any items.

### Printer Cartridge Recycling

We are collecting empty printer ink cartridges from home printers and sending them off to be recycled in return for a donation to school funds. Please feel free to send in any used cartridges to school.



## Dates for your diary

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021** – Year 3 swimming lessons start

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021** – Harvest festival

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021** – Year 4 swimming lessons start (more information to follow)

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021** – Year 5 swimming lessons start (more information to follow)

**Week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021** – Parent's evening appointments for Early Years

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021** – school closes for half term break

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021** – school reopens

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021** – Outdoor Classroom Day

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021** – School photographs

**Week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021** – Parent's evening appointments for Years 1-6

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021** – Year 6 swimming lessons start (more information to follow)

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021** – school closes for Christmas

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs A Harvey