



Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear families,

We made it!! This has truly been a year for the record books. In some ways, it has been the most memorable year of our lives and in others it has been one of the most challenging. We know how hard this has been for our teachers, children and our families. It's sad that children won't get to say goodbye to their friends and teachers but we know that we will soon be together again. Horton Mill is a special place because of our community - it's a community of kindness, togetherness and genuine care.

We are truly grateful for all the efforts that have gone into the last four months of remote learning. We are humbled and inspired by what you have done at home to support our children and we look forward to being together again. As we come to the end of this academic year and begin working on the 2020 -2021 school year, we want to share a few updates so we can all be prepared for a successful start to the school year.

### **Year Six Leavers**

I would like to officially wish all of our Year 6 leavers all the very best for their future as they leave us today. School has not felt the same without the usual celebrations of signing t-shirts and special assemblies. I hope that in the near future we will be able to welcome you back to Horton Mill so that we can plan some kind of celebration for you all together. In the meantime, have a super start to secondary school and just be your unique, amazing selves.

### **Returning to School in September**

We're looking forward to welcoming everyone back on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**. We've been working hard to continue to make our school a safe and enjoyable place to be. Below are some adaptations to our school day and routines.

### **Safety Measures**

When your children come into school, we'll have the following protective measures in place:

- Adults and children will wash their hands on arrival at school and will continue to wash them regularly throughout the day.
- Children will stay within their whole class 'bubble' and will not 'mix' with other class bubbles.
- Enhanced cleaning will take place daily. As well as daily cleaning at the start and the end of the day, high frequency areas will be cleaned throughout the day.

- Breaks and lunchtimes will be staggered so that we will have additional time to clean areas in between groups.
- Shared resources will be on a rota system so that we are able to limit their use to one bubble at a time.

### Class Organisation

Nursery	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Mrs Bush Ms Holland (am) Mrs Shabir (pm)	Mrs Reilly Mrs Chaudry Miss Bamforth	Mrs Broadhurst Mrs Noden	Mrs Law Mrs Begum (am) Ms Holland (pm)	Mrs Clavin Mrs Hartley Mrs Munir Mrs Akhtar Mrs Cooper	Ms Iqbal Miss Ashton	Mrs Clews Mrs Meredith Mrs Bibi Mrs Goodwin (am) Mrs Parveen	Miss Lake Mrs Peerzada Mrs Hamer Mrs Warrington

Within these bubbles the children will be encouraged to keep their distance as much as possible. There will be strict distancing between the classes. They will have their own allocated classroom, lunch tables and outdoor space. **Please note that for our youngest children, it will not be possible to maintain strict social distancing at all times.**

### Arrival and Home Time Collection

- There will be a one-way system in place so that we are able to reduce maintain social distancing. Families will only be able to use the **Greengate Street entrance**.
- Only one adult is able to bring your child (ren) on to the school premises.
- You must arrive/collect you child (ren) between the allocated times.
- Children must arrive between **8.45 – 9.10** (gates will be locked by 9.15) and must be collected between **3.00 – 3.20**.
- Please drop off your child (ren) in order of their drop off points so that you can follow the one-way system.
- Please avoid gathering on the school premises, we are asking our families to take their child (ren) to their specific area and then follow the one-way system off the premises. **Children will not be lining up and waiting in the playground.**

Here are the drop off/pick up areas for each year group:

Nursery	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Nursery classroom door	Reception classroom door	Year One classroom door	Family Room door	Door at the side of the school hall	Year Four classroom door	Year Five classroom door	Year Six classroom door

## **Keeping the Virus Out of School**

The best way to protect our school is to do our very best not to allow the virus to enter the building at all! Therefore, you must stay at home and arrange a test if you or anyone you or child lives with has any of the following symptoms;

- A high temperature.
- A new continuous cough.
- A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.

You must let school know as soon as possible and inform us of the outcome of the test or tests. If during the course of the school day anyone develops these symptoms, they will be isolated within school and we will arrange for them to be collected as soon as possible. Adults supervising a child with symptoms may need to wear PPE.

## **Attendance**

Attendance will be mandatory in September, as the government expects all pupils to attend school. The usual rules will apply, meaning we'll be recording attendance and following up on any absences.

If your child has been staying at home due to the current shielding guidance, the government is due to pause this guidance on 1 August if there's a continued decline in coronavirus transmission rates. This means they should be able to come back to school in September.

## **Home/School Agreement**

As your child (ren) returns to school, we will send a Home/School agreement home for you to read and sign. This must be returned to school as soon as possible. I will put a copy of this agreement on the school website before the children return and I will send a text message with the link so that you have a chance to read it before school opens.

## **Risk Assessments**

In preparation for school starting in September, I have completed a risk assessment to show what measures have been taken to reduce risks. I will send this to the local authority for their approval and once it has been returned, I will put a copy on the school website and I will send a text message with the link so that you have a chance to read it before school opens.

I apologise in advance for the length of this letter but it is important that I try to give you as much information as I can. I am really looking forward to seeing you all again in September and on behalf of myself and the whole Horton Mill team, have a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Warmest wishes,

*Zaira Cook*