

# Horton Park Primary School



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## Coming Back to School in September

A guide for pupils and parents

# Welcoming You Back

We have missed you!



Our school has been closed to most pupils since March 2020 because of Coronavirus.

Now your teachers are looking forward to welcoming you back in September.

We have been told it is safe to come back to school and we are working extremely hard to prepare a safe environment for you. We have carried out a risk assessment to make sure we keep everybody safe.

## Preparing to Come Back to School

Your school may look and feel a little different but that is okay.

Lots of things will be the same. Your school uniform will be the same and **you will need to wear this every day.**

This includes:

- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with logo
- White plain polo shirt
- Grey shalwar kameez
- Grey skirt/ pinafore dress/ cloth trousers
- Plain navy or black – hijab (head scarf)
- Plain, low black shoes – **No boots or trainers.**

Things you can bring to school:

- ✓ A packed lunch (if you usually bring one)
- ✓ A coat
- ✓ A sunhat (if needed)
- ✓ Book bag

Please do bring your reading books / library books back to school with you in September.

When you have PE you will be allowed to wear your PE kit from home on that day.

## Getting To and From School

Current guidance recommends that if you live within 2 miles of school, you should walk or cycle where possible.

When you arrive at school, you should stay with the adults who brought you. Do not go up to other families. This is to keep everyone safe!

The Basil Street entrance and the Main entrance will be open as usual.





## Start and Finish Times

Start times for classes are staggered to ensure the safety of everyone on site.

**Years 5 and 6 – From 8.30 - 3.00**

**Years 3 and 4 – From 8.45 - 3.00**

**Years 1 and 2 – From 9.00 – 2.45**

**Reception – From 9.15 – 2.45**

### **End Times**

Pupils from Year 1, 2 and Reception to be collected at 2.45pm, but if you are collecting other children you will need to wait patiently outside the classroom until 3pm.

If you come to school with your brother or sister, you will all be able to come at the same time. This means that if your brother or sister comes earlier than you, please come with them and go straight to your class.

It is important that you arrive at school on time so that we can get all children into school promptly and safely, otherwise you are compromising the health and safety of all.

**Parents: Please avoid making any medical appointments during school hours.**

Breakfast Club will be open from 8.00 am Monday to Friday.  
If you attend Breakfast Club you must attend every day.

When you get to school, line up sensibly at the door for your class, staying apart from other families and children.



You might have a short wait while we get you into school but please be patient. We will be as quick as we can, but our priority is to get children into school safely. This is nothing to worry about, it is to help keep all staff and families safe.

There will be lots of adults from school at the gates and around the playground to ask if you are not sure where to go.

**Parents: Please avoid entering the school grounds during the hours of 9.30 – 2.45.**

If you need to speak to a member of staff or Community Team, you should contact the Office on 01274 574544 for an appointment to be arranged for you.

## Your Classroom

Many of you will have a new teacher in September.

You should have had a welcome postcard with their name and your new class with your school report which was sent out before the holidays.

When you come into school for the first time in September, we will show you which school door to use, where to hang your coat, which toilets you can use and where your new classroom is.

Your classroom may look a little different, but you will still see lovely displays and be able to find equipment that you might have used before.

Most classrooms have been set up in rows, facing the front of the classroom like this:







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Your teachers will show you where to sit and where you can find equipment (like pencils, rulers, and pens) that you will need.

You will work and play with the other children in your class and year group 'bubble' throughout the school week. This means that you will be able to see your teachers and friends, but you will not mix with children from other year group bubbles. You will stay with your class / year group as much as possible.

**We are doing this to help keep you safe in school.**







## Breaktimes and Lunchtimes

You will stay with your year group during break and lunch times.

The times for these will be different from other year groups and you will have a designated zone to play in which is separate from other children.

Your teachers will explain when you are having a break and where you can play.

You might see other friends and relatives when you are outside playing. You can wave at them, but you cannot go over to play with them just yet. This is to help us to keep you safe.

At lunchtime, you will either bring a packed lunch or have a school lunch. Some classes will eat their lunch in their classroom and some in the hall. We have split this in to Week A and B to make it fair for everyone.

Week A	Week B
Reception – Small Hall	
Year 1 – Large Hall	
Year 2 Large Hall	Year 2 Classroom
Year 3 and 4 Classroom	Year 3 and 4 Large Hall



Year 5 and 6 Large Hall

Year 5 and 6 Classroom

## Children Starting Reception

If your child is starting in Reception in September, induction into school will be done across the first 2 weeks and you should have already received information about this.

## School Routines

**When you come back to school, you will be asked to wash your hands regularly.**

**Wash your hands with soap and water more often for 20 seconds**



Palm to palm



The backs of hands



In between the fingers



The back of the fingers



The thumbs



The tips of the fingers

This will help to stop the spread of germs and keep you safe. You might also be asked to use hand sanitiser at times.

Use a tissue to turn off the tap.  
Dry hands thoroughly.





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**Children:** You will **not** be asked to wear a facemask to school even though you might see adults wearing them at times. This is okay.

**Parents / Carers:** You must wear a face when you bring the children into school and collect them.

If you need to cough or sneeze, you must do this into a tissue, putting the used tissue into a bin and washing your hands afterwards. If you cannot use a tissue, sneeze or cough into the crook of your arm. This will help you to stay safe.



## Feelings and Emotions

We know that it might feel strange to be coming back to school. We will help you get used to the changes.

You might be feeling a mixture of emotions. You might feel happy, sad, nervous, or excited.

It is okay to feel like this and you can talk to any of the adults in school about this.

**We are looking forward to seeing you in September!**



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