



Highfields Academy

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Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

I hope you've all had a good week. I can't tell you how excited we all are here today; it will be wonderful to welcome you all back here on Monday morning. We can't wait to see you!

Hopefully you have all had chance to read through the Risk Assessment that has been sent to you last week. I'm just going to highlight some of the key messages here as a reminder:

One way system:

- Everyone to enter the site through the gate on Cumberland Avenue and to leave the site via the gate on Whitehouse Lane.
- Strictly no cars to enter the school grounds unless there are exceptional reasons and I have agreed to this beforehand.
- Please stick to the pathway when you enter the school grounds, don't walk across the car park.
- Adults, please wear a face covering unless at all times on site unless you are exempt for valid reasons.
- Please remember that only one adult should accompany children on site.

Start and finish times:

- Reception: 8.45am – 3.15pm
- Year 1: 8.45am – 3.15pm
- Year 2: 9.00am – 3.30pm
- Year 3: 8.45am – 3.15pm
- Year 4: 9.00am – 3.30pm
- Year 5: 8.45am – 3.15pm
- Year 6: 9.00am – 3.30pm

What children need to bring with them:

Simply, as little as possible: Lunch (unless you are having a school meal) and your book bag/school bag. On PE days you can come into school in your kit; uniform applies on all other days.

Illnesses

If your child is ill with any of the key four symptoms of Covid-19 they **must not attend school**. This applies even if the symptoms are very mild. It is essential that we all strictly follow this. The key symptoms are: A cough, a high temperature (37.8 degrees or higher), loss of taste or loss of smell.

If your child is ill in any other way (cold, sneezing, headaches, the list goes on....) please give us a call to discuss before bringing your child into school.

If your child has an upset stomach (diarrhoea) or has vomited then they **must** stay off school for 48 hours from the last case.

Before/After school club

For the next few weeks we are still going to try and limit numbers in the club to reduce the risk of transmission across class bubbles. Please only book sessions if you really need to due to your work commitments or other exceptional reasons.

Have a great weekend everyone, we'll see you very soon!!!

Simon Dyson
Principal

