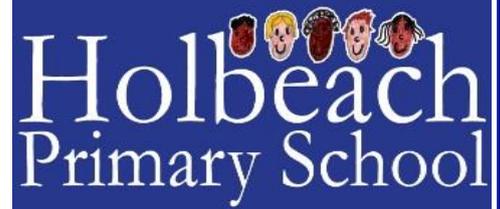


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Tuesday 21st July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: FULL OPENING OF SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER 2020

Following the Government guidance for the full opening of schools on Thursday 2nd July, we wanted to write to you to let you know (as far as is currently possible) our plans for September. It is important to remember that all of our plans are provisional at this point and they are all based on the government's guidance which can be found at this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirusoutbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>.

The guidance is based on the advice from Public Health England and the Department of Education that the prevalence of COVID-19 has decreased, the NHS Test and Trace is up and running and there is now a better understanding of how to minimise the risk of catching the virus. Ultimately, therefore, the benefits of being back in school outweigh the low risk that children will catch COVID-19.

Essentially the message that we would like to convey is that Holbeach Primary School will be open to all pupils, in all year groups, full time in September.

Our plans for returning will be based around some key points:

1. Any individual (pupil, staff member, parent, visitor) who presents with any of the symptoms of COVID-19 must isolate from the rest of the school community.
 - a. If symptoms begin whilst the individual is at home then they must not enter the school premises. Instead, they and their family must remain at home for 14 days.
 - b. If symptom begin whilst the individual is onsite a clear procedure will be followed that includes, isolation and then collection by a parent/carerIn both instances, the individuals involved will be instructed to obtain a COVID-19 test and our local health protection team will be contacted for further advice.
2. There will be increased facilities and opportunities for all of our community to wash their hands or use hand sanitiser. Information and advice about good hand hygiene will continue to be shared with all members of our community.
3. Staff, Pupils, Parents/Carers and Visitors will be required to follow the "catch it, bin it, kill it" guidance and additional tissues and pedal bins have been provided where required. Information and advice about respiratory hygiene will continue to be shared with all members of our community.
4. The cleaning regime in the school has been increased and enhanced. This includes more frequent cleaning of specific "pinch points" or "shared spaces" and a greater frequency of the cleaning of surfaces that are touched often.
5. Contact between individuals and groups will be minimised and social distancing for the older children will be maintained **where possible**. These plans are still being developed but essentially some of the key points that we are exploring include:
 - Classes or Year groups will be treated as 'bubbles' that are restricted to specific rooms and playground areas. (Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 are likely to be year group bubbles with everyone else class bubbles)

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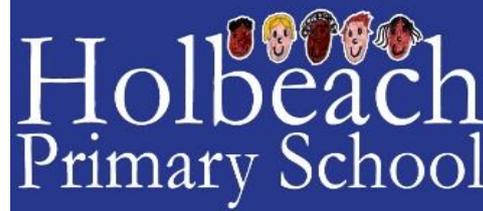
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- Staggered timings for the start and end to the school day and a one-way circulation route for the 'drop off' and 'collection' of children will be in place (More News to follow on this)
- Dining facilities, and lunchtimes are separated so that there is sufficient distance between 'bubbles'
- Separated outside play spaces.
- Social distancing will be encouraged, where feasible, particularly between adult and adult.
- Some temporary changes to some methods of teaching, for example the children will not face each other directly during lesson time but sit side by side facing the front.

We appreciate that there is a lot to digest here, and we will be working on the finer details of the plans over the Summer Holidays. Of course, the health of our students, their families and our staff remain our paramount concern.

In addition, all staff at the school will receive training in September so that they can help maintain the strategies above and support pupil's emotional health and well-being for when they return our school.

Finally, we would urge you to read the answers we have provided to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that have been sent in the same email as this letter.

Should you have any further questions regarding these plans please contact the school office via email (admin@holbeach.lewisham.sch.uk) or telephone (0208 690 4713) after the 24th August.

Yours Sincerely,

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