



# HURSTHEAD INFANT SCHOOL

*We care, we learn, we belong*

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Dear Parents

Following the Government's announcement to nationally lift restrictions on Monday 19 July, schools have been provided with new guidance from the DFE to support school organisation and procedures in September 2021. As part of this guidance the DFE states that, "if your school is still open at Step 4 (19 July) you may wish to continue with (control) measures until the end of the summer term". It also makes clear that under 18's exemption from self-isolating, if in contact with a positive case, will not come in to place until later, "From 16 August 2021 children under the age of 18 will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive case". Within our school community there has recently been an increase in pupils and staff requiring to self-isolate, although currently school has not had to ask a whole class to do so. A positive case within a class will cause immense disruption requiring all 30 pupils and staff to self-isolate for 10 days. If school lifts the controls in place the numbers self-isolating after a positive case could significantly rise to 90 plus children and a greater number of staff. As such, I feel it is prudent for pupils, staff and parents if the control measures put in place at Hursthead Infant School continue until the end of the summer term. I look forward to returning to a 'normal' school organisation in September and will inform you of the details before school re-opens.

Thank you to all parents who have helped school stay safe by wearing masks in the playground. As from Monday 19 July this should be a personal choice, although please do wear one if speaking to a member of staff or entering the school building.

## Transition Day – Friday 23 July

Year 1 and Reception pupils will be enjoying a day in their September 2021 classrooms with their next year's teacher on Friday 23 July. Please can you bring the children to their next year's class door at the start of the day and pick them up from this door at collection time. The staggered starts and collection times will remain those that have been in place for Reception and Year 1 classes this current year – please see below for clarification.

Class door to drop off/collect	Teacher	Drop Off	Collection
Class 9 pupils to be dropped off/collected at Class 6	Mrs Devereux	8-50 – 8-55am	3-05 – 3-10pm
Class 8 pupils to be dropped off/collected at Class 5	Mrs Bull Mrs Glenton	9-00 – 9-05am	3.15 – 3.20pm
Class 7 pupils to be dropped off/collected at Class 4	Miss Simpson	8-40 – 8-45am	2-55 – 3-00pm
Class 6 pupils to be dropped off/collected at Class 1	Mrs McLennan	9-00 – 9-05am	3-15 – 3-20pm
Class 5 pupils to be dropped off/collected at Class 2	Mr Thornley	8-50 – 8-55am	3-05 – 3-10pm
Class 4 pupils to be dropped off/collected at Class 3	Mrs Prescott	8-40 – 8-45am	2-55 – 3-00pm

We intend to undertake a thorough clean of the classrooms on the evenings of Thursday 22 July and Friday 23 July and the consequent 48 hours over the weekend will allow enough time for school to be safe for the pupils to return to their current classrooms on Monday 26 July. To minimise items being brought into school on this transition day, the children will not require their book bags – just a waterproof coat, water bottles and snacks in coat pockets will be needed (plus lunch box, if required).

We are looking forward to the transition day across the school as Year 2 will be spending the day in their Junior classroom.

Thank you for your support in following the above procedures and helping to make transition day as safe as possible for everyone.

Take care and kind regards

Jane Driscoll

Headteacher