



# Hollybank News

TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2021

## RETURNING TO SCHOOL:

We are very, very excited to be back for a new school year and are all looking forward to working with you and your children, to ensure they receive the best education possible, not only developing their knowledge but also nurturing their wellbeing.

We will be continuing with the staggered drop off and pick up arrangements as last year, with all children being welcomed by staff at the various gates. This really helped build their independence skills last year, so we aim to develop that further.

We are still not through the pandemic so we ask that you do not gather at the school gates and maintain a 2m distance between you and any other adult. If you can park further away from the gate and walk down this will help with congestion. Please do not park on the yellow No Parking zone at the gate, as children cannot cross the road safely if cars stop here. All children will be regularly handwashing and extra cleaning will remain in place, and well ventilated rooms. Books and school bags can now go back and forth between home and school.

We hope to have a great year with our new classes, and please remember any issue can be solved easily. Just lift the phone or drop us a message on Seesaw and we will endeavour to investigate and resolve!

Should you have changed your contact details over the Summer break, don't forget to inform the office on: 02890 864944.

## SCHOOL TIMES THIS WEEK:

WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST: 12:00 CLOSURE

THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST: 12:00 CLOSURE

FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST: 12:00 CLOSURE

MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST: CLOSED

SCHOOL DINNERS RESUME TUESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST, SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 2:00PM EVERY TUESDAY AND 3:00PM EVERY OTHER



## EduSpot

We are a cashless school; hence all payments are made online. Please book your dinner, free or paid before midnight each Sunday. A menu will be sent out on Seesaw very soon.

A link and more information regarding this system will be sent out to P1 parents this week.

### SUBJECT COORDINATORS:

LITERACY: MRS  
CAMPFIELD

NUMERACY: MRS NELSON

ICT: MRS CULBERT

SEN: MISS MCILWAIN

These will be the areas we are working hard on this year to develop further.

Last year we opened The Hollybank Hive, a Learning Support Unit which has thrived throughout last year. I am pleased to announce we will be opening The Junior Hive in due course, which will be a similar setting, but for Foundation age children. We are just awaiting some minor works which need to be completed in the room before we can welcome the children to Hollybank.



### P1 and p2 Parents

We will only release P1 and P2 pupils to those adults named on their collection sheet, so please make sure this is up to date. If another adult arrives, we will phone the first parental contact to obtain verbal permission before we can release the child into their care.



## NOSNACK

There will be no snack available this week.

Please provide your child with a healthy break.

Snack will be available to book in the Eduspot app from next week.

A message will be sent via Seesaw once this is available and ready to book.



## COVID GUIDANCE:

PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY DISPLAY ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS:

- A HIGH TEMPERATURE
- A CONTINUOUS COUGH
- LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL

IF A CHILD BEGINS TO DISPLAY THESE SYMPTOMS IN SCHOOL, THEY WILL BE SENT HOME. AT THIS POINT YOU SHOULD BOOK A COVID TEST.

IF YOUR CHILD IS IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT THEY SHOULD SELF ISOLATE AND YOU SHOULD BOOK A TEST FOR THEM. IF THE TEST IS NEGATIVE THEY CAN END THEIR SELF-ISOLATION, AND TAKE ANOTHER TEST ON DAY 8.

IF THEY DEVELOP SYMPTOMS AT ANY TIME THEY SHOULD IMMEDIATELY SELF ISOLATE, EVEN IF EARLIER TESTS WERE NEGATIVE.

IF ANY TESTS ARE POSITIVE, THIS MEANS THEY HAVE THE VIRUS AND THEY SHOULD SELF-ISOLATE FOR 10 DAYS IN LINE WITH GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE.