



HILLINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Practice fire drill and school bags.

We have had a practice fire drill today, and we are very proud of how well the children behaved and followed instructions. Practice fire drills are a regular part of school life, and we take the opportunity to support the children in understanding how we can keep safe.

We have noticed though, that there has been an increase in the number of large rucksacks coming into school. In Years 1 to 5, we do not have the space to safely store these bags, and these could be a trip hazard in school if we did need to evacuate the children from the building quickly.

Please see below the information that has been shared previously with parents, most recently in our end of year letter in July. We ask again that children in **Years 1 to 5** only bring in a small bag, such as a bookbag, that can easily fit inside their tray in the classroom. Children are only required to bring to school their lunch (and/or snack in KS2), water bottle, reading book and diary, and pencil case if they choose. No other items are required in school. We have also noticed an increase in other items being brought in, such as keyrings, toys and bracelets. Unless a teacher has asked for a specific item to be brought in for a lesson, these items should not be in school.

Reminder: information from the letter sent to parents and carers on the 17th July:

Bags - Important for Health and Safety in the School - No backpacks for Year 1 to Year 5 please.

Pupils in Year 1 to Year 5 should not bring backpacks into school. They should bring a book bag (it doesn't have to be the school one) as these easily fit in children's trays. This means our corridors remain less congested making it easier to move around and work in. A book bag fits into your child's tray and ensures it is easily accessible for your child to efficiently organise their belongings.

Nursery, Reception and Year 6 are able to have backpacks. Their classrooms are located in the buildings where the cloakroom provision is more generous. We know that many of the Nursery and Reception children need to bring a change of clothes and backpacks are used for this purpose. For our Year 6 children it is now a privilege that comes with being the oldest members of the school and as role models for our younger students.

Stationery - Pencils, pens etc.

*We know that many of our students enjoy preparing for the new school term. If they wish, pupils can bring in a small pencil case with a pencil, pen, rubber and ruler. Please ensure your child does **not** have a pair of scissors in their pencil*



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case in school. These are not required, as we have plenty to use in the classroom.

We thank you in advance for your support with this.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Skelly".

Ms Sabrina Kelly
Co-Principal

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Saidiya".

Ms Samina Saidiya
Co-Principal