

HILLINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning and Achieving Together

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Year 6 Pupils will start to return from Monday 8th June 2020.

Between Monday 1st June and Friday 5th June school will only be open for childcare of key worker's children who have booked a place in advance.

Please do not assume your child is able to attend school until you have received an invite.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family remain well and your children are managing to enjoy half-term. Please do make contact if you have experienced difficulties so that we may support you and your child/ren. The school email (hillprimary@hillingdonprimaryschool.org.uk) continues to be monitored closely during working days and messages are passed on quickly to the relevant member of staff who will then contact you.

The Elliot Foundation Academy Trust (TEFAT) has asked that pupils in the identified year groups start to return to school from Monday 8th June 2020 to enable us to give more time to planning a safe and sustainable return. Year 6 pupils will return first and parents of Year 6 students will today receive a booking form for their child. Please complete this form as soon as possible so that we know the exact number of students returning. Please make reference to the following information that was sent to all parents to enable you to make an informed decision.

Planning and Preparation for Schools Possibly Opening in June 2020 Information for Parents - Tuesday 26th May 2020

Please do not assume that your child is able to return until you have received an invite from the school. You will be sent an invite on Thursday 4th June with practical information about your child's return. Parents will not be penalised if they do not wish their child to return.



There will then be a phased return of other year groups. This phased return is our preferred approach so that we can identify any adaptations needed as each new group returns to school and we can ensure students and staff are as safe as possible.

Year 1 is the second year group to return. More information about return dates will be sent next week once our plans have been approved by TEFAT.

Please note that the Breakfast Club and 4.30 Club will not be operating for the majority of students when year groups return to school.

Mrs Childs (Welfare Lead) has sent information home to parents to ensure we have up to date contact information. Please complete it as soon as possible. If your child becomes ill for any reason we will need to contact parents immediately to collect their child. Please factor this possibility into any plans regarding a return to work.

Home learning will continue for our pupils and we are introducing video conferencing from Monday 8th June which I know will be a welcome addition for many of our parents and students. Our challenge is to meet the needs of our students who return to school as well as maintaining our provision for students who remain learning at home.

A reminder that Monday 1st June and Tuesday 2nd June were Training Days and therefore a holiday for students. Given the present situation and in discussion with teachers it has been decided that teachers will continue to provide home learning to students on these days.

I know that this uncertainty makes it difficult for parents trying to plan and in particular working parents having to manage child care. I know uncertainty can be stressful for many. I know there will be a range of opinions/thoughts among our community about how our school should move forward. Please be reassured that any decisions made are based on the knowledge we have and in the best interests of our school community. The staff team is working hard during half-term to ensure as safe a return to school as possible for some students whilst constantly improving our home learning provision and putting plans in place for September 2020.

Yours faithfully,

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Reminder / Extract from a letter on 11th May 2020

If as a result of the Prime Minister's announcements you need to access child care and you are not on our distribution list (established in the first week of the school closure following communication with parents) for child care please make contact with the school; please use the school's email address: hillprimary@hillingdonprimaryschool.org.uk. Mrs Child's (Welfare Officer) will then make contact with you to discuss your individual situation and your child care requirements. Apologies in advance as we will need to ask some detailed questions. We will need to establish your right to access child care and will ask for evidence that you are a key worker and are not able to work from home. We will also establish that there is no other adult in the family home who is able to provide child care.

Over the last eight plus weeks we have established an efficient booking system that once you have been given access will support you in booking child care each week. We have built in flexibility as we know that working arrangements can change but would appreciate you letting us know as soon as possible if your circumstances change so that we have the correct child to adult ratio on site.