



## HILLINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Learning and Achieving Together*

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**Saturday 8th June 2020**

Dear Parent and Carer,

We are now coming to the final planning stages of the return to school of the following year groups: Year 6, Year 1, Reception and Nursery.

Year 6 will return to school this coming week. Eighteen parents have requested a place for their child in Year 6. These students will be divided into two 'bubbles'. Ms Devlin and Mr Hanna will lead one of the 'bubbles'. Students working in the 'bubbles' will continue with the work set in the Google Classroom.

Mr James and Ms Sirl will continue to lead the Year 6 Virtual School and will be working from home to minimise the numbers on the school site. We are mindful of the importance of maintaining the high standards of the Virtual School to provide a viable alternative for those parents who still do not wish their child to return to school. Please do look at your child's Google Classroom on Monday as we have a very special message for all students and have made further improvements to support their learning.

The Elliot Foundation Academy Trust (TEFAT) has now approved our video conferencing policy and guidelines and we hope to start this exciting venture the week beginning Monday 15th June. Staff are working hard to ensure parents are fully informed about the new policy and guidelines before your child starts to access this facility. Further information will be sent as soon as possible. Parents will need to read the policy and guidelines and sign to say they have understood.

This coming week, parents in Year 1, Reception and Nursery will be sent a Booking Form for their child. Students will then be sent an invite with a date for return.

The Government is still allowing parents to make the decision on whether their child returns and the school supports this view. Parents will not be penalised. Following receipt of this information we will be able to plan and provide parents with dates for their child's return. Year 1 students will be prioritised first.



A member of the Elliot Foundation Academy Trust

Parents in Year 6 will be given a further option to request a place at school.

If you are a key worker please make note of the reminder below.

Free child care for key workers has been available over the Easter holidays and May half-term. It is our understanding that this will not continue during the summer holidays as this time is needed to clean and prepare the school ready for our return in the Autumn term. At present, we have no plans to be open for children of key workers during the summer break or for an outside company to use our premises. I know that parents may need child care; Hillingdon Council's website is normally a useful source of information.

Regarding opening in September, we are still very hopeful that we will be able to open but we have not yet received any guidance from the DfE. We appreciate that they need to see what happens as each new phase of the lockdown progresses. As a school we are preparing to be ready to open in September.

All students should be ready to return to school/lessons on Thursday 3rd September. Please consider carefully any new holiday bookings and any quarantine periods so that your child is ready to learn from the beginning of term. If you booked a holiday prior to this period and are concerned about quarantine periods then we are here to support and work with you; please make contact on the school email address.

We will be very reluctant to approve any exceptional leave during 2020/2021 as we will have a \*Recovery Curriculum in place. Please take this opportunity to speak with any relatives planning weddings and reunions during 2020/2021 and request that these events should be held during school holiday periods if children are invited to attend.

I appreciate your patience while we are ensuring the safety of students and staff before they are admitted back to the school site. We are also mindful of the need to plan to sustain our Virtual School to ensure parents have a viable alternative to returning if this is their preference.

Yours faithfully,



**Ann Bowen-Breslin**  
**Principal**

\*'Recovery Curriculum' - a curriculum that takes account of the work that students have missed or not been able to fully access during COVID-19

**Reminder:** An information sheet was sent home to parents on Tuesday 26th May. This outlines in more detail the arrangements for students returning to school.

It was called:

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

**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](mailto: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.