



## HILLINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Learning and Achieving Together*

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**Friday 16th July 2021**

**Monday 19th July 2021 to Thursday 22nd July 2021**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

A reminder that the school year finishes on Thursday 22nd July at the normal school time. We are not closing early due to the disruptive school year. However, the 4.30 Club finishes on Wednesday 21st July 2022. Breakfast Club will continue as normal.

Next week despite the general relaxation of COVID rules we will continue to follow the rules and routines in place until the end of term. I would very much appreciate parents/carers support in still wearing masks on the school premises and still following the one way system. The children will remain in class bubbles. Although we have had to burst class bubbles this structure has meant that the other two classes in a year group have remained in school.

I do know that the one way system has caused much debate. From my point of view it has had the reassuring advantage of removing the congestion that we used to experience between the two main school buildings as it allows staff to more easily view the children as they come on and off the school premises so we ensure they are safe. Therefore, we will be keeping a version of the one way system in place for September although further consideration will be given to gates of entrance and exit for parents/carers.

For parents/carers thinking about buying school uniforms we will continue to ask children from Year 1 to Year 5 not to bring backpacks into school. Instead they should bring a book bag (it doesn't have to be the school one) and a drawstring PE bag. This means our corridors remain less congested making it easier to move around and work in. A book bag fits a school tray and ensures it is easily accessible for your child to organise their belongings. Nursery, Reception and Year 6 will be able to have backpacks. Their classrooms are located in the new build where the cloakroom provision is more generous. I 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.



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We do expect all students to return on Monday 6th September 2021. We still have a small number of families taking their children out of school without considering the long term impact on their child's education. A good education gives children choices and opportunities in later life. We are always here to talk and support parents with exceptional circumstances but we can not support poor attendance without an exceptional reason. In September we will be inviting parents/carers in to discuss their child's attendance if it is a particular concern so that we can improve attendance during 2021/2022.

Mrs Childs will be sending information and a booking form about Breakfast Club and 4.30 Club. It will be a quick turnaround and we do ask any parents wishing to access this provision for the autumn term to complete the booking form as soon as possible. Any parent not able to complete the form can not be guaranteed a place for the autumn term.

Next week a letter will be sent home with more arrangements for the new school year. On Monday there will also be information about your child's new class teacher. We will also send home further information for parents/carers attending the Year 6 assemblies. These arrangements will consider the mitigations we need to put in place due to COVID.

Parents have asked if gifts may be given to staff at the end of term and we appreciate your kindness. At the end of this term inexpensive gifts and/or cards are welcome if parents/carers wish to express their thanks to individual staff members. However, there is no expectation for parents to do so. Kind words and / or a card are appreciated just as much.

I wish you a peaceful and enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Bowen-Breslin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Ann Bowen-Breslin**  
**Principal**  
**Hillingdon Primary School**