



HILLINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning and Achieving Together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Arrival and Dismissal Arrangements / Lunch Time Arrangements / Ms Sher / Birthdays

We are now at the start of our fourth week and the children are settling into their new classes and enjoying their learning. Last Monday we had a visit from Simon Adams, TEFAT's London Regional Director and he was very impressed by the children's behaviour, attitude to learning and calm atmosphere in the school.

September 2021 - Inducting our students into arrival and dismissal times

The arrival and departure time slots for the **FOURTH WEEK** remain the same as last week. I remain hopeful that these time slots will continue until half-term.

We are continuing to evaluate the one way system and are keen to ensure that our students feel happy and safe on the school site. I would like to trial a tweak to the one way system. Therefore from Wednesday students in Year 6, Year 5 and Year 4 who do not have a younger sibling in Year 3 and below can enter the school gate on Nicholls Avenue. Parents/carers should feel happy that their child/ren is independent enough to walk the short distance and enter the school building alone. Parents/carers wishing to enter the school site are very welcome however please enter via the Uxbridge Road entrance. **ONLY** students will be allowed to enter via the Nicholls Avenue gate. Students with a sibling in Year 3 or below should enter with their parents and follow the one way system.

My one concern with this new arrangement is that we may cause congestion at the Nicholls Avenue gate. If for any reason staff have concerns during this trial period then they will stop students entering via the Nicholls Road entrance and ask parents/carers to follow the one way system with their child/ren.

When parking please consider the needs of our children and neighbours. Cars parked illegally are a hazard to our children who are entering and exiting the school site. Please remind your child about road safety and how to cross a road sensibly particularly those students who have permission to walk home alone.

Dismissal procedures remain the same.

Hot Lunches - Help needed to reintroduce hot meals.

We are reintroducing hot meals on Monday 4th October. So that we can continue to minimise large numbers in the hall we would appreciate all parents wishing to order a hot lunch from The Pantry to have ordered by midnight on Sunday 3rd October. We ask that parents/carers order the meals they need for the whole week so that we are able to pre-plan for the number of students eating a hot lunch.



A member of the Elliot Foundation Academy Trust

On Thursday 7th October it is School Census Day when the number of students taking a hot meal is recorded. This number is then used to calculate the funding we receive for Universal Infant Free School Meals. Therefore, if your child is likely to have a hot lunch for most of this school year and is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 then it is helpful if they have a hot lunch on this day. This means that we receive the correct funding.

Ms Nahbila Sher

After four successful years at Hillingdon Primary School, Ms Sher has secured a well deserved promotion as a Business Leader at a large secondary school in Surrey. I would like to thank Ms Sher for her hard work and commitment to the children and staff of Hillingdon Primary School. Ms Sher has taken responsibility for the business functions in the school including finance and premises. Her calmness, reliability, no nonsense attitude and resilience has kept us all going particularly over the last two years . During COVID-19 we have had additional expenses that we couldn't have foreseen and we have had to focus more than ever on the premises to ensure everyone in our school community was safe; Ms Sher has led the way as part of the senior leadership team. We will all miss her but wish her much success and happiness in the future.

Healthy Lifestyles

Birthdays - Celebrate with a Book

Schools are always required to educate our students about healthy eating and lifestyles and this has become even more important during the pandemic. Therefore we would like to switch from bringing cakes and sweets in to celebrate a birthday to bringing in a book to be donated to the class library. The book can be wrapped or unwrapped and I know the teachers will enjoy sharing it with the rest of the class. There is no expectation for parents/carers to buy a book for the class; this is for parents/carers wishing to do so. All children's birthdays are celebrated in class.

Healthy Lifestyles

Sports Coach

We welcome Mr Mansor Omar to the school today. As part of our long term commitment to healthy life styles and physical education (PE), Mr Mansor will work with Ms Livingstone to provide high quality PE lessons for our students who enjoy the challenge of competitive sports and for all our students so that they develop the habit of a healthy lifestyle through an understanding of the importance of physical activity for their long term health.

Little Amal - An Unaccompanied Child Refugee

As a school we are following the journey of Little Amal. We are very conscious that this is an important subject however for some of our children/families it may trigger some difficult memories. Teachers are sensitive to children's past experience but if you do have any concerns please email Mrs Childs (Welfare Officer) on schildts@hillingdonprimaryschool.org.uk

Further information can be found at the following link: <https://www.walkwithamal.org/about-us/little-amal/>

I wish you an enjoyable week and let's hope the problem with fuel supplies is sorted soon.



Ann Bowen-Breslin
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Reminder about arrival and dismissal times

Staff will be on duty to guide children and parents/carers to their child's entrance and exit door.

Please make sure your child has a waterproof coat in case it rains at arrival and dismissal times. We are also using the school field. If it rains when we are on the field they will need it for walking back to school.

New Year Group	Arrival Time Slot	Dismissal Time Slot
Key Stage 2		
Year 6	8.30 am to 8.50 am	3.10 pm to 3.20 pm
Year 5	8.30 am to 8.50 am	3.10 pm to 3.20 pm
Year 4	8.40 am to 8.50am	3.00 pm to 3.10 pm. (Or 3.20 pm for parents with work commitments or similar.)
Year 3	8.40 am to 8.50 am	3.00 pm to 3.10 pm (Or 3.20 pm for parents with work commitments or similar.)
Key Stage 1 / Reception		
Year 2	8.50 am to 9.00 am	3.00 pm to 3.10 pm (Or 3.15 pm for parents with work commitments or similar.)
Year 1	8.40 am to 9.00 am	3.00 pm to 3.15pm
Reception	8.40 am to 9.00 am	3.00 pm to 3.15 pm
Nursery	Nursery students have different times for arrival and dismissal depending on the sessions that they attend. We ask parents/carers arriving to drop their child off or collect them at the same time as the main school to please follow the one way system. Parents/carers arriving / collecting during the school day do not have to follow the one way system.	