



HILLINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Update on COVID-19 Mitigations

Dear Parent and Carer,

The children break up for half-term today. It has been an eventful term with a high number of staff and pupils absent due to COVID-19 and therefore we have maintained COVID-19 mitigations. However, we have continued to work hard as a team (children and staff) and have managed the difficulties; the children have continued to learn and produce some excellent work.

We return to school on **Monday 21st February**. Please ensure your child/ren returns to school on this date to minimise disruption to their education. This is especially important given the amount of school time they have missed over the last two years. We are still receiving requests for leave that are not exceptional and can take place during the school holidays.

We are looking forward to easing the COVID-19 mitigations. From today we have made changes to the one way system. The changes are identified below:

In the morning the one-way system will remain the same. This is to ensure that the children can enter the school site safely and find their classrooms safely. We will continue to monitor this and make appropriate changes.

In the afternoon parents/carers are asked to enter as usual but may choose to exit the site from the Uxbridge Road gate as well as the Nicholls Avenue gate. There are some class groups that walk across the playground to their dismissal point. Please step back and let them pass so that the children remain safe with their class.

We are trialling these new dismissal arrangements. **The one-way system was put in place because of COVID-19 but it has also improved our pre-COVID arrival and dismissal arrangements so we are maintaining aspects of it.** We will continue to monitor it and if we feel that the new arrangements do not work we will revert back.

Thank-you to those parents who have supported us and have followed the one-way system. Your support at such a stressful time has meant a lot to the staff of the school, particularly when we have been short staffed and taking on multiple roles. To the small minority of parents/carers who do not follow the site rules, please understand that the site rules are there for the **safety of all the children**. I do appreciate that they may cause inconvenience. There is no intention to cause even more difficulties to a family's already busy and stressful life. However, if these systems mean that our children can walk safely around the school site then the inconvenience of an extra three minutes walking around the block must be worth the inconvenience?

I wish you a peaceful half-term.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Bowen-Breslin". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and legible.

Ann Bowen-Breslin
Principal