



HILLINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning and Achieving Together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Dates for the Summer Term

Please find attached dates for the new term. There are more dates to follow at the beginning of the Summer term along with further curriculum information. We are looking forward to returning to normal and all the activities that we normally offer as a school. There will be a particular focus on after school clubs and special events to celebrate our Year 6 pupils' time at Hillingdon Primary School.

Easter Egg Raffle

Thank-you for the contributions to the Easter Egg raffle. We have made over 800 pounds that will be spent on new books for the children.

Reading

We have spoken to the children and asked them to continue to read over the holiday period. All Year 6 pupils have a new class book to read and they have promised to independently read the equivalent of a chapter a day **or** to share the book with an adult who may choose to read the chapter to them so they can enjoy the story. They need to come in and be prepared to tell us something about their book. I look forward to hearing about their reading adventures at our 8.30 am 'I am a Reader!' Club that will continue next term.

Thank-you for your support throughout the last term.

I wish you a peaceful few weeks.

Best wishes,

Have a peaceful weekend.

Ann Bowen-Breslin
Principal



A member of the Elliot Foundation Academy Trust

Reminder

Arrival and Dismissal

The school's published arrival and dismissal times are as follows:

Arrival and dismissal times as published

Arrival Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Dismissal Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Arrival Year 3, 4, 5 and 6	Dismissal Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
9.00 am	3.15 pm	8.50 am	3.20 pm
Nursery - am	Nursery - pm	Nursery Full Time	
8.45 am to 11.45 am	12.15 pm to 3.15 pm	9.00 am to 3.00 pm	

(These arrival and dismissal times were in place before COVID-19. If we make any permanent changes to the arrival and dismissal times then we need to consult with parents/carers.)

Throughout the last two years our published times have remained in place so that parents/carers could plan around their work and daily commitments. Due to COVID-19 the school extended the arrival and dismissal time slots. Since September, the gates have opened at 8.30 am in the morning for our older pupils and parents/carers have been able to collect our younger pupils from 3.00 pm. This extended opening and closing period has enabled social distancing to take place along with the one way system. I have been grateful for the staff's flexibility with their working hours to enable this to happen and to support the community during this difficult time.

We now need to consider the way forward in the long term, post COVID. This includes the positive benefits that have been made including the use of a one-way system; it has made the school grounds safer for our pupils at arrival and dismissal times although we continue to make tweaks to it and we will continue to do so. **For the first two weeks back after the holidays** I would like to continue to trial a shorter time slot for arrival and dismissal times although the time slot will be longer than our pre-COVID-19 arrangements.

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A TRIAL AND PARENTS/CARERS can still arrive at the published arrival and dismissal times. If possible, please arrive and leave at the times below so that we can observe the impact on the school site.

Year Group	Arrival Time Slot	Dismissal Time Slot
Key Stage 2		

Year 6	8.30 am to 8.40 am	3.10 pm to 3.15 pm
Year 5	8.30 am to 8.40 am	3.10 pm to 3.15 pm
Year 4	8.30 am to 8.40 am	3.00 pm to 3.10 pm.
Year 3	8.30 am to 8.40 am	3.00 pm to 3.10 pm
Key Stage 1 / Reception		
Year 2	8.35 am to 8.50 am	3.00 pm to 3.10 pm
Year 1	8.35 am to 8.50 am	3.00 pm to 3.10 pm
Reception	8.35 am to 8.50 am	3.00 pm to 3.10 pm
Nursery	<p>Nursery students have different times for arrival and dismissal depending on the sessions that they attend.</p> <p>Morning session: 8.35 am to 11.45am. Parents can pick up from 11.30 am.</p> <p>Afternoon session: 12.15pm to 3.00pm.</p> <p>Full time: 8.35 am to 3.00 pm</p>	

Calling your child from outside the school gate

At home time, please do not call your child from the Nicholls Avenue gate. Teachers/staff have thirty pupils to dismiss safely and are not able to respond to parents/carers calling their child; it places an additional burden on staff already doing a busy job to ensure children are dismissed safely at the end of the day. Pupils who have a letter to walk home alone will be dismissed at 3.20 pm. For these pupils we will keep to the published dismissal time.