

# HILLINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Summer Term Curriculum Reception to Year 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term.

Each term we send home curriculum overviews that detail what your child will be learning during the term. This term we have changed the format to provide additional information. We hope you find it useful and it will enable you to talk to your child about their learning in school.

You will find the curriculum overviews on our school website in the 'Learning' section: <u>Please click here for curriculum overviews.</u>

Well done to all our pupils who read at home during the holidays. As a staff team we enjoyed hearing about their reading and most importantly their engagement and positivity. A special well done to our Year 6 pupils who had one of three books to choose from: Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell, Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman and Oliver Twist, retold from Charles Dickens' original. Our Year 6 pupils committed to reading the equivalent of a chapter a day and I am delighted to say that many of them met the challenge with a core group of enthusiastic and dedicated readers completing the book during the holidays and more in the first week back.

A reminder that this term our Year 6 pupils will be taking their SATs. This is the first time in two years as SATS were suspended during lockdown. SATs will take place during the week beginning 9th May 2022. There is a video on the school website with further information. Miss Devlin will also be holding a drop in session for any parents/carers who may have any additional questions after watching the video. This session will take place in 6D's classroom, at 3:30pm on Thursday 5th May 2022. Please ask your child to bring you to the classroom if you would like to 'drop in'. Parents/carers in Year 5 will also find the video useful as much of the information will apply to their child next year.



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You can find the Year 6 SATs video on our website in the Learning Section (Year 6 Information for Parents): Please click here to view the Year 6 SATs video

### (Arrival times:

Please note that the video states that we would like children to be in school by 8:40am to prepare for the day. The official start time is 8:50am and children must be in school by this time.)

Mrs Akhtar (Operations and HR Manager) has moved to another job within The Elliot Foundation. I would like to thank Mrs Akhtar for her hard work and commitment. Little did we know that when we appointed Mrs Akhtar we would be heading towards two years of disruption with Covid-19 and two significant periods of school closures for pupils. As lead for HR, Mrs Akhtar did a tremendous job in supporting staff during difficult times and this had a huge and positive impact on our work with the children. We learnt a lot and quickly! We are delighted Mrs Akhtar remains as a parent in our school community and look forward to catching up with her news. Following interviews, from a strong pool of candidates, we are in the process of confirming the new appointment of our Office and HR Manager and we will update parents soon.

Best wishes,

Ann Bowen-Drestin

Ann Bowen-Breslin Principal

Reminder: We are now in Week 2 of the trial and will continue with these arrival and dismissal times for a third week (Tuesday 3rd May to Friday 6th May 2022.) Arrival and Dismissal

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

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	

### Arrival and dismissal times as published

(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. However, 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	Nursery students have different times for arrival and dismissal depending on the sessions that they attend.			
	Morning session: 8.35 am to 11.45am. Parents can pick up from 11.30 am. Afternoon session: 12.15pm to 3.00pm. Full time: 8.35 am to 3.00 pm			

### Calling your child from outside the school gate

At home time, please do not call your child to you by standing at 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.