



Dear Parents / Guardians

Welcome to the last newsletter of the year, although it is the first we have been able to produce for many months! Whilst we have remained open throughout 'lockdown' for pupils of Key Workers and specified year groups, school has been a very quiet place for many months. We are delighted to be welcoming all children back in September although a 'new normal' will begin. We have outlined briefly some important information in this newsletter but you will be receiving more correspondence before we close for the holidays on Wednesday, 15th July. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for all the work you and your children have undertaken since March and hope that you all enjoy a well-earned break from home schooling until September.

After such a strange end to our academic year it is with great sadness and regret that we have been unable to say goodbye to children who are leaving our school. Firstly Nursery children who are graduating to 'big school'. We hope that your time with us has given you a good start to your school life and we wish you luck in your new school.

Secondly-Y6 It's a very emotional goodbye in so many ways as you've missed so many of the special things we always do together before you leave. We are hoping to catch up with you all individually, from a distance next week to say goodbye, in person. We wish you good luck in your new schools and hope you come back to see us soon.

Dates for Your Diary 2020/2021

2 nd Sep	School opens
23 rd Oct	School closes for half term holidays
2 nd Nov	School opens
18 th Dec	School closes for Christmas break
4 th Jan	School opens
12 th Feb	School closes for half term holidays
22 nd Feb	School opens
26 th March	School closes for Easter Break
12 April	School opens
3 rd May	Bank Holiday
28 th May	School closes for half term holidays
14 th June	School opens
19 th July	School closes for summer break

Farewell

We would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to Mrs Leeming who left us at the start of lockdown to move home, to be with her family in Yorkshire. We would like to thank her for her hard work over the last 17 years, supporting lots of pupils in their learning and we wish her good luck in her career in retail. We also wish to bid a fond farewell and a huge thank you to Mrs Home, who has worked as a teaching assistant at our school for 16 years. She has supported many children over the years and we would like to wish her a long and happy retirement.

Summer Free School Meal Vouchers

If you are eligible for benefit related free school meals you will again receive vouchers during the holidays. They will be distributed by Edenred to the main email address we hold for you.

Fruit

Unfortunately the government have stopped their 'fruit for schools' scheme which provided free fruit for pupils. Therefore if you wish to send a fruit snack for your child at break times please do so prepared in a named, reusable box. Please ensure grapes are cut in half length ways and that children can peel oranges /open bags etc.

School Meals

Any changes to lunch arrangements should be emailed to sdougherty@hpoolholytrinity.org.uk before Wednesday, 15th July 2020. Starting September 2020 school meals will remain the same price of £2.05 per day, i.e. £10.25 per week and payments are to be made via parent pay. If payment is not received within the week then you may be asked to provide your child with a packed lunch.

Seaton Crew

Seaton Crew will hopefully be up and running week beginning 7th September. Due to Covid social distancing rules all pupils will have to start /finish at specified times as parents are unable to come into the entrance and use the walkie talkies. There will be a 7.30am -7.40 pm slot for Breakfast drop off and 5.20pm-5.30pm pick up slot from Afterschool childcare. A letter detailing further information about Seaton Crew will be emailed to parents.

Bags, Hats and Water Bottles

Bags, hats and water bottles are available to order via ParentPay and will be delivered direct to pupils on their return to school after the summer holidays. There has been an increase in price by the supplier for all bags and they are now £3.50 each.

Can I please remind you that pupils should not have backpacks, satchel type or branded bags for school as we do not have the space to house them. The bags which we have on sale are a suitable size which can easily be accommodated in trays or cloakrooms. Pupils do not need pencil cases or resources as all are provided by school.

Residential Visits

We are still seeking clarity regarding residential visits which are scheduled to take place in the next academic year. We believe there may be a few options available, e.g. rescheduling visits or cancellation & refund etc. however, we are unable to arrange or discuss options at the present time. We will contact our providers again on our return in September when hopefully they will be able to offer options based on the government guidance at that time.

Minor Injuries / Broken Bones

If your child has an injury which requires strapping, bandage, cast or just resting resulting in them not being able to do normal activities throughout the school day, then it is necessary for us to carry out a risk assessment of your child's injury prior to them entering the school. In such circumstances please make an appointment with the school office and your child will be assessed by a member of staff and the appropriate paperwork completed to enable your child's safety during the school day. Please note attendance at the school office currently is by appointment only. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Medication

Medication, such as inhalers etc., which were left at school are currently being collected at the office by appointment only. If your child has medication in school and you have not arranged collection please do so before Wednesday, 15th July. Medication, if still required after the holidays, should be returned to school with your child on their first day back, in a clearly labelled bag. It will also be necessary to complete a medicine consent form which is available to download from our school website. Please complete this form and return it by email on your child's return to school. Any child requiring school to administer any new medication should contact the school office to arrange an appointment to drop off the medication and also complete and email a medicine consent form as detailed above. Please note visits to the school office are currently by appointment only.

Absences

On our return back to school in September it is mandatory that children of school age attend school. Our School Attendance Officer will closely be monitoring school attendance.

Can I remind all parents of our school policy for reporting absences. **School should be contacted before 10am on the day** of a child's absence and a detailed reason should be provided. "Not well" or "poorly" is insufficient information as the illness maybe infectious, notifiable or have medical implications for other pupils and staff. On your child's return to school they will **also need a letter emailing to admin@hpoolholytrinity.org.uk** detailing the dates and reason for absence. We will send a reminder by text if an email is not received, however if we still **do not receive this within 7 days the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.**

Once the absence is recorded it cannot be amended unless in exceptional circumstances. If your child has an appointment we require a copy via email of the appointment card or letter in order to record the appropriate mark. If this is not produced then it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence in the register. Can I also remind parents that we do not have holiday request forms and that any requests should be made in writing by email, addressed to the Chair of the Academy Council. The letter should give full details and reasons for holidays in term time. **Holiday requests/leave of absence should be made at least 4 weeks in advance** in order to process. All holidays are recorded as unauthorised absence. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

COVID 19 Symptoms

Children developing Covid 19 symptoms should follow the current government guidelines put in place by Public health England.Gov.UK. You will need to take your child for a test at a National test Centre and register for track and trace. Public Health England will advise school of your test.

School Uniform

Our school dress/uniform is as follows:

Summer Uniform

- Red sweatshirt/cardigan
- White polo shirt
- Grey tailored shorts/culottes
- Red gingham dresses

Winter uniform

- Red sweatshirt /cardigan
- White polo shirt
- Grey trousers/skirt /pinafore – Minimum length for skirts is knee length and not shorter. (Shorts are not to be worn underneath skirts or pinafores, tights can be worn)

Footwear – Winter/Summer

- Black school shoes (plain)
- Black sandals (Summer)
- Black, plain, leather boots (Winter only)
- Plain Black trainers
- No suede shoes/boots
- No boots with coloured designs
- No UGG type boots
- No chunky/Dr Marten type boots/shoes

Please note all school footwear including shoes, boots and trainers must not have any coloured or shaded patterns, logos, stripes or sparkles on them.

Socks

Socks are to be plain white grey or black (no lace or frills)

Tights are to be grey, black or red

PE Kits

PE Kits will need to remain at home for at least the first half term in line with government guidance. PE sessions will be outside so outdoor PE kits will be essential. On the day that your child has PE they will come to school with their PE Kits on and remain wearing them for the whole day. You will receive further information on a separate letter.

Indoor PE kit (to be kept in a drawstring bag – available to purchase from ParentPay)

- Black shorts
- White T-shirt
- Black plimsolls

All pupils also need-

Outdoor PE Kit (to be kept in a drawstring bag - available to purchase from ParentPay)

- Plain black jogging bottoms
- Plain black sweatshirt (**not hoodie**)

- Plain black or white trainers
Please no Lycra leggings or branded sportswear (eg Adidas stripes)

Please make sure all clothing is clearly marked with your child's name

School operates a **no** jewellery policy:

- No earrings/No watches/No rings/No necklaces.

Children should **not wear**:

- Nail varnish/transfers/make up/spray or false tan for school.

If you are considering getting your Child's ears pierced please do so at the start of the 6 weeks holidays so they can be removed at the start of the new school term. If your child comes to school with earrings in you will be asked to come into school to remove them as staff cannot remove earrings from children's ears.

Hair: For ALL pupils

If hair is worn long (below shoulder length), it must be tied up or back, for hygiene reasons.

Outrageous and inappropriate hairstyles are not appropriate for school, for example:

- head shaven at one side,
- shaved parting and longer hair on top and over to one side- skin fade
- mohawks
- tramlines
- rats tails
- spikes
- shapes
- Perms
- colours, bleach and hairstyles created by gel/wax