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Dear Parents/Carers,

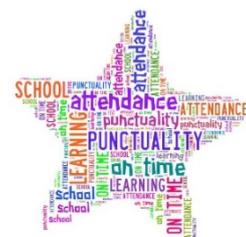
Dates for Diary 2021

Friday 28th May – Last Day of Summer Term 5
Monday 7th June - Return to school – First Day of Summer Term 6
Monday 7th June – Braiswick Photographers – class photos only – no siblings
Monday 19th July – Last Day of School – Celebration Day

Attendance

Our attendance is currently 94.4% from September 2020.

There has been self-isolation and other circumstances to consider this year. We would like to say thank you to all of those parents who have brought their children to school, everyday and on time, when they were able to!



Also, thank you for keeping everyone safe and ensuring that the PCR home or mobile testing unit site Covid tests are done when your child shows symptoms of Covid. A letter was sent out via email this week to explain about testing, as some parents have been confused about LFT and PCR tests.

The Lateral Flow Tests that are done at home, in 30 minutes, are to test for anyone who may be asymptomatic (not showing symptoms). Only the PCR tests results will be accepted by school, when you receive your confirmation from the NHS via text or email. Please wait for school to email you back to say that we have received your notification and your child can return to school.

There have been more children with seasonal colds and coughs recently, however, we cannot distinguish between these coughs and a potential Covid cough, so Covid tests have to be actioned.

There have been some positive cases in local schools, with class bubbles self-isolating. We want to minimise any disruption to the children's learning and your need to self-isolate as families.

Please do not be complacent and think Covid has gone away. Some adults have not had their first vaccination yet and could potentially still be at risk. Many others are still being very careful.

Thank you for keeping our school as safe as it can be, to keep the class bubbles open and your children educated at this difficult time.

Pupil Voice

This term the children have been sharing their views and opinions about reading, writing and their general thoughts about school. They have given suggestions on what we can do to improve things when needed and spoke well about their learning. We would appreciate your feedback too - please fill out the Ofsted

Parent Questionnaire format attached. Some good advice was given from a Year 5 pupil she said, "I use to be on stage readers and with perseverance the other pupils will get there and become a free reader, like me." Please keep practising your reading at home as much as possible, you will get better and better with practise.

Thank you



A big thank you to the local Police, who dropped off bunny "Kit Kats" for our pupils to enjoy as a treat at snack time! Sewaday have also dropped off some charity items which Miss Parish, our Family Community Officer will distribute.



PC Beat Officer

The PC Beat Officer has been talking to the Year 6 children about many safeguarding issues that seem to have escalated more recently, as a nation. This is so that the children are aware about how they and others should behave and how they can protect themselves by telling a trusted adult.

As we are aware, during the Covid Pandemic and Lockdowns, everyone has relied more on technology, the internet, phones and people need to communicate and connect. The need to safeguard your child online has further increased, if unsupervised or not accessing sites and APPS without parental controls, children could be in great danger of online grooming or coercion. Some children may have APPS and accounts for social media, when they should be a certain, older age. Tik Tok, especially, is causing a great concern encouraging and promoting children to do unsafe things.

Once the child clicks on a link, many images are gone in a flash, for example on SnapChat, but the damage is already done when a child has seen something they should not. Please, please, please put parental controls in place. Our school website has links to help you: <https://hesterswayprimaryschool.co.uk/home-learning/#OnlineSafety>

This is also a useful site: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

The image displays a grid of 30 social media and gaming app icons, each with its name, age rating, and a brief description. The apps are arranged in four rows and ten columns. The age ratings are: 12+, 13+, 3, 3+, 8+, 7+, 16+, and 13+.

- FORTNITE** (12+): Battle royale game where players fight to be the last one standing.
- Clash Royale** (13+): Clash Royale is a game where players can chat, build communities and battle each other.
- CSR Racing** (13+): CSR Racing is a car racing game where you can buy and upgrade cars and race your opponent.
- Discord** (13+): Discord is a voice and text app, designed for gamers. Users can chat if they accept follow requests.
- Disney Club Penguin Island** (3): Club Penguin is a multiplayer game where you can explore a virtual world and chat to others.
- Friv** (3+): Friv is a gaming platform that offers a wide variety of games to play, for free.
- Google Hangouts** (13+): Google Hangouts is a computer programme and app that lets you video call, phone or message others.
- Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas** (13+): Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas is a video game following and directing the central character, Carl.
- Instagram** (13+): Instagram is a picture and video sharing app to post content and use hashtags.
- Kik** (13+): Kik is an instant messaging app which lets you share messages, photos and other content.
- Dubsmash** (13+): Dubsmash is an app to create and share your own music videos with famous sounds and quotes.
- Episode** (13+): Episode: Choose Your Story app is a storytelling platform to create and share characters and stories.
- Facebook & Messenger** (13+): Facebook and Messenger is a social network to create a page about yourself and talk to others.
- FaceTime** (13+): FaceTime allows you to make video and audio calls from your Apple devices using the internet.
- FIFA Football** (13+): FIFA Football is a gaming app where you can build and manage your own football team.
- Minecraft: Pocket Edition** (13+): Minecraft is a game that lets you create a virtual world using building blocks and chat to others.
- Miniclip** (13+): Miniclip is a gaming website that hosts games; used on social networks and online gaming platforms.
- MovieStarPlanet** (8+): MovieStarPlanet is an online game where you create a famous movie avatar character to talk to others.
- Omigle** (13+): Omigle randomly connects you to someone for a one-to-one audio or video conversation.
- Pinterest** (13+): Pinterest is an interactive pin board, for collections of your own and others' images.
- Pokémon GO** (13+): Pokémon GO allows you to find Pokémon using a map based on where you are (in real life).
- PopJam** (7+): PopJam is a creative app and website where you can create and share art and take quizzes.
- Reddit** (13+): Reddit is a community-based forum where people write posts covering different topics.
- Roblox** (7+): Roblox is a game where you create your own games, play others' games and chat with others.
- Sarahah** (13+): Sarahah is a website where you can send anonymous comments and feedback to other users.
- Tumblr** (13+): Tumblr is a social network that lets you share photos, videos, text, links, and other content.
- Twitch** (13+): Twitch is a live video game site to watch playbacks of games, live stream your own and chat to others.
- Twitter** (13+): Twitter lets you post public messages, or 'tweets', send private messages and post pictures/videos.
- Viber** (13+): Viber lets you text, call, share photos and send video messages to people worldwide.
- Wattpad** (13+): Wattpad is a storytelling app where you can create, read, learn to write and share stories.
- Score! Hero** (13+): Score! Hero is a gaming app where you work your way up to over 580 levels by playing football.
- Skype** (13+): Skype lets you send instant messages and make audio and video calls to others around the world.
- Snapchat** (13+): Snapchat lets you send messages or 'snaps' to contacts, which appear for up to 10 seconds.
- SoundCloud** (13+): SoundCloud is an app that lets you find music, news and other content you're interested in.
- Steam** (13+): Steam is an entertainment platform which lets you play games, create, and chat to other members.
- WhatsApp** (16+): WhatsApp is an instant messaging app. You can send messages/images/videos/location in one to one and groups.
- YouTube** (13+): YouTube allows you to watch, create and comment on videos on a public profile.
- Yubo** (13+): Yubo is an app where you can connect and chat to people. You can video chat and watch live videos.

Curriculum Term 6

This term the children will be taught the foundation subjects of art, geography, modern foreign languages (Y3-Y6) and music, in their afternoon sessions. Classes will have forest school sessions and the teachers will send a text when your child will need a change of clothing. A class newsletter will also be sent out.

This is our intended curriculum overview for the term. The timetable also includes:

- Phonics Rec-Y2 daily teach; Y3 Phonics teach/intervention where needed
- Reading whole class reading (WCR) and Reading for Pleasure (RfP) timetabled
- Writing daily
- Maths daily; Number-sense timetabled

Subjects taught weekly:

- Science
- Sports/PE/Outdoor Activities
- PSHE

Rather than having a "Sports Day" this year, we will be having an "Olympic" style sports week, where class bubbles will enjoy their races, on the field in turn, and we will celebrate everyone's achievements, at the end of the week. We have decided this year, as there should still be no visitors, other than essential and no on site school spectators, that this will be for the pupils only. Our Sports Lead, Mrs Godzisz will share photos online, where permitted. Our Catering Manager, is planning to cook up some Japanese tasting dishes for the children, as this year the Olympics is based in Tokyo.

Sports

Mrs Godzisz has been leading circuit style PE sessions in the hall, whilst the weather has not allowed the children to be outside. The children have been brilliant doing their "Desk to Daily Mile" and the scooters are a great hit! There are also paddle boards for use in the hall, which are great fun!



School Meal Menus

Menus are emailed out to parents weekly and are also posted at the bottom of our home page on the school website: <https://hesterswayprimaryschool.co.uk/>

Phone Lines and the Internet

Thank you for your patience, if you have tried to contact us recently, as our phone line had some faults, which BT engineers seem to have sorted out now. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Please Check Emails

Letters and information are sent out via email now. Please can you regularly check any school communication. If your contact details need updating please contact the school office. We should have two parent/carers details in school for emergencies.

Collection Times – Term 6 (Return to School Gate times WC 07.06.21)

	Gate/Entry time	Gate/Leave
Reception	8.45am Milne Walk	3.00pm Milne Walk
Year 1	8.50am Milne Walk	2.50pm Milne Walk
Year 2	9.00am Milne Walk	2.40pm Milne Walk
Year 3	8.45am Village Road	2.45pm Village Road
Year 4	8.50am Village Road	2.50pm Village Road
Year 5	8.55am Village Road	2.55pm Village Road
Year 6	9.00am Village Road	3.00pm Village Road

After talking to parents and feedback from staff there are issues specifically with the Year 1 parent/carer collection times. So we have spaced out the times more at the end of the day. We may need to change the mornings too, if people do not keep to their collection times.

Please can we remind you:

- Only one parent/carer to bring/collect in the line and at the gate
- Line up at the correct time for your child
- Wear a mask
- Socially distance 1-2 metres
- Come up Milne walk and out via Lipson Road – use the one way system
- Do not come in via Lipson Road
- The parent/carer arrives at the gate and their child goes, in a moving line
- No dogs in the line

Our neighbours have been so patient, please respect our local community.

Social Distancing

Please, please, please can parents and carers line up at the correct times. Some people are arriving much too early and then other parents have to walk passed them. There have also been reports of a few not even lining up but walking past everyone, to get to the front of the queue, only to have to wait for a later collection time. Please respect others and do not bring dogs into the school line with young children around.



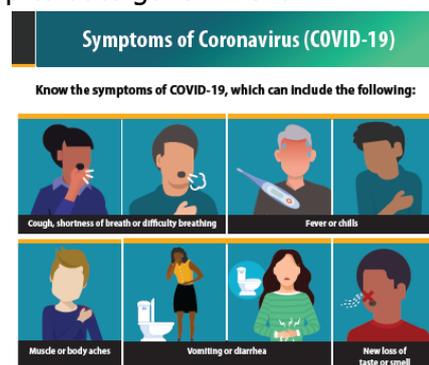
Anyone standing in the line could be asymptomatic, not showing signs of Covid but could have it. The school risk assessment has not changed, as per government guidance and whilst measures are easing in the community, visitors or those who cannot socially distance must still wear a mask. Covid social distancing wardens are patrolling areas and speaking to members of the public to ensure that everyone is kept as safe as possible. A Public Health letter went out via email this week for all schools.

Travelling Abroad

Please can we ask that anyone travelling out of the country, checks the most up to date government guidance around self-isolating, before returning to school. This is changing all the time: <https://www.gov.uk/uk-border-control/self-isolating-when-you-arrive>. Please email the school office admin@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk or lgreen@hestersway.gloucs.sch to let them know when you have returned to the UK and when your child intends to return to school. This is so that we know your child is safe with you and the measures have been followed.

Covid-19 Symptoms

If any child or family member has the Covid-19 symptoms, please continue to test if they have:



a high temperature, hot to the touch on chest or back - no need to measure temperature
a new, continuous cough
a loss, or change in sense of smell or taste

Getting a Test and Self-Isolating

If your child or any member of the household is showing any symptoms call 119 or visit the 119 website to book to attend a GCC mobile testing site or get a home testing kit. Please self-isolate the household until the test results are negative or for 10 days or until well. We have school/home PCR tests at the moment, for pupils with symptoms, which are returning in 1-2 days. The mobile testing sites are super quick too.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/covid-19-information-and-advice/mobile-testing-unit-locations/>

You can order Lateral Flow or Rapid Antigen Tests for your child and family to do, however this is your choice and responsibility. If you have symptoms or if the LFT result is positive you have to book a Covid test through 119 and self-isolate the household and support bubble. If two voids, with no control line, a Covid test must be booked. <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

We hope that you get to enjoy some family time over the half term break.

Stay safe!

With kindest regards, Miss Kirsti Ashman and the HWPS Team.

