

We hope you all had an enjoyable half term.

COVID-19 Testing - Lateral Flow Device Tests

If your child has symptoms of Coronavirus, we are unable to accept a negative lateral flow test as evidence of them not having the virus. Public Health England require the result of a PCR test so we must have the result of a negative PCR test before your child can return to school.

Therefore, if your child or a member of your household displays symptoms of Coronavirus, you must self-isolate with your household immediately and book a PCR test. Once this test result has been confirmed, if negative, your child or children can return to school straight away. If positive, you must follow the Government rules for self-isolation.

The intended use of lateral flow tests is for asymptomatic testing in adults and not for when someone is displaying symptoms. The NHS do not advise children to take lateral flow tests.

Reporting Illnesses – Details of symptoms must be given

Could we please kindly ask that, when you are reporting an absence for your child due to illness, ***the full symptoms of the illness are provided***. We are then able to record the illness absence correctly, and are able to identify common illnesses in a particular class or year group. Please see and follow the COVID-19 Symptoms Protocols circulated on September 9th should your child display any of the COVID-19 symptoms. We appreciate your cooperation and support in this matter.

Any absences have to be reported to the school no later than 9am. ***An absence MUST be reported every day until your child returns to school, even if this is a continued absence.*** This ensures we can follow our Safeguarding procedures.

Change of Collection

Should you have a change in collection and the person collecting is not on your authorised list, an email is sent to admin@hayes-pri.bromley.sch.uk **before midday** on the day of collection. This is to ensure the message is received and acknowledged by class teacher before the end of the school day.

Hayfever and sunny weather

If your child suffers from hayfever, could you please ensure that antihistamine medication is given to your child before coming into school in the morning. This will ensure your child is protected, will prevent symptoms from developing, and they will therefore be able to focus and concentrate in class.

Due to the fact that the children are using the outside areas throughout the day, please ensure that, before your child comes to school, you:

- Apply long-lasting, high factor sunscreen, especially to their face and neck;
- Provide a sunhat that protects their head, face and neck;
- Provide a water bottle.

Riding scooters and bikes on the one-way system

We have noticed that some children are riding their bikes or scooters when travelling around the one-way system on the school site. Please can we ask that when entering the school grounds, your child dismounts from their scooter or bike and walks with it.

Dogs not permitted on school site

Please be reminded that dogs are not permitted on the school site. Therefore, please refrain from bringing dogs onto the school premises, this includes dogs that are carried, or are in carriers. Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Face Coverings

To help protect everyone, please wear a face covering on the school site unless you are exempt from wearing one.

Morning staggered drop off times

To minimise the number of children and adults walking around the school site, we have staggered drop off times. The only exception to this is if you have another child or children with an earlier drop off slot. You are then able to drop all your children off in this earlier slot.

There seems to be a lot of children arriving at school earlier than their scheduled drop off time when they do not have a sibling with an earlier drop off. This is reducing the impact that a staggered start time is intended to have. Please adhere to your child's drop off as follows:

EYFS, Y2 and Y6 08:40 – 08:50

Y1 and Y4 08:55 – 09:05

Y3 and Y5 09:10 – 09:20

Message from Mr Vitarana—I would like to remind all parents to use the one way system for coming on the school site and when leaving at the end of the day. We have noticed that some parents have left the school site via the back gate at the top of the field. ***This is not permitted.***

Nut Free school

Please be reminded that we are a nut-free school and this includes pesto. Please refrain from including nut-based foods in your child's packed lunch.

School Office is currently closed

The main School Reception is currently closed, and therefore we are not able to accept forgotten items.

Therefore, please ensure your child has all of their belongings with them when they come into school in the morning.

When contacting the school office via email, if you could please provide the full name of your child and their class, this would be really appreciated. This will assist us in forwarding and responding to your request more effectively. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

PE Kits

Children should wear their PE kits into school on the day of their PE lessons. Please see the below:

Monday – EYFS, Year 3 and Year 6

Tuesday – Year 2

Wednesday – Year 5

Thursday – Year 1

Friday – Year 4

Pencil Cases

Please be reminded that your child's pencil case should include the following items. If you could please keep your child's pencil case topped-up, that would be really appreciated.

- 2 x HB pencils
- A **white** rubber
- A pencil sharpener that collects shavings
- 2 x black dry-wipe whiteboard pens (thin nib)
- Colouring pencils
- **White** glue stick
- A red biro (not gel pen)

- A green biro (not gel pen)
- A Swäsh KOMFGRIIP blue handwriting pen (available on Amazon)

PTA Uniform Hut

The PTA Uniform Hut will be open on Monday mornings (at drop off) and at other times on an adhoc basis subject to volunteer availability.

The PTA desperately needs volunteers who can spare an hour a week to help in the uniform hut. If you can help, please email clewis@hayes-pri.bromley.sch.uk.

PTA Volunteers Gardening Projects

The PTA are seeking volunteers to help out with the gardening projects on an ad hoc basis. If you would like to help with the outdoor spaces, please email clewis@hayes-pri.bromley.sch.uk

ParentPay PTA Donations

Our fabulous school PTA welcome donations to fund school supplies for our children, including renovating our outside areas, and providing much needed cleaning equipment. All donations go directly to helping every single child at Hayes Primary School. Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated, and throughout the year the PTA will let you know what your contributions have paid for. PTA Donations are now available on ParentPay with a minimum donation amount of £2. As always, your continued support is really appreciated.

BYMT Music Lessons

Music Lessons are available to all children in KS2. The BYMT application can be found on our school website. If you would like your child to have music lessons, please complete the application form and return to school by email to admin@hayes-pri.bromley.sch.uk

We will then forward these on to BYMT who will contact you directly.

BYMT Summer Schools

The BYMT are running some Summer schools during July and August – International Piano School, Musical Theatre and various Beginner Classes in wind instruments, strings, percussion and keyboard/ukulele – please see the attached flyer for more details.

Upcoming Dates and Events

The PTA are selling Ice creams and Ice lollies every Friday after school from the PTA Uniform Hut – see attached Flyer.

Please see details attached for a Free Webinar on Wednesday 16th June from the Dyslexia Association.

Thursday 24 June—Year 6 Trip to the Cinema

Friday 25 June—Year 5 Visit from the History Man

Please note the date of Sunday 18th July 2021 from 12pm in your diaries – HPS PTA Summer Picnic to be held in the school grounds – Bar/Music/Family Fun – see attached flyer.

Sports Days – further details to follow in due course

Option 1 – Should “bubble” restrictions still be in place

Tuesday 20 July – EYFS 9.30-10.15, Yr1 10.15-11.30 and Yr2 1.30- 2.15

Wednesday 21 July – Yr3 9.30-10.30, Yr4 11-12,

Thursday 22 July – Yr5 9.30-10.30 and Yr6 11-12.

Option 2 – No “bubble” restrictions

Tuesday 20 July – EYFS, Yr1 and Yr2 - 9.30-11.00

Wednesday 21 July – Yr3/4 - 9.30-11.00 and Yr5/6 – 1.30-3.00

And finally, please join us in saying Goodbye to Mrs Clutterbuck, one of our valued Admin Team, who is leaving HPS today. It is with much sadness that we will see her go, but she is following her dreams in a new career in the NHS. Good luck Amanda!