



Holly Hill
Church School

Life in all its Fullness

14th July 2020

Dear Families

It is finally wonderful to be able to welcome you to Holly Hill Reception class in September. We are all looking forward to creating wonderful memories with your children.

I anticipate some of you may be anxious about your children starting school during these very strange times (and some of you may be delighted). Being a mother, and Grandmother myself, I hope that I have anticipated some of your worries and am able to reassure you as much as I can that our approach is one of sensible measures to protect children and staff and yet be able to provide the love and care that your children need in school.

Our approach focusses on hygiene (hand washing/catch it; bin it; kill it) and minimising contact between classes.

Children will be in their new classes as they would be normally though they will sit in smaller groups. They will share all common resources in their class but keep their own pencil (as this often goes in their mouth).

Cleaning will be enhanced in the classrooms and around school. Our updated detailed risk assessment is available on the website. As the Government guidance changes, so will our approach and we will keep you up to date at each point.

In the coming year our intention is to deliver a full and ambitious curriculum. We know that most of our children may have missed time at nursery and we aim to ensure that as much of that learning as possible is caught up by the end of the year.

Our first week and a half back will focus on the children's well-being and settling in to school life. We will be doing lots of lovely activities and will ensure that teachers can take time to get to know each and every child.

Unfortunately, we are not running breakfast club in September as this would mean mixing children from different bubbles so instead we will be ensuring there is toast available for all children on arrival in their class. School will provide this free of charge.



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This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment

As you can appreciate, the way we can communicate safely will be slightly different until Government guidance changes. For the time being, visitors inside the building will be restricted. You will be required to social distance whilst on the premises and to move through the one-way system promptly once you have seen your child in safely.

Mr Carr (Deputy Head), Kate Jones (Assistant Head) and myself will be available for any questions, worries and compliments when you arrive at school and at the end of the day. This is to ensure that we can keep time at classroom doors to a minimum. If teachers need to speak to you for any reason they will email or telephone you. If you need to speak to your teacher the same applies, either email them direct (details in booklet) or request a phonecall via the office.

Please prepare your children as well as you can for their start of school and ensure your child has listened to their teacher reading them a story about starting school and reading the enclosed booklet.

That just leaves me to wish you a safe and joyful summer and I look forward to seeing you in September.

God Bless

Charlotte Taylor
Headteacher

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