

Welcome to Nursery



September 2020

Our vision: 'Life in All its Fullness' (John 10.10) and our Christian Values are the foundations to affect change from within the heart of the community.

Children are encouraged to develop strong aspirations *educationally, socially, morally* and *spiritually* with a desire to make a positive difference in the world.

Our Values



Returning to School

We understand that sending your children back into school can generate some anxieties. We want to reassure you that, as always, we will do our best to look after your children.

We have been very busy working to make school a safer place for the children and have used the government guidance in the preparations we have made to **fully** open school to **all** children.

We have provided some key information for you in this booklet so that both you and your child can be ready to return to school this September.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We are looking forward to seeing you soon.

Start and End of day

To help reduce the number of people on the playground, we are staggering the beginning and end of day for different year groups.

	Arrival time	Collection time
Nursery and Reception	9:00-9:15	3:00-3:15
Year One and Year Two	8:45-9:00	3:10-3:20

Only one parent/ carer per child will be allowed onto the school premises.
Please observe the 2 metre social distance rules at all times.

Nursery children will enter school via the **Nursery** gate.

You will wait in a line outside the gate, just like at the supermarkets, using the floor markers as a social-distancing guide.

We are operating a **one-way system**, so please make your way up the path, drop your child at the Nursery and then leave through the gate near the Children's Centre.

At the end of the day, children can be collected from Nursery.

Please stand well clear of the door and wait for your child to come out to you.

Children are expected to arrive and be collected during their designated time slot.

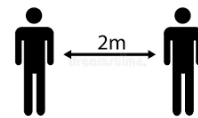
If children arrive, or are collected late, parents must report to the school office.

Contact with Staff

To keep everybody safe, it will not be possible to talk at length to your child's teacher on the door at the start or end of each day.

If you need to speak to an adult in school, please do so via telephone: 0121 675 8700 or you can email your child's class teacher directly.
Mrs Upton, Nursery: nursery@hollyhill.bham.sch.uk

If you need to speak to the office staff, we will operate a one-in-one-out system in the office reception area at the front of school. Please observe social distancing whilst waiting and gel your hands before entering.



‘Bubbles’

In line with government guidance and to help aid social distancing:

Children will be kept in a class ‘bubble’ wherever possible throughout the day, although they may pass other ‘bubbles’ briefly, if moving around school. The move around school will be kept to a minimum.

The children will use their own stationery (provided by school) throughout the day. When not in use, these items will be kept in the child's own drawer.

Other resources, such as building blocks, will be cleaned regularly and not shared with children in other bubbles.

Children will only need to bring a coat, book bag and PE kit in to school. All toys, etc should be left at home.

Washing Hands

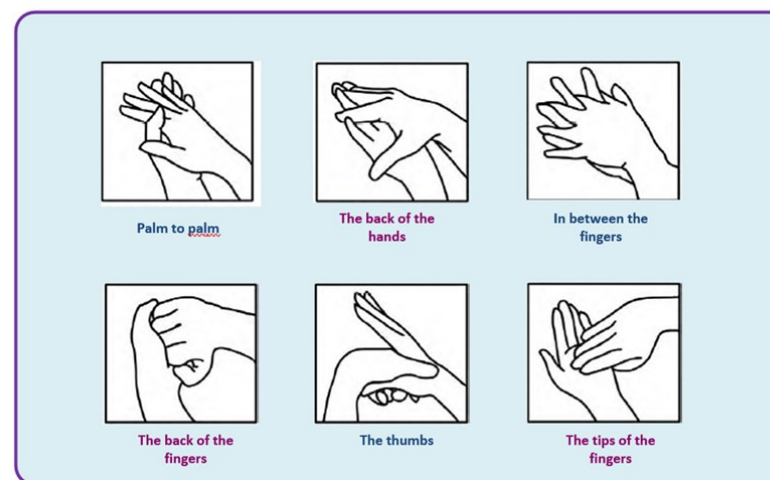
Hand sanitizers will be available in every classroom and in key locations around the school.

Staff and children will wash their hands upon entry to and exit from the school.

Children will also have access to warm water and soap to wash their hands regularly during the day, particularly before and after playtimes and lunchtimes.

It would be helpful if you could check and ensure that your child knows how to wash their hands effectively.

The 6 Steps of Hand Washing



Cleaning

All toilets and other areas that are used are regularly cleaned during the day.

Once children and staff have left for the day, a team of cleaners will ensure that all areas that have been used are thoroughly cleaned.



First Aid and Intimate Care

First aiders, if required, will treat injuries wearing appropriate PPE.

Staff members, who support children requiring intimate care (i.e. children who soil themselves), will wear PPE when carrying out this duty.

If a child becomes unwell in school and shows any symptoms of COVID 19 they will be wait in the isolation room until their parent or carer arrives to take them home.

Therefore, it is really important that we have up to date contact numbers for parents so that we can contact you if your child is taken ill.

The child will only be allowed back into school once they have been tested for COVID 19 and has completed the necessary isolation period.

The same will apply to any staff member developing symptoms.

If your child is sent home, you will be given further guidance on how to access testing, etc, when you collect them.

If school becomes aware that someone who has attended school has tested positive, we will contact the local Health Protection Team and will follow the advice given by them.



Uniform

On returning to school, **all** children will be expected to wear **full** uniform.

Our school uniform consists of:



PURPLE: purple and white check dresses, polo shirts, sweatshirts/
sweat cardigans with official logo

WHITE: shirts, blouses, polo shirts, socks, tights

GREY: skirts, pinafore dresses, trousers, shorts, socks, tights

BLACK: shoes

Could you please also ensure that **all** uniform (including coats and P.E. kits) are labelled (as there are 232 children in school with the same clothes) This makes it a lot easier for us to return them to you if they go astray.

Sweatshirts and Cardigans with the school logo, can be purchased from Colliers or Kids Essentials in Northfield.

Colliers' School Uniforms
No 1 Chatham Road
Northfield
Birmingham
B31 2PH

Kids Essentials
762 Bristol Road South
Northfield
Birmingham
B31 2NN

Reading

Reading is at the heart of everything we do here at Holly Hill and we want to help create a world where everyone is reading their way to a better life.

Research shows that reading for pleasure can:

- promote better health and wellbeing,
- helps build social connections and relationships with others
- helps children access other areas in their learning
- creates more possibilities for future lives and achievements.

*Reading **every day** has a huge impact on your child's ability to read well. Sharing books, stories and rhymes at an early age will instill a passion for reading and a love of books. It will prepare them for when they are ready to learn to read for themselves.*



All children should have a book bag. Please make sure that your child's book bag is in school **everyday**.

Sending home regular letters is one of the many ways we communicate with you, so please make sure you check it daily.

Life in Nursery...

The Nursery Team

- Mr Carr—EYFS Leader
- Mrs Upton — Class Teacher
- Mrs Andrews — Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Hood— Teaching Assistant

Beginning Nursery

Nursery is an introduction to life here at Holly Hill.

This is a great opportunity for parents and families to understand how to best support their child during their exciting journey into learning.

During the day, your child will experience lots of new and exciting activities and will be learning lots of new vocabulary.

Please encourage your child to talk about their day, ask them lots of questions about what they have done, their friends and things that they would like to carry on learning about at home.

We love to hear about the amazing things that you have been doing to support your child's learning outside of school, so please share your 'WOW' moments with us!

Learning in Nursery

We are all amazing!



Nursery, Autumn 1

Big Questions

Who am I?

What makes me special?

Who is in my family?

My Journey

- To talk about myself and things I like.
- To talk about where I live.
- To take turns and share.
- To talk about my feelings.
- To find out about Harvest.
- To understand the importance of sharing.
- To know that I am part of a bigger family and community.
- To know that our school is a Church school.
- To sing nursery rhymes.
- To explore different materials.

Key Vocabulary

Me, family, mummy, daddy, brother, sister, feelings, share, take turns, school, church, Christian, explore, materials, friend, lost, Harvest, story, nursery rhymes, special, same, different

Focus Books



Owl Babies



Elmer

Nursery Rhymes

Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

Baa, Baa Black Sheep



honesty patience joy forgiveness tolerance thankfulness respect kindness friendship gentleness love hope