

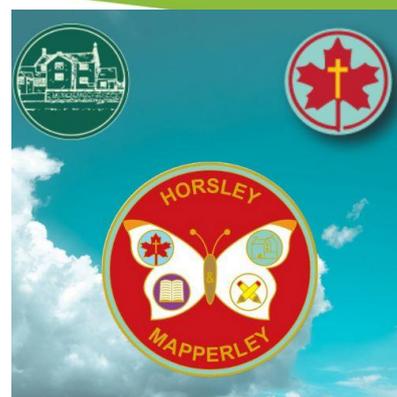
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Tuesday, 31st August 2021

Dear Horsley families,

Hopefully you have all had a lovely summer break and all of the children are looking forward to starting the new school year on Friday, 3rd September. I am sorry that this letter is coming so late in the holidays but I wanted to wait to see whether any additional government advice was released before communicating about the return to school. Hopefully between now and Friday there won't be any late changes which will contradict the information in this letter.

We would like to advise you of school timings and arrangements for the start of term.

- The school gate will open from 8.50-9.00, with the children coming straight into school to start their learning. There will be a member of staff on the gate every morning. We hope that having a ten-minute start to the school day, will help to reduce the impact of cars at drop off, similar to the staggered start. We are very grateful to The Coach at Horsley pub for allowing families to continue to use their car park and would encourage families to make use of the car park.
- The school day will finish at 3.25pm, with staff releasing children to their parent in the playground for collection. Some people may continue to wear face coverings; we ask that you continue to respect this and maintain a social distance in order to ensure everyone can enter and exit school as safely as possible.
- Children will wear PE kit to school on their given PE day. This arrangement will be in place for the first half term. You will be notified of class PE days, once timetables have been finalised.
- Lunchtime arrangements will return to normal.
- All children should be using a school bookbag. If you do not have one, these are available to purchase from Loop Wear <https://tinyurl.com/55mn4hej> . If your child brings expensive items or personal items to school we cannot guarantee they won't get lost, so we recommend that they don't bring them unless essential.
- Please note that our attendance policy will be back in full from September 1st. Please ensure that your child comes to school every day. If your child is unwell, then please notify the school office as soon as possible.
- Children should wear school uniform or school PE kit every day- please note other alternative clothing options are not permitted. Thank you.

Last year we managed our Covid procedures very carefully and with a degree of success. This year, we will continue to follow careful procedures- albeit not to the restrictive extent experienced previously. I am pleased to say that a greater level of social mixing in school will be possible, at playtimes and whole school gatherings including going to church. Our aim is to find a sensible balance between keeping everyone in our community safe and providing the best possible education whereby Covid doesn't prohibit children from a mental health, social or academic perspective.

The government last updated its guidance for schools on 27th August, which can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/3ctmjcz6> .The guidance no longer recommends bubbles in schools and all of our classes are now able to mix freely. However, guidance does suggest that it may be necessary to reintroduce bubbles depending on case numbers in the local area and we will let you know should this happen. We will continue to be mindful of Covid-19 and ask that if your child has any possible symptoms, you do not send them into school and consider taking them for a PCR test. If you send your child into school and they are showing signs of being unwell, we will ask you to come and collect them and take them for a test. Pupils are now no longer required to isolate if someone in their household



has Covid-19, but they are advised to take a PCR test. If your child has a positive PCR test, they will need to self-isolate and must not leave their home. They should self-isolate for 10 full days from the date that their symptoms started, or from the day that they took their test if they do not have symptoms. They may however need to self-isolate for longer if they start to have symptoms while self-isolating or the symptoms do not go away. Remote learning is available if a child does need to self-isolate and information will be provided by the class teacher in this eventuality.

We will continue with the following arrangements in school:

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of Covid-19.
- Pupils with Covid-19 symptoms should not attend school.

If your child has been on holiday abroad or travelled overseas during the 10 days prior to returning to school, please ensure that you adhere to any requirement for your family to quarantine or isolate upon return. Full government guidance can be found by following the link below: <https://tinyurl.com/47dea4d8>

If you have any questions at all, please contact school via email – s.hudson2@mapperleycont.derbyshire.sch.uk

We hope that this year will see life in school return to some type of normality. We are very much looking forward to the year ahead and to welcoming our new Reception children and their families to Horsley.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R. J. Cripps

Headteacher

