

INFORMATION ABOUT RETURNING TO SCHOOL FOR YEAR 1 PUPILS

Parents and carers – please read through this carefully and talk to your child about the bits that they need to be familiar with. Thank you.

We have made preparations for the phased return to school of Year 1 children from 1st June. However, this is a changing situation and the 'green light' to go ahead (or not) is expected from the government on Thursday 28th May. If the situation changes and we are not opening, this will be clearly posted on the home page of the school website. Please check this after 28th May. We will open unless our website says we will not. (www.new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk).

Half the class will be in school on Monday and Tuesday each week and the other half on Thursday and Friday. You will have been telephoned by the school to let you know which days for your child. The school day for Year 1s will be 8.50am until 2.50pm.

Reassurance about Safety Measures:

Please be assured that the fundamental priority throughout our detailed risk assessment, careful planning and good organisation has been the health, safety and wellbeing of children and staff and this will continue to remain uppermost in our minds and drive everything we do.

A risk assessment is in place and has been 'signed' off by the governing body as well as detailed plans and operational considerations to make it as safe and hygienic as we possibly can.

- Each group will be taught by Miss Martins and Sonia in their own, familiar classroom.
- They will be seated in the class at a distance from each other.
- They will have their own equipment and resources on their table so will not be sharing books, pencils, scissors etc.
- There will be frequent handwashing and sanitizing of surfaces during the day.
- Tissues and additional waste bins will be available in every area being used.
- Each group will have playtime at a different time to any other group in school so will not mix with other age groups. When outside the children will not be confined to a personal mat, hoop or chalk circle. They will be expected to not be hugging and holding each other but in their outside games and playing it may be that at times they run or play nearer to each other than two metres.
- There will be slightly staggered start and finish times for the groups in school.
- Thorough cleaning will take place including all the light switches, door handles, surfaces, toilet and wash basin facilities.
- Any child showing symptoms of illness will immediately be isolated from all others in school and sent home. That family will be supported to get testing asap and if a positive result Public Health guidance will be followed (all staff and children in that 'bubble' to self-isolate for 14 days).
- Social distancing explanations, signage and reminders will be shared regularly with the children and we will use our best endeavours for social distancing to take place.
- **Children should not attend school if they have any symptoms of any illness, nor if any member of their household have symptoms of Covid-19** (high temperature, a new continuous cough, loss or change to your sense of smell or taste).

What you need to do:

Year 1s to **come in and out of school via the gates near to the offices, off School Place**. Please **arrive at the gate at 8.50am**. Please don't be early or late or crowd around the gate. The gate will be open for just a few minutes to let Year 1s in.

Walk to school if possible, only cycle or scoot if it is too far to walk. Please **DO NOT DRIVE CARS DOWN OUR ROAD** and in front of school AT ALL, as children and parents will be needing to use the space to keep apart from each other.

1 parent only to bring children please.

Parents must drop you off near the gate. **Parents will not be able to come onto the school site.** Parents must remember to keep 2 metres from other families and staff.

Staff will be positioned to guide you straight into your Finch Classroom where you will be supervised to find your individual labelled tables and to store your bags/coats next to you. You will **wash your hands as soon as you get to class.**

What to bring with you - essential:

One small bag containing: **packed lunch, morning snack** (fruit or veg), **water bottle**, tissues (optional), reading book if you have one. If you have a small hand sanitizer gel that you want to bring to keep on your own desk that is fine.

Packed Lunch Important Information – Children must bring their own spoon or fork if needed. Children must be able to deal with all packaging, food boxes, flasks and wrappings themselves as staff will not be handling lunchbox items e.g. opening yoghurts, unscrewing food flasks, pulling open tricky packets.

Do not bring anything else – no toys, pencil cases, gadgets, PE kit etc.

What to wear: Please wear a clean outfit each day of comfortable clothes suitable for the weather conditions and **please wear trainers.** There will be times when you are running around outside and exercising so trainers are essential for your safety. You will not be changing for PE though. All long hair should be tied back.

Your teacher will talk to you about new procedures and expectations and there will be lots of signs and posters around to help remind you. **You will not be able to leave the classroom without permission or wander around.** **Only one person at a time will be able to go to the toilets.** It will be different for all of us, but you will get used to it. We will do all that we can to help the young children to remember about social distancing and to behave well and respect the new and different routines and rules. They are there to keep everyone safe.

Lunch will be eaten in your classroom with hands washed before and after eating, followed by outside play just in your small group.

Every time you go outside for an activity or use an iPad you will wash your hands before and after.

You will **be escorted to the same gate you came in through by the offices and guided to your parent at 2.50 pm.** **Parents please try to be prompt collecting at 2.50pm to enable our staggered times to work safely for all groups using school.** Parents should wait in the road/pavement area rather than come into school.

Attendance

Parents please phone the school (01865 242169) if your child is not going to come to school on one of their allocated days so that we are aware of the reason for their absence – thank you.