

INFORMATION ABOUT RETURNING TO SCHOOL FOR YEAR 6 PUPILS

Parents and carers – please read through this with your child. Thank you.

We have made preparations for the phased return to school of Year 6 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 group. Your school day will be 8.40am till 3pm.

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.

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 school as safe and hygienic as we possibly can.

- Each group will be taught by their teacher and one of their regular teaching assistants.
- 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.
- 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.
- There will be slightly staggered start and finish times for each group in school.
- Thorough cleaning will take place including all the light switches, door handles, bannisters, 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 symptoms of any illness nor if any member of their household has 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 6s to **use the playground gate nearest to the Vicarage**, the one on the corner of the playground. Please **arrive at the gate at 8.40am**. 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 6s 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.

If a parent is bringing you, only 1 parent 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.

You will be asked to **line up, each by a cone**, spaced out on the playground before walking to your classroom. You should not run around the playground or put your belongings down during these few minutes. **Do not put things in the cloakroom** – take all your things to class with you, to your individual table which will be labelled. 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 school 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 down to the toilets.** It will be different for all of us, but you will get used to it. We do expect Year 6s 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 a laptop you will wash your hands before and after.

You will **leave school through the Year 6 gate** (the one at the corner of the playground) **at 3pm prompt and you should go straight home.**

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.