



New Hinksey CE Primary School

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Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff, Governors and Friends of New Hinksey,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. I am sure, like the rest of us, many of you are feeling overwhelmed with the changes, new rules and guidance and all the covid related information that we are constantly being given by the government and in the media. In terms of how the latest lockdown measures impact on the school community here is a summary which I hope you find useful:

- School currently remains fully open to all year groups. If there are any positive cases in pupils or staff we will advise you on which bubbles will be closed for 14 days and instigate home learning via Google Classroom for those groups.
- The guidance states that people should **stay at home except for education**, work (if impossible from home), medical reasons, shopping for essentials, caring for others or exercise.
- For the duration of the current lockdown there should be **no household mixing** meaning that playdates should not be taking place and children should be dropped off and picked up by household members (or childcare bubble person – see below) not friends or parents from other families.
- Childcare bubbles can continue where someone in one household (e.g. a grandparent) provides childcare to a child under 13 in another household while the parent works. **But a childcare bubble must always be between the same two households throughout lockdown.**
- Official guidance states that ‘friends and family who do not live with you and are not part of a support or childcare bubble must NOT visit your home to help with childcare.
- Children can move between the homes of their parents where parents are separated and live in different houses.
- A person may **only meet up in public outside with ONE other person**, so we ask that you are particularly careful not to congregate closer than 2 metres with each other at drop off and pick up times.
- Children under school age who are with their parents will not count towards the limit of two people meeting up outside.
- Please **make every effort to always wear a face covering** (mask or visor) at drop off and collecting time to help keep everyone around you safe.

Please continue to:

- Keep children at home and get them tested if they show any of the three main coronavirus symptoms, which are a fever/raised temperature, a cough or a change to or loss of taste and smell.
- Keep school fully informed of why children are off (including if they are having to self-isolate at home because another household member is positive or waiting for a test result) by phoning 01865 242169 (not between 8.30 and 9.15am please) or emailing office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk

Parents are welcome in our school

- Email the test results notification to the school office so we can keep track and put in place procedures if a child tests positive.
- Any children who have had diarrhoea or vomiting must have had at least a full 24 hours clear of illness before returning to school.
- Be on time and swift with drop offs and pick-ups, thus enabling us to keep our bubbles contained and secure.
- Keep your children close to you and in one place whilst waiting at the gates, respecting that many other adults and families are trying to keep a distance from others and thus minimise the potential spread of infection.
- Send your children to school every day in comfortable, clean clothes that are suitable for PE and running around in. Trainers are a must and jogging bottoms, leggings, trousers are ideal as well as a few layers of tops so that they can keep warm or cool off easily. Every child must have a waterproof coat with them every day.
- Log onto ParentPay to **pre book lunches**, check there is enough credit to pay for the lunch (£2.40 per meal for years 3 to 6 who pay for lunches) and to see the new two weekly menu. Please note that the meat is not halal so children who only eat halal meat will need to order the vegetarian option. **It really is so helpful to all the staff if you have pre-booked at home and that your children are aware of what you have booked for them.** The children have been enjoying the new menu choices this week and it has been lovely for them to have more hot food now that the weather is colder.

Annual Flu Vaccinations (Reception to Year 6) –These are scheduled to take place in school on Wednesday 11th November. **Parents have to access the online consent form to agree to this or else your child will not be able to have the flu immunisation.** We cannot do this for you so please go to <https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/forms/flu>. The unique code for our school is OX123142. The **form must be submitted by 2pm on Monday 9th November** to ensure your child receives the vaccination. If you have already signed your children up, you do not need to do anything else.

News From Classes

This week instead of news from each class, we have put each class's topic for this term next to their class name. If you go onto the school website you will be able to see and read the detailed topic plan for your child's class. To find the topic plans, click on 'Curriculum' from the main menu, and at the bottom of the curriculum page there is a section called 'Termly Topic Plans'.

Foundation Stage (Robins and Ducklings) – Space and Christmas

Finches – Once Upon a Time

Owls – Tell Me a Dragon

Doves – Stone Age to Iron Age

Woodpeckers – Earth Matters

Kingfishers – New Beginnings

Spooky Safari: A very big thank you to the group PTA parents who masterminded this and to all those families and friends of the school who joined in and made donations. Around £3000 was raised and much fun was had by all.

Morning Club and After School Club Invoices – The bills for October were sent home this week in book bags and are also in parent pay. The deadline for paying these through ParentPay is Friday 13th November – thank you.

Some Thank You's – Thank you to the School Association for purchasing a variety of lovely new science equipment to help the older children learn about electricity in science. Thank you to various parents and friends of the school who have sent in boxes of tissues and some other bits and pieces (books, air dry clay, art resources, packets of plain biscuits for snacks, presents for the reward box etc). It is all much appreciated.

Best wishes,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates

School is closed to all pupils on Friday 27th November for an INSET day (Staff Training)

Term finishes for Christmas holiday on Friday 18th December at 1pm.