



Hovingham & St Hilda's CE (VC) Primary Schools Federation

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We look forward to welcoming all children back into school on Monday 8th March at 9am. We are committed to supporting our children as they return to school after a very different start to the Spring Term.

We want to provide each family with as much reassurance and information as we can. Please take time to read the information in this letter. Many of our arrangements are unchanged from before Christmas. Please do contact us via the school office with any queries.

On their return to school, we will be formatively assessing the children's understanding within lessons and providing various opportunities to revisit and review prior learning. We will ensure that all children have the support they need to catch up if there are gaps in their learning as a result of school closures. We will be using the COVID catch up grant funding to ensure that our children have the support they need so that they continue to make strong progress through the rest of the school year.

School Day

School will be open from 8.45am -3.30pm. We do not anticipate the need for a formal staggered start but we will keep this under review.

Class 2: As before Christmas, your child will be met at the main school gate by a member of staff. At the end of the school day your child will be taken to the main school gate to meet the parent or carer collecting them. Your child will be taught by Ms Dunning each Monday-Wednesday and by Mrs Martindale each Thursday and Friday. Mrs Clarke will work with the class each Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Rodda will be with them each Wednesday to Friday.

Class 1: As before Christmas, your child will be met at the gate to the Early Years outdoor area by a member of staff. The gate will be manned until all pupils have arrived and will then be secured. At the end of the school day, your child will be taken to the gate to the Early Years outdoor area to meet the parent or carer collecting them. Your child will be taught by Mrs Caddy and Mrs Marton each Monday and Tuesday. Mrs Watkins will be teaching the class each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with Mrs Clarke.

We have been asked to remind you to maintain social distancing from others when dropping off and collecting pupils from school and in addition to this, unless medically exempt, to wear a face covering in any congested areas around school premises or whilst in school. Please do not attempt to enter the

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school building unless you have a pre-arranged appointment. We also request that only one adult per family should enter school grounds at any one time, for example, to drop off or collect. We are extremely grateful for your support with this!

Medication

If your child has started a new course of medication that requires it to be administered in school, please contact admin@hovingham.n-yorks.sch.uk prior to your child returning to school so that the relevant paperwork can be forwarded to you for completion.

Meals

Those entitled to a free school meal continue to be so. Those that previously paid for a school meal can continue to do so too. As previously, orders can be made on the day. If you wish for your child to bring a packed lunch from home they can do, please see the note below. A Spring Term menu will follow separately.

Jumpers and coats etc

We continue to keep the school building well ventilated so please ensure that your child has a jumper or sweatshirt in school each day. Please also ensure that they have a coat in school each day for breaktimes and that all uniform is named. As we begin to have warm weather, when appropriate, please administer sun cream prior to sending your child to school and ensure that they bring a sunhat to school each day.

Resources reminder

What should my child wear to school?

Clothing: When attending school, your child should wear school uniform. PE will take place on a Monday and pupils may attend school that day in PE kit, ensuring they have a long sleeved top, tracksuit bottoms or leggings and trainers.

What equipment do children need for school?

We are actively looking to minimise what children bring into school with them.

Children will be asked to bring the following from home, clearly named:

- **Water bottle – washed daily and filled before the start of the school day.**
- **Packed lunch (if required – in disposable packaging where possible)**
- **Coat**

We are following guidance and the less children bring into school the better please, so none of the following will be needed:

- **Book bags**
- **Pencil cases**
- **Reading records and books from home**
- **Soft toys – no soft toys or items from home.**
- **Wellies**

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We are very much looking forward to having all our school family back together again. We must continue to follow guidance but we are hopeful for a summer term where measures may perhaps be relaxed so that we can enjoy a range of school events again. Thank you again for all your support, emails and feedback during this year.

Take care.

Yours sincerely



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