



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

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5th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are really looking forward to welcoming all children back into school on Monday from 8.45am. We can confirm the arrangements in our letter sent last Friday. [8th March - Reopening Letter](#)

As we indicated last week, 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.

Please can we remind all parents of the [Stay Safe in North Yorkshire guide COVID 19 related pupil absence](#), this includes 'my child is ill with symptoms not linked to COVID-19'.

We would also like to remind parents that our school offices are not manned full time and not beyond the school day. Currently at least, our phone systems do not allow the diversion of calls to the school I am in. A telephone voicemail may not be picked up immediately.

Therefore, if you need to make urgent contact and you have tried unsuccessfully to speak with me by ringing both schools then please email headteacher@hshafed.uk. We ask, please, that this must include communications where you are reporting a child's absence, querying the need for a pupil's absence and also where you are indicating your intention that your child will be returning to school following a period of absence. In all these circumstances I may need to seek additional information from you, and I may then need to access external advice prior to being able to confirm whether or not a child can be in school. Systems are in place which allow us to rapidly obtain the advice I need and if you are unable to speak with me by telephone then your email should ensure that my confirmation of whether your child can or cannot attend school should be swift. I am grateful for your understanding.

Take care.

Yours sincerely

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