



Dear Parents and Carers,
We are so pleased to be able to welcome everyone back this week and send a warm welcome to our new parents, carers and children who joining us for the first time this year.

We are hoping for a little more normality but are acutely aware of the number of Covid cases still around. Please see our updated Covid risk assessment to see what we are continuing to do to try and keep everyone safe. Whilst we are no longer expected to send whole bubbles home, there will no doubt be times when we need to send groups or classes home still. We have a Contingency Plan which explains what we will do in the case of a re-emergence of a number of cases. However, please note that people are not required to self-isolate for 10 days if they are in contact with a positive case but rather should get a PCR test and return to school if it is negative. Track and Trace will inform you if you need to get a test. Where it is difficult to be clear about close contacts it may be necessary to send groups of pupils home. We will continue to try and keep this to a minimum and keep you informed where we can. The risk assessment and Contingency Plan can be found on our website on the home page and have been ParentMailed too.



PE kit from September 2021

This year we will continue with pupils wearing PE kit to school on the days they have PE. As this was initially a temporary measure we accepted some variation in what the children were wearing. However, from September your child will need the following PE kit:

- Dark purple tee shirt (school logo or plain)
- Plain black shorts. In cold weather- black or dark grey leggings, tracksuit or jogging bottoms. No camouflage, no patterns, no stripes, no logos
- School sweat shirt (no other tops)
- Plain black daps or trainers (no coloured trainers)

As white and purple polo shirts are already part of school uniform these can also be worn on PE days.

No football shirts or other kits unless they are the school team kits.

Reminder:

When you're getting children ready for the start of the new year please note: Hair styles and accessories should be sensible and conducive to learning. No unnatural coloured hair or shocking styles. Small bows are acceptable, large sparkly ones get in the way and distract others from their learning.



WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN 1st SEPTEMBER 2017 AND 31st AUGUST 2018?

If they were, you need to be applying for a school place for September 2022. If you know of friends with nursery age children, please check they have applied online to the local authority. Even if you have older children at this school you must still apply for a reception place using the online Bristol form.

Starting School 2022

Due to Covid-19, we will not be holding an Open Day this term. However, Mrs Head and I will do a limited number of tours of the infant site for prospective parents looking for a Reception place for **September 2022**.

Tours must be booked by phoning the office on 01173772381 and are limited to ONE parent only (pre-schoolers welcome) at the following times: 14.9.21 and 6.10.21 at 9.10am and 10.00am. Please leave your name and contact number.

If you do not wish to look round in person then please see the Head teacher's virtual tour and FAQs on the school website

<http://www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk/web>

We look forward to hearing from you.



Staff News

We are fortunate to be able to welcome two new teachers this year. We have Miss Strang in KS1 and Miss McGhee in KS2. New SMSAs include Miss Richards (KS1), Mrs Evans (KS1), Ms Afzal (KS2) and Miss Xia is a student in KS2. I'm sure you will give them a warm Holymead welcome.

What's Happening

Dates for the Diary

Please wear face masks to any meetings in school.

New Reception Parent/Carer Curriculum Meeting 22nd September. We will be holding a curriculum meeting at 5.00pm in the infant hall for parents/carers to come and find out more about what your children will be learning this year. There will be NO crèche.

Y2 Reading Meeting 23rd September 5.00pm in the Hall. There will be NO crèche.

Y1 Phonics Meeting 30th September 5.00pm in hall. There will be NO crèche.

EYFS/KS1 (YR-Y2) Parents' Evenings -7th and 12th October- details to follow

NextGen individual photos- 11th and 12th October

8.10.21 Dressing up for **Aspirations Day**

13.10.21 **Harvest.** We will ask for donations later.



Transport and travel along the A4 corridor

Please note there is a consultation which ends tomorrow 10th September, re proposed changes to the A4 corridor. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to share their concerns about travel and transport in the local area. I have made a response as the Head teacher and outlined the concerns we have as a school but the more people who make their concerns known the more likely the local community will see improvements.

Please follow the LINK

[Improvements on A4 Bristol to Bath - Travelwest.](#)



Curriculum Overview

Parents and carers will be concerned about the work missed last year. To reassure you, staff met last term and passed onto the next

teachers the work that would be missed. Teachers have, therefore, been able to plan to fill these gaps.

We have also been planning to meet the mental health needs of children as a result of Covid 19 and lockdown. We already have a programme of Personal, Health, Social and Citizenship (PSHC) education in place and we have added more to this to ensure children have the time they need to reflect on and discuss their concerns.

We have updated our Curriculum Overview which is on the website.

Roads around school sites.

Parents please think about the safety of our children when driving and parking around school.



Please don't park on the zig zags.

We have put out parking signs and we've rung the police to come and monitor dangerous driving and parking around school. If you see dangerous driving and parking, please report it to:

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/>

The more parents who report dangerous driving the more likely police and highways agencies are likely to listen.

The school has signed up to be part of Safer Streets Bristol which aims to make areas safer for pedestrians and we will let you know when we hear anything.



The Bristol Post usually come early to take a photo of **new reception** children so please make sure you have filled in your slip saying whether you give permission or not for your child to appear in the paper. Pupils are not named on this occasion.



It is important that parents/carers follow Covid-19 guidelines. **DO NOT** send your child to school if **anyone in the household has Covid-19 symptoms.**

DO NOT send your child to school if **anyone in the household is waiting for the results of a Covid test.** Further advice is available online.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

If you are in any doubt about what to do please ring the office 01179030377 or 01173772381 for advice.



Cakes, Sweets and Biscuit treats

Please do not send cakes, sweets or biscuits to celebrate birthdays or special occasions in school. As many

children have special diets for varying reasons, we ask that parents don't send any treats for consumption in school. We have in the past allowed biscuits but with the increased risk of contamination from the Covid virus and increasing numbers of children with allergies we feel the best solution is not to send any treats into school at all.

Thank you.



School Uniform.

For the start of the new school year, we want all pupils to be in full school uniform.

All uniform needs to be ordered online (with logo) or bought from any shop (without logo). We stock

different sizes of sweat shirts etc so you can try on a sample to get the right size before ordering. If you don't have internet access our office staff are happy to help you with ordering uniform.

If you have any problems with uniform, eg both sweat shirts are in the wash on one day or you're waiting for new trousers to arrive, please explain your circumstances to a member of staff.

Polo Shirts: These can either be plain white or dark purple in colour.

Shoes: Children need to have black school shoes for school.

Please note trainers, black jeans, leggings and hooded tops must not be worn in school.

ALL UNIFORM, INCLUDING PE KITS MUST BE LABELLED CLEARLY.

Back Packs are not allowed on the infant site as space is very limited.



Anyone in England who does not have symptoms of Covid-19 can now get regular rapid lateral flow tests to check for the virus. We encourage parents to do these lateral

flow tests for adults (not on primary age children). For further information, please refer to the link below.

[Regular rapid coronavirus \(COVID-19\) tests if you do not have symptoms - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)



Holidays in term time. It is very unlikely holidays will be authorised as circumstances have to be really exceptional. However, it is still important that applications are made so there is a record in school.

AS A GUIDELINE PARENTS SHOULD ASSUME APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR A HOLIDAY WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED AND YOU ARE LIKELY TO BE FINED FOR ANY UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE OVER 4 DAYS (8 SESSIONS).

Fines start at £60 per child, per responsible adult. For example, if you have 2 children in school and there are mum and dad sharing responsibility for the children then you will be fined £240. Fines rise if they are not paid on time. Please fill in a leave of absence form in advance of taking your children out. Note, you can still be fined if you take an unauthorised holiday but don't fill out a form.



NB. CHANGES IN RED

New Term Dates 2021-2022

Term 1

2nd and 3rd Sept 2021 school closed for INSET.

Mon 6th Sept 2021 All pupils start.

Term 1 ends on 21st October. (22nd October-new INSET)

Term 2

Closed for INSET on Mon 1st November

Re-opens Tues 2nd November- 17th December.

Term 3

Closed for INSET on Tues 4th January 2022

Re-opens Wed 5th January-18th Feb 2022

Term 4

Mon 28th Feb- 8th April 2022

Term 5

Mon 25th April- 27th May 2022

Term 6

Closed for INSET Mon 6th June 2022

Re-opens Tues 7th June- **Wed 20th July 2022.**

Closed for INSET Thursday 21st July 2021.

Additional school holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Friday 22nd July 2022

Rules and Safety



Bikes and scooters and any other wheeled transport may not be ridden in the school grounds. All bikes and scooters, including electric scooters, must be dismounted on entering the school grounds. Scooters must be taken home, not left in school, as we do not have the capacity to store them. Children in Upper KS2 (Y5 and 6) may park bikes in the bike sheds if parents fill in the cycling to school agreement. Bikes are left at their owner's risk and the school accepts no liability for bikes brought onto the school premises.

Climbing Equipment is out of bounds before and after school. It is not to be used by children before or after school hours on either site.

Dogs are not allowed on the school premises at all (except guide/working dogs). Even if you know they are gentle pets a small child can still find them threatening.



The white lines on the infant site are painted round the playground to keep your children safe. Please remind your children they are not allowed to go up the grass banks or the new path or the concrete slopes before or after school. This includes pre-schoolers, as playing in these areas can be dangerous.

Drains and drain covers - There are many drains and drain covers around school which mean there are many holes so please be careful if you wear stilettos or narrow heeled footwear as narrow heels can go through the holes.



Toys, games, pencil cases, mobile phones etc are banned in school as they can cause arguments and lead to problems. Pupils will be provided with all the stationery they need in school. Please note the school does not accept any liability for items brought in from home including mobile phones. All items brought into school are brought in at the owner's risk. Parents and carers must sign the mobile phone agreement before letting their child bring a phone to school.

Contact INFORMATION

Up to date Data, held by the school.

Please can we ask all parents/carers to keep the school updated with their current telephone numbers (mobile, work, home), addresses and any other relevant information (such as emergency contacts, dietary needs of children and medical needs that staff should be aware of). Date sheets have been sent home this week for checking. Please ensure they are returned when there are important amendments to be made.

It is important that the school holds this information and that it is current and up to date, as should there be an emergency in school we will be able to make contact with the relevant person as quickly as possible. We also prefer to send letters/correspondence via email (ParentMail) where possible.

Parents often ask me how they can help their child at home. Here are a couple of really important things you can do at home.



Spellings

Please make sure your child practises their year group spellings. If they struggle, then limit your child to one or two sections to go over and over. If they know them all then your child can learn the next year's list.



Times tables are also important to practise and learn off by heart. Keep returning to this regularly and testing your child. Either working on TTRS or writing out tables

repeatedly and learning them will work. I can't emphasise enough the difference knowing your times tables makes. It is those children who have learnt them that speed through their maths work in class.

**PLEASE!!
NOTE**

Please note the school tries to pass on information it considers may be helpful or of interest to parents in this newsletter. We do not necessarily endorse or check the security and safety of the services on offer. Parents and carers need to satisfy themselves that they are happy to leave their children at any of the clubs and services advertised which are not based on the Holymead School sites. Holymead School carries out DBS checks on clubs who have hire agreements to run children's clubs with this school.



Friends' News- The Friends have been doing a great job, keeping going virtually.

We always need new members to keep joining the Friends' Group and get involved in organising social and fund raising events. We will be looking for new people to help by taking up positions in the group to ensure it runs smoothly. Support is always on hand. Meetings are held during school time or on zoom and pre-schoolers are welcome. Watch this space for further information/dates.

Longwell Green Sports Junior Football Club

5 x Community Club of the year and proud to be selected as a FA National Hub Club

We welcome enquiries from the age of 2 up to 18, boys and girls into our award winning family club and are also happy to pass on enquiries to our adult men's and ladies sides. In addition, we have an inclusive section for children with disabilities from the age of 5-16.

Whilst enquiries are welcome any age we are particularly looking to expand our youngest ages starting from just 2 years old and our reception and year 1 groups.

Contact goaliegriff@tiscali.co.uk for all enquiries

Or visit our sites

www.longwellgreensportsjfc.co.uk

Longwell Green Juniors FC boys and girls

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Open School Events 2021

Open Evening
Tuesday 14th September
Upper Oldfield Park Campus
5.45pm - 8.30pm

Open Morning
Friday 17th September
Brougham Hayes Campus
9.15am - 12noon

Open Afternoon
Thursday 7th October
Brougham Hayes Campus
1.45pm - 4.00pm

For further details please visit
www.hayesfield.com



Yours sincerely
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