

HYDESVILLE TOWER SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been putting the final touches to the school in preparation for the return of many children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, as well as the children of Key Workers. You will have received an email from me in the last four days to confirm the arrangements for your child's place, and we look forward to seeing those children arriving from tomorrow onwards.

If you have not had such an email from me, we have no record of your intent to return your son or daughter and it is essential that you do not bring them to school tomorrow. Given our numbers, it is vital that we have 2 full working days of notice to ensure our provision maintains the high standards of safety required at this time. Please contact Mr Honey if you now wish to put your child's name forward for a return date and he will contact you to confirm the date of return. For those unable to return at this time, we will maintain our online provision.

Some quick reminders for those whose children are registered as attending this week:

- Please follow the required timings as specified in the attached booklet, so we do not have large numbers of people arriving at the site at the same time. This is as important at the end of the school day as at the start.
- Clothes should be washed each time before they are worn to school, so we are relaxing the rules about wearing summer uniform v winter uniform. Even school PE kit can be worn if it helps at home! For this reason though, we require no blazers, no ties, no boaters or caps.
- It will help to reduce or minimise what is being transferred from home to school and back again. Lunch, drink and PE kit will be important to bring, but we will not want book bags and pencil cases to keep moving back and forth. Once the academic items are in school, we will aim to keep them here within the child's room.
- Please can children not bring in toys. However much they adore them, it will be something others wish to handle and share.
- Sunscreen that will last all day should be applied before leaving home, and sun hats can be brought (provided they can be washed daily). Again, we will not worry if they are not school-branded if it helps the family at this time.
- On arrival at school, a member of the Senior Leadership will be present in the playground to welcome you and check as to the health condition of the family. Once this check has been completed, you can help your children out of the car if they need this but we would ask you to remain within the immediate surroundings of your car rather than accompany your child to the doors. We will have staff to support with this stage. To reduce contact between parents and with other children, we wish to maintain a steady flow of arriving and departing traffic. The same principles will apply in the afternoon collections, with children brought to your car so you do not need to move around and locate them.

I am sure that after a couple of days, any wrinkles will have been smoothed out and a welcome sense of normality will have resumed for the children.

Kind regards

Mr Honey