# Hooton Pagnell All Saints Church of England Primary School



# **Preparing Pupils for their Future**





Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

## Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, congratulations on surviving another period of lockdown. The expectation to support your children in remote learning has been huge and we want to thank you for your continued efforts. We are really looking forward to welcoming **all children back on 8**<sup>th</sup> **March**. In this letter we will outline the arrangements to facilitate reopening as safely as possible. We have tried to follow the same plans as the Autumn Term where possible to minimise confusion and provide a semblance of 'normality' for the children.

## **Attendance**

From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021, school attendance is compulsory. The government has stated that all children are expected to attend school every day. Any regular none attendance will be unauthorised and may result in a fixed penalty notice. As usual, we are not allowed to authorise holidays in term time.

#### Risk Assessment

An updated risk-assessment document will be shared via ClassDojo and will be available on our school website. This will reiterate all the precautions in place to keep everyone safe.

To assist with infection control we ask that parents do not come into the school playgrounds or building unless for a pre-arranged meeting. Parents can phone the school to discuss things or arrange an appointment to speak to a member of staff.

Covid-19 secure measures will remain in place to reduce the risk of transmission. Class bubble integrity will be key and reduced mobility across school, with secure staffing arrangements in place.

We will follow the Public Health England and Local Health Protection Team guidance in dealing with suspected and positive cases of Covid-19 and ask for your support in adhering to these measures which are set out in our Infection Control Policy, found on the school's website.

Increased hygiene routines continue as standard across our school setting including a daily clean, top up cleaning throughout the day and a weekly deep clean. All staff engage in lateral flow testing twice weekly.

#### **Organisation**

To minimise the number of people accessing the school site at any one time, we will continue to use staggered *arrival* times and finish times, as detailed below. We ask that **only one parent brings the child to school**, wears a face covering unless medically exempt, is vigilant about social distancing and, most importantly, leaves the area as soon as possible in order to avoid cross contamination of our bubbles.

All children will be temperature checked at the end of the drive. A parent/carer may then accompany children from Class 1 and 2 to the fire door of Class 1. Children from Class 3 and 4 should walk down the drive independently. Staff will be positioned at intervals to ensure safety.

	Morning Drop Off		Afternoon Pick-up		
		Time	Where	Time	Where
Bubble 1 (Classes 1 and 2)	Reception (FS2)	Between 8.45am and 9am	The fire door of class 1	Between 3pm and 3.15pm	The fire door of class 1
	Year 1	Between 8.45am and 9am	The fire door of class 1	Between 3pm and 3.15pm	The fire door of class 1
	Year 2	Between 8.30am and 8.45am	The fire door of class 1	Between 2.45pm and 3pm	The fire door of class 1
Bubble 2	Years 3 and 4	Between 8.45am and 9.00am	At the end of the school drive	Between 3pm and 3.15pm	In the area outside the office
Bubble 3	Years 5 and 6	Between 8.30am and 8.45am	At the end of the school drive	Between 2.45pm and 3pm	In the area outside the office.

## **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club will resume from 7.30am on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March at a cost of £2.50 per session.

Socially distanced tables and separate resources will be used for each bubble along with increased sanitising.

Prior booking is not required.

## **Lunch times**

Once again, we will be operating a timetabled approach to control occupancy levels. A three choice menu will be in place and will include a hot option, a sandwich option and jacket potatoes.

## School uniform

All children should be in school uniform including suitable black footwear. In order to remain Covid secure, clean uniform daily is preferred wherever possible.

Children will be able to bring a school bag but should not bring any unnecessary items into school with them. Pencil cases are <u>not needed</u> in school and should not be brought at this time. They should bring their own water bottle, filled with fresh water. This can be refilled at school during the day and taken home by your child each day to be thoroughly washed.

## PE Kits

On PE days, your child should come to school in their PE kit.

PE days are as follows:

Class 1 Monday

Class 2 Monday and Friday

Class 3 Tuesday and Thursday

Class 4 Tuesday and Wednesday

## Curriculum

During the Autumn Term we operated a 'Recovery Curriculum' which allowed us to address gaps in learning whilst supporting children with their emotional needs. We were amazed at how quickly the children adapted to the new way of life in school; their resilience really is astounding. This time around, we have the advantage of the children having 'done it before'. We also hope that the fact that they have continued with their learning at home should make the transition back into school and learning a little easier. We are optimistic that we will be able to get back on track quickly. As ever, we will be responsive to specific children's emerging needs.

Your children's emotional and physical well-being remains our main concern.

## **School Holidays and INSET Days**

We break up for the Easter holidays on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March and return on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

We are closed on 3<sup>rd</sup> May for May Day Bank Holiday.

Half term is from 31st May to 4th June.

We break up for the Summer on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

INSET Days for staff training are:

6<sup>th</sup> May (school in use as a polling station)

19<sup>th</sup> July

20<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **Parent Sessions**

Our usual Spring Term open sessions are not able to run. Instead, class teachers will be in touch to arrange a Zoom appointment. These sessions will take place next week and will allow for dialogue on both your child's learning and their well-being prior to starting back in school. Please note that these sessions will be timed out after 10 minutes so will need to be concise.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Carr