



## Hyde Park Infant School

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Dear Parents,

I am in receipt of the government's latest 35 page document for the full opening of schools in September. We are planning for this to happen safely and I look forward to seeing the Y1 and Y2 children back to school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. It is likely that staggered starts and staggered finishes will be in place and I intend to send this information out for you at the end of this term. There will be a class 'bubble' with staggered playtimes, lunchtimes and no whole school assemblies although I will be conducting assemblies which children can join via a video link. Plans are being drawn up for safety in the canteen as well. Parents will be able to drop off and collect their child from the playground but access to the school will not be possible for parents, volunteers or students as all communications will need to be conducted, as now, by phone or email. Staff will have full PPE comprising of mask, vizor, apron and gloves to support a child needing first aid as social distancing will still be in place between staff and children.

### Current Foundation and Y1 children attending one day a week

Please can I remind parents that next week is the last week for these one day a week sessions as the classroom will require a full clean so that the Y2 children can be admitted in groups for their 'goodbye' session.

### Parents of Y2 children

Twenty-three Y2 parents have not yet responded to their child's Y2 'goodbye' session so I please ask that you do so on receipt of this letter. There is no compulsion to attend so a 'no thank you response' is quite acceptable.

Y2 children can come in school uniform or may wear home clothes on their 'goodbye' day. Please send your child to school with their water bottle and please also remember to send in reading and library books in a sealed and named plastic bag.

### Goodbye and Hello

I would like to congratulate Miss Strong on her new teaching position in North Devon where she will have a classroom with a view of the beach! Miss Strong has brought valuable skills to the school and we will miss her and I know that she will miss us too. What Miss Strong won't miss are the hours of commuting each day from her base with her partner in North Devon or her family home near Exeter. I am sure that you would like to join me in wishing Miss Strong every happiness for the future.

Mrs Marsh will be joining the Y2 team in September as Elm class teacher. Mrs Marsh is a very experienced teacher with whom I have had the fortune to work with when I was teaching myself



at Torpoint Infants. Mrs Marsh has a particular passion for PE and Music and a reputation for excellence as a teacher with very high standards and expectations as well as a very friendly personality so she will fit in well to the team.

#### Educare groups of children

Educare will run until the last day of term on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

#### Reports

Your child's report is still being prepared for you and will be e-mailed to you before the end of term. Please be aware that your child's report will reflect the progress they had made up to the point when schools were closed in March. Obviously, many children will not have been able to reach their Age Related Expectations although, when we assess the children in September, those who have been able to engage fully with home learning are likely to show that they are well on track. To support your child further at home, the reports will contain 'next steps' which you can follow over the summer holiday and don't forget that this term's learning will still be accessible on the school website if you need to provide catch up opportunities for your child.

I am really looking forward to getting back to normal as soon as possible but until then, we will put COVID-19 Safety measures in place so that we can make the best of whatever situations we are faced with.

Attached below are some pictures from the school allotment which is looking amazing! Well done to all the adult and child gardeners involved in this project.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and are able to make the most of the relaxing of certain restrictions.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs E A Hill  
Head Teacher

