



Hyde Park Infant School

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Dear Parents,

It has been delightful to welcome everybody at the school gate each morning and afternoon. There has been some congestion on the pavements which has been rectified by splitting the playground into sections and by parents keeping to the allocated time slot. Thank you so much for your support and cooperation. The result has been that children have come into school confidently and happily.

In school we are Covid secure and have frequent cleansing programmes in place during the day and children are washing their hands or using the antibacterial gel to keep themselves clean. The R rate in the South West is rising and it means that we need to be even more vigilant. Please can I ask you to ensure that you, as adults, keep socially distanced in the playground and that you keep your children, including pre school children close to you so that they are not running around the playground or using the playground apparatus.

In school we are mindful of the concerns that children may have about the Covid situation so are providing limited age appropriate information and creating a warm, friendly, safe and secure atmosphere in which children can thrive. We will contact you directly if any children experience anxieties or ask questions that we feel would be more appropriate for a parent to answer.

Feeling unwell

If your child is generally unwell, please keep them at home until they have recovered. The usual 48 hours for sickness and diarrhoea still applies. Please inform the office via email so we know why your child is not in school and that they are safe at home with you. If your child is unwell with one or more Covid symptoms (raised temperature, a new, continuous cough, loss or change to sense of smell or taste please do not send your child to school. Contact 119 to book a test and request that it is in Plymouth so that you don't get sent to Launceston or Cardiff. If you are unable to book a test, please email school with your details as we have access to an urgent testing website which I am not permitted to give out in advance but we will issue immediately to you on request during school hours. Please inform the Office that you have requested a Covid test and keep your child at home until they are well and the test is negative or if positive, inform us and then follow the NHS quarantine guidelines that you have been given.

The new term at Hyde Park Infant School

Assemblies are now via our school intranet so I appear on screen for the children in their own classrooms. They have a story, sing songs, say prayers and join in with the theme for the week. I miss getting close up and personal but this is the next best thing and many of the children think that I must be a celebrity as I appear on their class 'television'.



In class the children are keen and eager to learn and staff are making every effort to support each child even though close contact is not possible. The Year One children are getting excited about their 'All about Animals' theme. In Year Two the children are starting off with a science based Healthy body, healthy food, healthy exercise theme and then will move onto the science of materials. Again the children are enthusiastic to learn.

School fruit and school dinners

Children are provided with free fresh fruit every day and can select their free lunch on a daily basis. Please look at the menu on the school website and talk through the option for each day so that your child can make a swift choice in the morning. Please encourage your child to have a school lunch rather than bring a packed if possible.

May I wish you all a safe, happy and healthy weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E.A. Hill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Mrs E A Hill
Head Teacher