



September Arrangements 2021

Information for Parents

We are all looking forward to returning to 'normality' in September as the world is opening up; I am sure that you are too. From a school perspective, we are hoping to re-introduce more of our 'usual' events, experiences and ways of working, but will still continue to exercise caution around some elements of school life. Please see below, the answers to some of the key questions you may have. If you have any additional queries, please contact the school office for further information or speak to one of us at the gates. **Thank you for your support, Mrs Rolfs and Mrs Binoy**

Are you continuing with staggered starts and end times? Yes

The school gates will open at 8.45am for all families to come in. We will no longer be having set class times for entry.

Start Time: 8.45-9:00am	End Time: 3.10-3:20pm
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Children arriving after 9:00 or still in school at 3:20 will be recorded as late.

This will minimize the amount of contact between adults and children on school grounds

What will happen at playtimes? Playtimes will no longer require class bubbles to be kept apart, therefore we have decided to allow the children to mix in key stage phases. Nursery and Reception, Year 1 & 2 and Year 3,4 and 5.

Year 1 and 2 will have playtime at 10.15a for 15 minutes and Years 3,4,5 will have playtime at 10.30 am for 15 minutes

What will happen at lunchtimes? Again, we will no longer require class bubbles to be kept apart, therefore we will move back to eating in the dining hall (apart from Nursery). The children will be able to sit with other children in their class. Children can bring a packed lunch or have a hot school dinner. Children must make a choice for the full half term and can't swap from one to the other. Children in Reception to Year 2 are entitled to a free school meals. Other meals can be paid for through ParentPay at a cost of £2.50

Does my child need to come to school in PE kit? We have decided to continue with children coming to school in PE kits, as it saves valuable learning time, which is a positive to come out of the pandemic! PE kit is plain black or grey shorts or tracksuit bottoms, plain white t-shirt and trainers. Your child must wear their school jumper if they are cold, other sweat shirts and hooded tops are not to be worn at any time. Full school uniform is required on non PE days with sensible black school shoes. No jewellery is to be worn except for small stud earrings and a watch. These must be removed by the child for PE and are brought to school at the parent's own risk.

What does my child need to bring to school? Water bottle, coat (weather dependent!), bag, reading book and packed lunch if required. A healthy fruit snack is also permitted for break time in Year 3,4 and 5. Fruit is provided for children in Nursery to Year 2 free of charge. Nursery parents can buy an additional snack for their child for 50p for children on 15 hours and £1 for 30 hours a week children.



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Will there be whole school assemblies? We will be continuing to try our best to minimise the risk of transmission in school. We WILL be holding a weekly whole school assembly but we will have a gap in the hall between EYFS, ks1 and ks2. We are hoping to be able to invite parents in to school to celebration assembly and other special events later in the term. Hooray!

Will my child be able to go on school trips? Hopefully yes! The teachers are already looking ahead at the curriculum and mapping out trips and events to enhance the curriculum offer.

Will parents be asked to wear face masks? At the moment, in line with Government guidance, we will not be requesting that parents wear face coverings. If this changes, we will of course be in touch. Children will still be asked to wash hands on entry to school, before lunchtime, at the end of the school day and after using the toilet. Hand sanitizer will continue to be available around the school.

Will I be able to meet with the class teacher face to face? Yes. We are organising welcome meetings for parents to come in to school in a safe and organised way. More details and information will follow early in September.

Can I contact school over the summer if I need to speak to a member of staff? In an emergency situation, please email the safeguarding@hackwood.theharmonytrust.org account which will be monitored 3 times a week.

Will there be after school clubs? We have already let you know about the two Soccer Stars clubs and Cello for Year 5, more clubs will be offered during the year.

Will Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club be opening? Yes. Clubs are available from 6th September for those that have prebooked. Clubs are provided, subject to availability, and can be booked by email.

Will the one way system still operate for drop off and pick up? Yes, this has helped with congestion and everyone is now clear on where to enter and exit the school site. We use the park entrance and leave via the main gates.

SCHOOL OPENS TO CHILDREN ON MONDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER. We look forward to seeing you then!