



# Hollymount Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have enjoyed your summer and managed to find some sun! I am writing to update you on the measures that will be in place from September. These measures have not changed over August and remain the same as the ones stated in my communication on 21<sup>st</sup> July. Although the Government has lifted most preventative measures, we are taking a cautious approach whilst looking forward to getting back to a level of normality.

Please read the information below carefully.

Preventative Measure	Action
<b>Hands</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Handsanitiser stations remain in place.</li> <li>• Children to wash hands/hand sanitise before/after break and lunch times.</li> <li>• Children encouraged to bring in their own sanitiser in KS2.</li> <li>• Visitors asked to sanitise before entering the school building.</li> <li>• Staff encouraged to wash hands/hand sanitise regularly throughout the day.</li> </ul>
<b>Face</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is recommended that staff and visitors wear masks in congested areas (e.g. the staff room, drop off, reception area) but this will not be enforced.</li> <li>• Parents asked to wear masks when talking to staff at drop off/pick up.</li> </ul>
<b>Space</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tables can go back to 'group' set up.</li> <li>• No one way system in place outside, although Reception parents should go through the MUGA at drop off/pick up.</li> <li>• Internal stairs to remain one way.</li> <li>• Parents encouraged to make an appointment with staff or contact the school by email/phone. Parents can talk to class teachers at drop off (FSU/KS1) and collection (FSU/KS1/KS2).</li> <li>• Two-year groups at a time in one play area during play times/lunch times.</li> <li>• Monday assembly to remain Virtual. Friday assembly in person from Autumn 2.</li> <li>• Autumn Parents Evening face to face TBC. Spring Parents Evening virtual.</li> <li>• SEN meetings in person TBC.</li> </ul> <p>Start of the Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursery use the metal gate entrance and FSU entrance at 8.30am and 12.30pm.</li> <li>• Soft drop for all children 8.45am – 8.55am. All children to go straight to class. KS2 children are encouraged to be dropped off at the main gate by parents. Year 5 and 6 children encouraged to walk to school on their own. Register closes at 9am.</li> </ul> <p>End of the Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursery use the metal gate entrance and FSU entrance at 11.30am. Main entrance at 3.30pm.</li> <li>• Reception picked up from classroom doors in FSU playground.</li> <li>• KS1 picked up from classroom terrace classroom doors.</li> <li>• Years 3-4 picked up from the playground.</li> <li>• Year 5-6 dismissed from the main metal gate.</li> </ul>
<b>Replace</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ventilation encouraged whenever possible in all areas of the school.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KS2 children eat outside during certain times of the year.</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children come to school in PE kit on the day they have PE.</li> <li>• Children encouraged not to bring bags to school.</li> <li>• Bubble system no longer in place. NHS Test and Trace to lead on advising self-isolation.</li> <li>• Wellbeing remains a key part of the school's ethos.</li> <li>• KS1/2 children to bring in a clear pencil case at the start of the school year.</li> </ul>

## School Day Timings

	<u>Nursery AM</u>	<u>Nursery PM</u>	<u>Reception</u>	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
<b>Start Time</b>	<b>08:30 (flexi)</b>	<b>12:30</b>	<b>"Soft Drop off" @ 08:45 – 08:55: Children go straight to class</b>						
			<b>Register Closes at 09:00am</b>						
<b>Finish Time</b>	<b>11:30</b>	<b>15:30 (flexi from 15:15)</b>	<b>15:10</b> FSU Classroom Doors	<b>15:10</b> Terrace Classroom Doors	<b>15:15</b> Playground		<b>15:10</b> Metal gate	<b>15:15</b> Metal Gate	

## Tracing Close Contacts and Isolation

Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace and schools are no longer expected to undertake contact tracing. As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case and/or their parent to identify close contacts. Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case and/or their parent specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact.

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, if any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would strongly encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

Children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend school, and have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend school as normal. If there is a substantial increase in the number of positive cases in a school or if central government offers the area an enhanced response package, a director of public health might advise a school to temporarily reintroduce some control measures.

We hope that this new system will result in more children staying in school when there is a positive case of COVID-19. However, as it is a new system we will have to wait and see the impact it has.

We very much look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

Kind regards,



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