

Houghton Regis

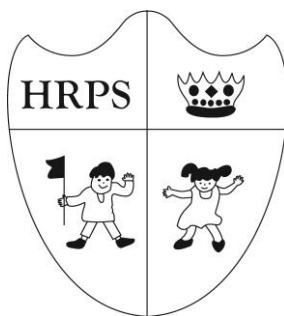
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Dear Parents and Carers

As you are by now no doubt aware, the Prime Minister has instructed Primary Schools to re-open for all pupils on Monday, 8 March 2021. Houghton Regis Primary School will therefore be re-opening for all pupils at this time.

The school will continue to take a robust approach to preventing the spread of Covid 19 in our community. While the number of people who have already received a vaccine is increasing all the time, there is still a long way to go on this national journey.

Therefore we still request the following precautions are continued upon re-opening:

- All parents are asked to wear masks when dropping and collecting children from school.
- We ask that only one adult attends the school campus to collect and deliver children.
- Children should continue coming into school dressed ready for PE on their allocated days.
- Children should be dropped at school between 8:30 and 9:00 and collected between 3:00 and 3:20.
- Parents should continue to avoid entering the school building or talking to school staff.
- If parents need to contact a member of staff this should continue to be done using the class email addresses.

PE Days will be as follows:

Monday	Purple, Orange, Green
Tuesday	Amber, Silver, Platinum, Gold
Wednesday	Emerald, Red
Thursday	Sapphire, Yellow
Friday	Blue

Sports Clubs Available:

Club	Leading	Bubble invited	Day taking place 3:10- 4:00
Gymnastics	Miss Waller/Ms Hewer	KS1	Monday
Football	Mrs White	Lower KS2	Wednesday
Tag Rugby	Future Games	Upper KS2	Thursday

Separate letters will go out from Mrs White around all club arrangements in the near future.

I am also now able to share the class arrangements for the return to school. You will notice a change to arrangements in early years, this has been made to create maximum consistency for pupils. Children in Nursery who will be taught in Platinum Class will be contacted over the course of next week, if you are not contacted please assume your child will be taught in Silver Class.



Staffing Structure for re-opening

Class Name	Year Group/s	Teacher/Leader	Support Staff
Early Years Bubble			
Silver	Nursery	Mrs E Hill	Mrs Rundle Mrs Basham
Platinum (Previously Gold 1, plus 6 Nursery pupils)	Nursery and Reception	Ms Banfield	Ms Gammon Mrs Gosling
Gold (Previously Gold 2)	Reception	Mrs Ingram	Mrs Camfield
Mrs S Keayes will work across the Early Years bubble.			
Class Name	Year Group/s	Teacher/Leader	Support Staff
Key Stage One			
Orange	Year 1	Miss A Waller	Mrs Jenkins Mrs Fennell shared
Green	Years 1 and 2	Mrs S Consar	Mrs Fennell shared
Purple	Year 2	Mrs L Bonney	Mrs Hickles
Mrs Scott Hyde will work across KS1 classes.			
Class Name	Year Group/s	Teacher/Leader	Support Staff
Lower Key Stage Two			
Yellow	Year 3	Miss J Yates	Mrs Cobb
Blue	Years 3 and 4	Mrs C Henshall & Mrs T White	Ms MacDonald
Red	Year 4	Mrs De Rouffignac	Mrs Norris
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Upper Key Stage Two			
Sapphire	Year 5	Miss A Rogers	Ms D Douglas Mrs Osborne
Emerald	Years 5 and 6	Mrs S Reed	Mrs Spalding
Amber	Year 6	Miss E Naisby	Miss Church
Future games sports coaches and Mrs Boland will work with classes across the Upper KS2 bubble.			

In terms of drop off and collection I would now like all Early Years Classes to be delivered to the back of the school/Nursery. This is to avoid congestion around the Orange Conservatory area.

Our risk assessment and other Covid arrangements will continue to be shared on our school website on Monday in the 'Covid' section, please take the time to look at this.

Attendance

I must highlight to all parents that attendance at school from the 8 March 2021 is mandatory and therefore all pupils must attend school. However, if families have been asked to self-isolate then they will be provided with home learning and be registered by our HLTA remotely each morning. This will mean that pupils self-isolating will be coded as present but working remotely. At this stage of the pandemic UK government expectation is that all pupils will be learning and this should be in school unless they are required to self-isolate for a period of time due to Covid 19.

I appreciate that a number of families may continue to have concerns about their child returning to school. It is vital that you contact me, or my team, to discuss any worries or concerns you may have before 8 March so that we can explain our very robust health and safety measures and make any pupil specific arrangements.

Wrap Around Care

In line with government recommendations we will be re-starting breakfast and after school clubs. These will take place in the Orange Conservatory area. Children will be separated into key stage groups for these activities.

School Meals

All pupils will be able to access hot school meals from the 8 March 2021. For the time being these will be eaten in the children's classrooms. A weekly menu will be posted on the website.

Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their support of the school and dedication to their children over this extraordinary period. I fully appreciate the challenges of home schooling and thank parents for all their efforts in this area.

Yours sincerely

James Edwards

Mr J Edwards
Headteacher

