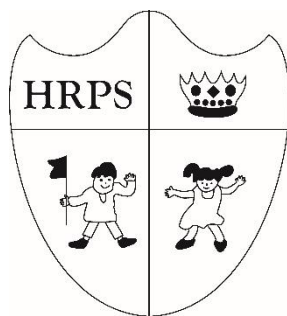


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Dear Parents and Carers

New Member of Staff for Lower KS2

I am pleased to announce that we have successfully appointed Mr Kieran Dickerson as an additional teacher based in Blue Class. This will mean Blue Class will be split into Year 3 and Year 4 groups for most of the week with Mr Dickerson teaching the Year 3s and Mrs Henshall teaching the Year 4s. A few children from Red and Yellow may join these small groups and this will mean smaller teaching groups for the majority of the week in those classes too. Parents will be informed if this arrangement specifically affects their 'Yellow/Red' child. The aim of these smaller groups is to provide all children in Year 3 and Year 4 the opportunity to be taught in smaller classes/groups for most of the week.

School Uniform and PE Kit

The Senior Leadership Team have noticed that some children with long hair have been wearing this loose to school. For health and safety reasons, the school expectation is now that long hair should be tied back. Therefore, please could we ask that if your child has long hair then it is suitably styled for school, making use of hair ties/bobbles etc. Suitable styles could include pony tails, plaits and bunches amongst other styles. We of course understand different hair types will need to be styled in different ways and this may look different dependent on pupils' cultural and ethnic background. Hair bobbles/bands/ties should be either green, black or white in colour or be of a green and white gingham style to complement the school summer dresses.

Please ensure your child has an appropriate school PE kit with them for their sporting activities. We have previously shared the timetable for the various classes in previous communication. Please note that in line with the latest risk assessment all classes will return to changing for PE in school and keeping their PE kit in school from Monday, 17 May 2021.

PE kit is listed on the school website as follows:

PE

All children will require a **PE kit** kept in a named draw-string bag

Black Shorts and Jade green t-shirt.

Children may wear a black tracksuit during the colder months of the year.

Trainers or plimsolls

Children participating in P.E. lessons on other school sites should wear a black tracksuit or school sport kit. Branded sportswear should *not* be worn e.g. club football kits, commercial advertising clothing.



Please note that the school would like to offer the following additional guidance in this area. If parents are aware of the activity and weather conditions then the following should be considered. There are specific PE kits that are best suited for specific sports activities. These are listed below.

Gymnastics, dance and other indoor activities	Black shorts rather than track suit bottoms and a jade green t shirt.
Football and rugby (particularly for Years 2-6 pupils attending clubs, advised specific activities)	Black shorts, black or green football socks and a jade green t shirt with a black sweatshirt if the weather requires this. Please note long white/grey socks could be worn as an alternative if there are no football socks to hand at home.
Other outdoor PE activities	A black track suit over a jade green t shirt is most suitable in colder weather. During hot/reasonably warm summer days black shorts are more suitable than track suit bottoms.

From the 17 May 2021 parents may find it useful to have both shorts, football socks and a black track suit available for their child in their named PE bag.

Children taking part in specific events such as football matches and gymnastics competitions will be advised of suitable outfits. The school now has a range of suitable outfits for our various teams to ensure our children are always smart and look the part when competing against other schools.

As we are now in the summer term I would also like to remind parents that 'play suits' are not part of the school uniform and that school summer dresses should be of a traditional style with a green gingham finish.

Red Nose Day

Thank you to all of you who took part and sent in donations which totalled £273.18, which we have forwarded on

"Thanks to your donations, Comic Relief continues to make a difference to the lives of millions of people across the UK and around the world".

Attendance

We understand that on occasion your child is unable to attend school, please advise the school office on the absence line 01582 867487 or email office@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk on the morning of the first day of absence. Also where possible please try to arrange medical appointments outside of school hours. Thank you for your co-operation.

Wishing you all well and looking forward to a positive upcoming week in school.

Yours sincerely

James Edwards

Mr J Edwards
Headteacher

