

Hazelbury Primary School



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Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families have had a safe and enjoyable summer and are excited to return to school for a great new academic year. We look forward to seeing our pupils on the following days:

Date	Pupils
Thursday 2 nd September	School Opens for Year 1- Year 6 pupils
Friday 3 rd September	Settling in sessions for new Reception pupils
Monday 6 th September	School opens for new Reception pupils, Terrific Twos and Little Berries Nursery

Please find below important information regarding arrangements for the new school year. All arrangements made by the school comply with the latest statutory government guidance.

Dropping off and picking up your child

There will no longer be staggered start and end times and we will be reverting back to one drop off and pick up time. Please see below for timings of the school day.

Pupils	Start Time	End Time
Little Berries Nursery and Terrific Twos AM Session	8.30am	11.30am
Little Berries Nursery and Terrific Twos PM Session	12.30pm	3.30pm
Little Berries Nursery 30 hours	8.30am	3.30pm
Reception – Year Six	8.45am (soft start- the register closes at 9am)	3.15pm

Unless pupils attend the school breakfast club, they should not be on site more than ten minutes before the start of school. The school gate operating times take this into consideration and we would therefore not expect to see any child waiting on site for school to open for a prolonged period of time. Children are the responsibility of the parent until they are within the school building at the start time detailed above.

You may enter and exit the school premises from either the main entrance or the entrance via Westerham Avenue. All classrooms now have an external door where you are able to drop off and collect your child.

If you are late dropping off your child, you will need to take them to the school office where they will be signed in. If you are late collecting your child, then from 3.30pm please go to the Oak Building entrance. Please note that any late collection or drop off is recorded and if this happens on more than one occasion you will be contacted by a member of our attendance team.

After School and Breakfast Club: We are delighted to be opening our Breakfast and After School Club to all again in September. If you are not already registered then please click on the link below and fill out the Googleform to express an interest in your child attending and we will contact you. If you would like further information about the provision please visit the school website or contact the school office. <https://forms.gle/sXgXUJpcQJryFHLQ8>

W: www.hazelbury-primary-school.co.uk

A: Haselbury Road, Edmonton, London N9 9TT **T:** 020 8807 3140

School Office: The school office will now be open to the public as normal. However, where possible, we would advise ringing the school office with your query to limit the amount of people in the office space.

Exciting Developments at Hazelbury: Over the summer holidays we have had a number of works being carried out across the school. The school has undergone extensive roofing works as well as new doors and windows in a number of classrooms. This means that every classroom now has an external door where parents can drop off and collect their children. We have had fantastic brand-new outdoor learning environments for our Terrific Twos, Little Berries Nursery and our Reception children. There is also a newly renovated toilet block for our Reception children. Whilst the majority of the work is completed there may still be some minor works happening within the first few weeks. Please be assured that the developments happening will not disrupt the learning of the children and rigorous health and safety arrangements are in place to accommodate the works.

Changes to COVID-19 measures at school

In line with the wider removal of COVID-19 restrictions throughout the country, please see below the following changes that will be in place in line with the new guidance:

Bubble system: It is no longer recommended that it is necessary to keep children in consistent groups. Whilst we will remain cautious we will be reintroducing children mixing across the school to enhance their learning and extra-curricular activities.

If your child develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test:

Your child **should not** come to school if:

- they have COVID-19 symptoms
- have had a positive test result
- they have to quarantine (e.g. have visited a red country).

If your child develops [COVID-19 symptoms](#), however mild, they will be sent home from school and you should follow public health advice. You should get a PCR test to check if your child has COVID-19 as soon as possible and your child should stay at home and self-isolate until they have had the test results back. If your child tests positive, your child is required to self-isolate. Please inform the school. If your child has a positive LFD test result, they should also self-isolate in line with the [guidance](#). They should then take a PCR test and whilst waiting for the PCR result, your child should continue to self-isolate at home and not attend school. Please also inform the school of any positive LFD result.

In line with the advice from the Local Authority and Public Health England, we will only be informing parents of positive cases of COVID in the school if the number of cases substantially increases and reaches the thresholds identified in our COVID-19 outbreak management plan.

Self-isolation for children: From Monday 16th August unvaccinated young people up to the age of 18 years, 6 months and fully vaccinated adults, are no longer 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. Those identified as a close contact will be informed by NHS Test and Trace that they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We strongly encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. There is no requirement to self-isolate while awaiting PCR test results and your child can attend school as usual. If your child has been identified as a close contact, they can continue to attend school as usual unless they then receive a positive PCR test.

Contact tracing: Schools are no longer required to contact trace as children under 18 no longer need to isolate if they have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19.

Face coverings: Face coverings will no longer be advised for staff and visitors either in classrooms, in communal areas or during drop off and pick up (they are currently not advised for children). The government has removed the requirement to wear face coverings by law but expects and recommends that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet. At this time we do still recommend parents wear face coverings if they enter the school building.

We will follow the four control measures below, in line with the current guidance:

1. **Ensuring good hygiene for everyone:** Frequent and thorough hand cleaning will continue to be regular practice. We will continue to encourage children and adults to clean their hands regularly, with soap and water or hand sanitiser. The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach will continue to be very important for good respiratory hygiene.

2. **Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes, using standard products such as detergents:** We will continue to maintain an appropriate cleaning schedule. This includes regular cleaning of areas and equipment with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces.
3. **Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated:** We will continue to ensure our school is well ventilated and that a comfortable teaching environment is maintained.
4. **Following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19:** We will continue to advise that pupils, staff and adults follow the public advice on testing, self-isolating and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19 in line with the guidance.

Testing: It is recommended that adults within households test twice weekly for COVID-19 using rapid lateral flow tests. Around 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 do not have symptoms. Rapid lateral flow tests help to find cases in people who may have no symptoms but are still infectious and can give the virus to others. Please click [here](#) for more information about ordering rapid lateral flow tests. There is also a rapid testing site in Southgate Library. [Click here](#) for more details.

School Uniform

We believe uniform is important because it plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and setting an appropriate tone. It also gives children a sense of pride in themselves and the school. It is a powerful tool in ensuring all children are included - not made to feel left out for the tracksuit or trainers they are wearing. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform (including correct footwear). This also includes children wearing the correct PE uniform (black joggers and white t-shirt). A full list of our uniform can be found on our website.

Meet the Teacher

We are pleased to be inviting parents to come into school to 'Meet the Teacher' in your child's new classroom. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher as well as finding out about key information and dates for your child's class. The session will begin at 3.30, therefore please wait outside your child's classroom door until you are invited in by your child's teacher. Please see details below:

Year group	Date
Year 1	Tuesday 7th September
Year 2	Tuesday 7th September
Year 3	Wednesday 8th September
Year 4	Wednesday 8th September
Year 5	Thursday 9th September
Year 6	Thursday 9th September

As parents will be in an enclosed space and coming into contact with people they don't normally meet, we are recommending that parents wear a face covering in the classroom during Meet the Teacher.

Please be aware that there is currently roadworks outside of the main school entrance. Please be mindful that there may be congestion and therefore allow for this within your journey time.

We are all very much looking forward to welcoming your child back to school. Please do get in touch if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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