

Highworth Combined School

Dear all

As promised I am writing with the next important information about the return to school of all pupils in September.

Please send your children to school in their school uniform. Government guidance no longer suggests that clothes worn to school be washed every evening, but normal regular washing should obviously be continued. Children must, however, come to school wearing their PE kit on days when their year group are timetabled for PE. This will reduce the possibility of virus transmission when getting changed. So that you know on which day to send your child in their PE kit, the timetable follows:

Monday: Year 4 and Year 6

Tuesday: Year 3

Wednesday: Reception and Year 1

Thursday: Year 2

Friday: Year 5

We will be doing everything that we can to encourage social distancing of remaining 2metres apart where possible, but there will be many times in the day when your child will come into closer contact with the children and adults within their bubble. We will also be changing the layout of classrooms so that, where possible, children sit side by side facing the front as this is recommended as way to reduce virus transmission.

Drinking fountains will be out of use so it is essential that you send your child with a named water bottle each day. This must be in addition to any additional drinks within lunchboxes.

It is not possible for us to safely prepare or serve hot meals. A school packed lunch of sandwiches, fruit, water and a biscuit or cake will be available every day to children in all year groups. If your child qualifies for a free school meal, either because they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, or because your family qualifies for benefits related free school meals, this will be provided at no charge. All school meals, paid for or free, must be

ordered in advance using Parentpay. The usual timescales apply: order by Thursday for meals the following week. We are not able to accept cash payments so it will not be possible for children in Year 6 to request a packed lunch on the day. If you wish for your child to have a packed lunch prepared at home, please continue to send this in to school in a lunchbox as usual. You must ensure that the lunch is nut free - no chocolate spread or peanut butter sandwiches, please.

Your children will be washing their hands at least 6 times every day. Please do not therefore send hand sanitiser in to school with your child.

A reminder that there will be a question and answer session on September opening on Zoom this evening at 6.30pm which can be accessed using the following information:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85062423871?pwd=QVdDTGZKSUxLT2g1enU2S3N3Yms0UT09>

Meeting ID: 850 6242 3871

Password: 8ikC10

Thank you once again for taking the time to read this. I will write again tomorrow.

Very best wishes

Clare Pankhania