

## Highworth Combined School

Dear all

Mr Johnson's news on Monday was met with mixed emotions here at Highworth. Whilst it is disappointing that we have not yet reached the point where all restrictions can be lifted, we are enjoying a period of minimal disruption at school, and making the most of the opportunities this presents for good progress with learning. Sadly, the delay to the implementation of Phase 4 of the 'Road Map' has led to new guidance for schools which means that we have had to change some of our plans for the rest of the school year. A summary follows:

- Year 6 Camp Highworth: The date for this is still to be confirmed, but I am reasonably hopefully that we will be able to go ahead on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July. However, I'm afraid this event will be for pupils only; we are not able to invite parents to join us.
- Year 6 final assembly: This will go ahead on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July, but again, it will be for pupils only; parents will not be able to attend. A short performance by the children in Year 6 will be recorded and shared on the website. We are also making a slide show of photographs of the children during their (up to) 8 years with us to share in the same way. Further information to follow.
- Year 6 transition to secondary on 6<sup>th</sup> July: please await information from the relevant secondary school. Some have already been postponed until September. Further information also to follow.
- Transition for Highworth pupils from Year N to 5: All of our existing pupils will spend an hour with their new teacher on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July. We will send a letter home with the children that afternoon to let you know the name of your child's new teacher.
- 'Meet the Teacher' sessions for children joining Nursery and Reception (those not moving from Highworth Nursery) in September 2021: These

have had to be cancelled. One to one teacher and family meetings will take place in September instead

Whilst watching the alarming events of a football match last weekend, I was reminded that I need to let you know that the school now has its own defibrillator for use on both children and adults. It is located within the entrance lobby of the school and can be used by anyone at any time (whilst the building is open). You do not need training to use it as it gives verbal instructions for each stage of operation. We very much hope never to use it, but felt it was sensible to have one available.

At a recent meeting for parents new to Highworth, we discussed parking! It was agreed that I would share a map I created some time ago to inform people of the various entrances to the school site which would help in 'spreading out' where people park. I have added this map below in the hope that it will be helpful to you too.

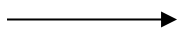
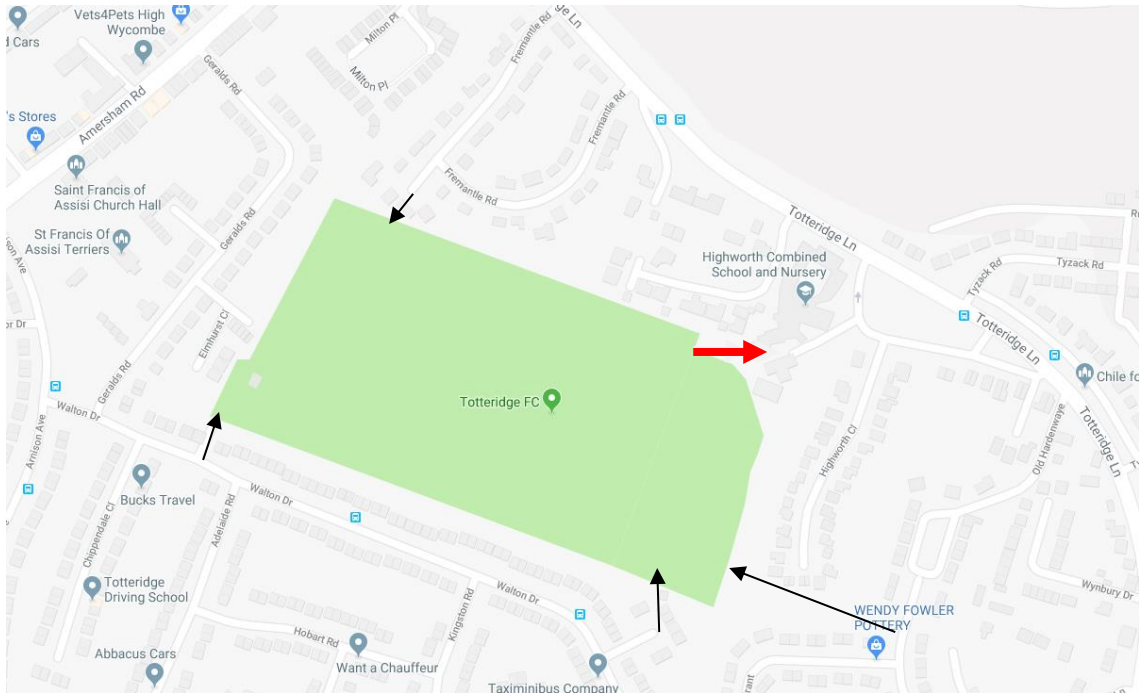
### **Bag2School**

To help raise funds for the school, Parents & Friends has organised a clothes re-cycling collection by Bag2School. If you have any unwanted items that you are happy to donate please put them in the white re-cycling bag that was sent home with your child this week and drop the bag at the front of the school on Thursday 24th June by 9am. Please note that we are unable to accept donations **BEFORE** this date.

As ever, my best wishes for a happy weekend even though the weather has taken a turn for the worse!

Clare Pankhania - Head Teacher

## MAP FOR PARKING



Indicates a route into Totteridge Recreation Ground



Indicates route into school grounds

Parental agreement for safe return to school of all pupils  
on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

The safe opening of school is dependent upon avoiding all contact with anyone who is, or could be, infected with coronavirus. The safety of our whole community is dependent on all of us following these rules. They must be followed:

- I will never enter any part of the school site if my child or anyone in my household has any of the symptoms of Covid 19

## Symptoms of Coronavirus

- high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
  - new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
  - loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal
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- My whole household will self-isolate for 14 days if anyone in the household has any of these symptoms, no matter how mild or whatever I think might be the cause
  - I will follow the 'Stay At Home...' guidance found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>
  - I will immediately inform Highworth School if my household needs to self-isolate
  - I will ensure that my child and the members of my household are tested for Coronavirus if necessary. I can use this link to book a test: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
  - I will immediately inform the school if my child has received a positive test result for Coronavirus
  - I will contact the school before sending my child back if my child or anyone in my household has been ill with Covid 19

In addition, I know that in sending my child to school I am agreeing that everyone in my household will follow every one of these steps. I know that this is essential to ensure the safety of my child, Highworth staff and our community.

- I know that if my child is unable to follow the rules to keep everyone safe, even if supported by staff to do so, I will have to collect them from school
- I know that I should seek medical advice before sending my child to school if they are classed as being clinically extremely vulnerable
- I know that if my child is unable to attend school, I need to email [reception@highworthcombined.co.uk](mailto:reception@highworthcombined.co.uk), giving the following information:

child's name and class; likely length of absence; Reason for absence. Please specify whether this is due to:

- Illness and that this is unrelated to Covid 19
- Self-isolation due to symptoms of Covid 19, or contact with a positive case
- I know that whilst school staff will encourage social distancing where they can, my child will come in to close contact with other children and adults within their year group bubble
- I will ensure that my child arrives at school within 10 minutes of the start time allocated for their class:
  - Group A: Years R, 1, 3 and 6 start at 8.35am
  - Group B: Years N, 2, 4, 5 start at 8.45am
- If possible, I will walk with my child to school
- If possible, I will allow my Year 6 child to walk to school on their own. If this is not possible, I allow my Year 6 child to walk from the school entrance to their classroom on their own
- I will not allow my Year 6 to walk with friends as they will find it hard to socially distance
- I will use the appropriate entrance to come on to the school site:
  - Year N: use the 'staff only' wooden gate from the car park
  - Year R: use the large metal double gates from the car park
  - Years 1, 2, 3 and 4: use the usual pedestrian entrance
  - Year 5 and 6: use the large metal double gates from the car park
  - All children and parents may use the back entrances to the field, but must remain 2 metres apart from other families at all times
- I will use the same gate to collect my child and arrive promptly at the time allocated for their class:
  - Group A: Years R, 1, 3 and 6 at 3.10pm
  - Group B: Years N, 2, 4, 5 start at 3.20pm
- I will take my child to the external door for their classroom and collect them from the same place (the gates to the quadrangle will be open to allow parents to do this).
- When dropping off and collecting my child, I will stand 2 metres away from the door using the yellow lines in place. I will not go beyond the yellow line
- I understand that my child will need to walk alone, the 2 metres, from me to the adult waiting to receive them and will ensure that if this not possible, that my child returns home with me
- I will only remain upon the school site for enough time to drop off or collect my child and I will ensure that my children and I remain 2 metres away from any other family group for the whole of the time that I am on the site
- I will send my child to school every day with a bottle of water with their name written clearly on it as I know that the school drinking fountains will not be available
- I will send my child to school with their lunchbox if needed
- If my child is in Nursery, I will send them to school with a change of clothes in a named bag
- I will send my child to school in their school uniform, except when they have a PE lesson
- I will send my child to school in their PE kit one day a week, when their class has a PE lesson:
  - Monday: Year 4 and Year 6; Tuesday: Year 3; Wednesday: Year R and Year 1; Thursday: Year 2; Friday: Year 5

- If my child is having a school packed lunch, I will order it on line before Thursday each week for the following week (for all year groups including Nursery and Reception). I will do this even if my child qualifies for a free school meal.
- I will not send hand sanitiser to school with my child as I know that they will wash their hands many times during the day
- I will ensure that I have given my child any required medication and applied sun protection or lotions before they come to school
- I know that I will not be able to enter the school building unless there is an emergency involving my child or if I have a prearranged meeting. I will use the intercom, the phone or email to communicate instead

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Head Teacher