



23rd August 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school. All children in Years 1-6 will return to school on **Wednesday 25th August 2021**.

All children will start school at the same time. There will be a slight difference at the end of the day which will be explained below.

Parents can now enter the walkway to drop off children in the morning, but please say goodbye to them at the gate as parents **cannot enter** the playground in the **morning**. Staff will be on hand to support children to join their new classes.

If your child has symptoms of COVID-19 or has tested positive for COVID-19 and is isolating, please do not send them to school. Phone the office to report their absence.

Breakfast club will start on Wednesday 25th August, please book via Kerry on 07890 688 852.

To keep congestion to a minimum at drop off and pick up, please could you enter the walkway via the suggested gates unless you have more than one child to drop off.

Years 1 and 2 (Station Road Gate)

School Starts - 8:45 am-please enter through playground Gate A.



School Finishes - 3.15pm

Picasso will be lined up in front of number 2
Teresa will be lined up in front of number 3
Hockney will be lined up in front of number 4

At pick-up time, please enter through playground Gate A and keep to the back, left hand side of the playground.

We encourage you to continue to wear a mask when collecting your child and to socially distance as the rate of COVID in Hinckley is high at the moment - 400 over 100,00. This will help to protect our school community as much as possible.

Years 3 and 4 (Station Road Gate-Braille/St. Mary's Road Gate-Cadbury and Darwin)

School Starts - 8:45 am-please enter through playground Gate B.



School Finishes - 3.10 pm

Braille will be lined up in front of number 7
Cadbury will be lined up in front of number 8
Darwin will be lined up in front of number 9

At pick up time, please enter through Gate B and keep to the centre of the playground at the back.

We encourage you to continue to wear a mask when collecting your child and to socially distance as the rate of COVID in Hinckley is high at the moment - 400 over 100,00. The average is 300. This will help to protect our school community as much as possible.

Years 5 and 6 (St. Mary's Road Gate)

School Starts - 8:45 am-please enter through playground Gate C.



School Finishes - 3.10 pm

Cousteau will be lined up in front of number 10
Hamilton and Newton will be brought down to the bottom playground to meet parents or leave school to walk home.

At pick up time, please enter through Gate C and keep to the back, right of the playground.

We encourage you to continue to wear a mask when collecting your child and to socially distance as the rate of COVID in Hinckley is high at the moment-400 over 100,00. The average is 300. This will help to protect our school community as much as possible.

School Uniform

We expect the children to return in full school uniform and black school shoes. The teaching staff will communicate PE days for the following week when the children will be able to wear PE kit to school all day which must be in the correct school colours.

Lunch boxes/water bottles

The children may resume bringing lunch boxes to school and should bring a water bottle in every day which will be sent home daily. School rules are that this bottle should contain water only.

Birthdays

The children may continue to wear non-uniform on their birthdays and may now bring sweets to share with their class mates.

School Bags/Pencil Cases

We have requested that the children do not bring bags to school unless absolutely necessary and permission from the class teacher must be sought. Pencil cases will not be needed.

Class Pages

Other important information regarding this academic year can be found on the website under class pages.

Mobile Phones

These are only permitted in Year 6 if children are walking home. **School accepts no responsibility for loss or damage and these will be locked away in the classroom during the school day.** Permission must be sought from the Headteacher if children in Year 5 need to bring them to school.

We hope you've had a pleasant summer and we look forward to seeing you bright and early on Wednesday.

Kind regards



Mrs R. Ayres
Headteacher

When to self-isolate and what to do

What is self-isolation?

Self-isolation is when you do not leave your home because you have or might have coronavirus (COVID-19).

This helps stop the virus spreading to other people.

Important - Self-isolation rules have changed. You will not need to self-isolate in certain situations.

It's a legal requirement to self-isolate if you are told to by NHS Test and Trace. You could be fined if you do not self-isolate.

When to self-isolate

Self-isolate straight away and get a [PCR test \(a test that is sent to the lab\) on GOV.UK](#) as soon as possible if you have any of these 3 symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

You should also self-isolate straight away if:

- you've tested positive for COVID-19 – this means you have the virus
- someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive (unless you are not required to self-isolate – check below if this applies to you)
- you've been told to self-isolate following contact with someone who tested positive – [find out what to do if you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app](#)

Information:

You may need to quarantine when you arrive in England from abroad. [Check the quarantine rules when entering England on GOV.UK](#)

When you do not need to self-isolate

If someone you live with has symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:

- you're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS
- you're under 18 years, 6 months old
- you're taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Even if you do not have symptoms, you should still:

- get a [PCR test on GOV.UK](#) to check if you have COVID-19
- follow advice on [how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19](#)
- consider limiting contact with [people who are at higher risk from COVID-19](#)

Tell people you've been in close contact with that you have symptoms

Tell people you've been in close contact with in the past 48 hours that you might have COVID-19. You should tell them to follow advice on [how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19](#). They do not need to self-isolate unless they're contacted by the NHS Test and Trace service. If they get any symptoms of COVID-19, they should self-isolate and get a test as soon as possible.

How to self-isolate

You must not leave your home if you're self-isolating.

Don't

- do not go to work, school or public places – work from home if you can
- do not go on public transport or use taxis
- do not go out to get food and medicine – order it online or by phone, or ask someone to bring it to your home
- do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for people providing essential care
- do not go out to exercise – exercise at home or in your garden, if you have one

How long to self-isolate

If you test positive, your self-isolation period includes the day your symptoms started (or the day you had the test, if you did not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days.

You may need to self-isolate for longer if you get symptoms while self-isolating or your symptoms do not go away.

Read more about [how long to self-isolate](#).

Help and support while you're staying at home

While you're self-isolating:

- you can get help with everyday tasks, like collecting shopping or medicines, from an NHS volunteer
- you might be able to get sick pay or other types of financial support if you're not able to work

[Find out about help and financial support while you're self-isolating](#)