

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Welcome back!**

Welcome back to the new normal! After just a morning at school, it is like your children have never been away. I am delighted with how quickly the children have settled in and how responsibly they are behaving in relation to the Covid hygiene procedures we have put in place.

We welcome lots of new children and parents to our Hollingbourne school family. The children seem so settled already. At lunchtime today, they were all happy and playing with other children in their class which was lovely to see!

We have also welcomed new members of new staff- Mrs Huggins who is teaching in Beech Class, Miss Huckstepp who is a teaching assistant in Pine Class and Mrs Christie who is a teaching assistant in Oak Class. Finally, Mrs Rout is working as our school finance secretary.

Meet the teacher event

**Meet the teacher event Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020- is still going ahead.** This is from 5.30-6.30. However we ask the following things:

- Only one parent attends (and no children please)
- 5.30- 6.00 is open for years 1, 3, 5
- 6.00- 6.30 is open for years 2, 4, 6
- If you have more than one child in school and the times clash, then feel free to swap the half hour slot, this is no problem
- Year R parents do not need to attend for their Year R children
- The session is a drop in, therefore you can arrive and leave when you wish within your half hour slot.

We hope you can make it, so that you can hear what the teachers have planned for your children this year!

COVID-19 update

As you can imagine, we have carefully planned for this September start. You can find our school risk assessment on the website should you wish to look at it. It is however constantly subject to change as we move through the term, and these changes won't always be republished on the website.

If your child is absent from school we request that you call the school office as soon as possible so that if it is related to COVID we can take quick action in school to protect all other children and staff. Please follow the government guidance related to symptoms, isolating and testing to help us keep your child and everyone else's children as safe as we possibly can.

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This year, we are unlikely to be able to plan any swimming or residential trips, however we may be able to book day trips and make good use of the locality!

Kingswood

Sadly, despite several efforts, Kingswood are not prepared to refund us for the KS2 residential trip. I am seeking further legal advice on the matter, as this is just not acceptable. I would really appreciate your patience while I deal with the situation, please rest assured that we are working hard to address the issue.

Staying up to date

Please do stay up to date by looking at our school webpage, following us on Twitter, as well as joining us on Microsoft TEAMS. If you have not yet joined a class ‘team’ then please send me your email address on the school website contact page and I will send you a Microsoft TEAMS invite so you can be added. If we have to close classes or worst case scenario the whole school due to covid then we will have to return to online learning and this will be via TEAMS. It is therefore worth getting this set up in preparation.

Many thanks for your cooperation and I very much look forward to working with you this year.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Bradley-Wyatt  
Headteacher

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