

HUTTON RUDBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents/carers,

As always and most importantly, I hope that both you and all your family are fit and well.

Over the last few months, the days have seemed to blend into one, I've lost count of the number of times that I've said good morning to people instead of good afternoon. It has been fantastic to see so many children return to school, even if it is for some children the odd day here and there. I am delighted that the government has announced that all children are to return to school in September. Therefore, the children will return to school on **Wednesday 9th September**. (Please see attached holiday dates document).

Our priority is to ensure that all children return to school in a safe environment, but an environment where the education they receive will enable their learning to flourish. There has been a great deal of lost time, both academically, socially and emotionally. We are determined that come September we will make up for lost time and give our amazing children a broad and balanced curriculum that will enable them to reach their full potential as well rounded individuals. Please find attached to this letter our whole school curriculum map for the next academic year.

I'm currently working with NYCC, governors and staff on updating our whole school re-opening risk assessment for September. In order to comply with government guidelines, there will be certain changes come September, although I am confident that these changes will not have any detrimental impact to the quality of education that the children will receive. I stress that these changes are by no means permanent, they are the changes that we must undertake to ensure a safe opening of school in September. We will at all times continually review our systems and procedures and respond to government guidance appropriately as and when it is updated.

What will be different in school?

- One of the major changes in school will be the staggered start times, end times, lunchtimes and playtimes. Below is a timetable of how this will run in September. If you have more than one child in school, please bring both of your children for the earlier start time and collect at the earlier finish time. As a parent myself, I appreciate that the, 'school run' can be challenging at times. However, please try and stick to the arrival times in the morning so we can get the children into school as quickly and safely as possible.

Arrivals, Breaks, Lunches & Departures Rota

	Arrive	Break	Lunch Eating	Lunch Playing	Home
YR	8:30 Front of school	Free flow Outdoor Area	Hall 11:30 – 12	12 – 12:30 Outdoor Area / Front playground	2:45 Front Playground
Y1	8:40 Front of school	10:40 - 11 Nature area	Hall 12 – 12:30	12:30 – 1 Field 1	3:00 Front playground
Y2	8:50 Front of school	10:40 - 11 Back playground	Hall 12:30 - 1	12 – 12:30 Field 1	3:15 Front playground
Y3	8:40 Year 3 fire door	10:40 - 11 Field 1	Classroom School Dinner collection: 12:00	12:30 – 1 Field 2	3:00 Front playground
Y4	8:50 Side of school near IT suite	10:40 - 11 Field 2	Classroom School Dinner Collection: 12:15	12:30 – 1 Field 3	3:15 Front playground
Y5	9:00 Bike shed	10:40 - 11 Field 3	Classroom School Dinner Collection: 12:30	12-12:30 Field 2	3:30 Back playground via bike shed
Y6	9:00 Normal entrance	10:40 - 11 Front playground	Classroom School Dinner Collection: 12:40	12 – 12:40 Field 3 / Nature area	3:30 Front playground

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Miss Martin will be sending home a letter this week explaining how our new starters will transition into school in September.

- The children will be in their normal whole class bubble. The restrictions of having 15 children per class bubble do not apply in September. Obviously we will endeavour to prevent class bubbles from interacting in the school building, but there will be times when class bubbles will be outside at the same time.
- The children should not bring their own pencil case to school. They will be provided with their own zip up plastic wallet which will include all the stationary resources that they will need each day.
- The government guidance indicates that schools should avoid large gatherings such as assemblies. Therefore, sadly, until guidance changes, the children will not be having any assemblies in school. However, staff will deliver class assemblies to their class bubble, focusing upon mental health and wellbeing, and topical issues through using the picture news teaching resources.
- Children will wash their hands at regular intervals. Additionally, soap and hand gel dispensers have been placed both inside and outside of the school building. Every toilet has hand sanitising at the entrance to the toilet. Children will be taught the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. Lidded waste bins and tissues are available in every classroom and toilet areas. All children entering the school building will have sanitiser applied to their hands. Children will be taught how to correctly apply and rub sanitiser into their hands for 20 seconds.
- All staff are already well practised and in a routine of cleaning all resources and areas after they have been used. There is a detailed and thorough cleaning schedule in place throughout school each day. This will continue to be the case in September.
- Face masks and PPE will not be worn by staff or pupils. The guidance indicates the following:

'Public Health England does not (based on current evidence) recommend the use of face coverings in schools. This evidence will be kept under review. They are not required in schools as pupils and staff are mixing in consistent groups, and because misuse may inadvertently increase the risk of transmission. There may also be negative effects on communication and thus education.'

- Outside sports providers will be permitted to continue to enter the school site and teach different groups of children. I am waiting for further instruction and guidance as to whether or not after school clubs such as STEM club, football club, radio club, aquarium club, Warhammer club, IT club, gymnastics, netball and running club will be able to resume in September. I very much hope that even if we cannot start those clubs straight away, we will be able to in the near future. As soon as I receive an answer from the questions I have asked in this regard, I will of course update everybody.
- The Before and After school club will be back to normal come September. We will send out further information about the cost of this provision and what it will exactly look like over the next few weeks.
- Each classroom and area within school will be supplied with a fully stocked first aid kit. All staff have received updated first aid training and either class teacher or teaching assistant will deal with first aid within each classroom area where possible – for examples cuts, scrapes, nose bleeds, head bumps etc. Serious injuries will be dealt with in the medical room. Children will not be present outside the school office for first aid.

What happens if there is a case of COVID-19 in school?

If a child or adult who works in school receives a positive COVID-19 test result, then we will strictly follow government guidelines. The guidance states the following:

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Schools must take swift action when they become aware that someone who has attended has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). Schools should contact the local health protection team. This team will also contact schools directly if they become aware that someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) attended the school – as identified by NHS Test and Trace. The health protection team will carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious, and ensure they are asked to self-isolate. The health protection team will work with schools in this situation to guide them through the actions they need to take. Based on the advice from the health protection team, schools must send home those people who have been in close contact with the person who has tested positive, advising them to self-isolate for 14 days since they were last in close contact with that person when they were infectious. Close contact means:

direct close contacts - face to face contact with an infected individual for any length of time, within 1 metre, including being coughed on, a face to face conversation, or unprotected physical contact (skin-to-skin)

proximity contacts - extended close contact (within 1 to 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with an infected individual

travelling in a small vehicle, like a car, with an infected person.

What will the children need with them?

- The children will need to come to school wearing their full school uniform. Uniform is available to order and pick up directly from the Motif 8 shop situated in Thornaby. Please be aware Motif8 are operating an appointment system for visits to the shop.
- A fully labelled PE kit. The children will find out from their class teacher in September what days they will need to bring their PE kit into school.
- A water bottle labelled with your child's name.
- The children will be provided with a Home/School diary in September. This should go home with them each night and come back to school the next day.
- We will be allowed within our guidelines to send reading books home in September. We will put in place measures to ensure this is safe and will provide you with more information about home reading books in September.

In other news, I am delighted to announce that Mrs Ruddy is pregnant and will be expecting her third child at the end of the year. We are over the moon for both her and her husband, Dave and her two children Daniel and Reuben. Mrs Ruddy will be in the building until October half term. Therefore, I am equally delighted to announce that Miss Ellie Templeman will be teaching the Year 4 children in September. Ellie is no stranger to our school having successfully undertaken her teacher training at Hutton Rudby. We warmly welcome her into our school family. We will also have a new teaching assistant joining us in September. Mrs Tania Freeman will be our full time teaching assistant in our Reception class. I know that both Mrs Freeman and Miss Martin can't wait to start teaching our news starters in Reception!

Throughout lockdown we have also been updating our staff safeguarding training in a number of key areas. Mr Johnson, Miss Martin, Miss Clark and Mr Whawell have all undergone safer recruitment training. They have all also undergone deputy designated lead safeguarding training. The remainder of this training will be completed in September.

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Summer Football school

Firstly, I apologise that the football summer camp is not going to be over 4 days as originally thought. There will however be football/multi sports and dance activities at school every Monday and Tuesday throughout the school summer holidays. Further details can be found on the DF Coaching Facebook page. Activities will run from 9:30 until 3:00 with an early drop off of 8:45 being allowed. Please contact Dan Fowler directly for information about how to book these sessions and for pricing details.

It has been quite some year! A school year that I for one will never forget. However, once again our whole school community has risen to the challenge. I cannot begin to express my gratitude to all our children, my amazing staff, governors and of course you. Without all of your support I don't think I would have got through these immensely challenging months. Thank you. All that remains is to wish you all a happy, relaxing and safe summer holidays. I can't wait to see all our children back to school where they belong in September.

Yours sincerely

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