



**Hunningley Primary School**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure you are now all aware of the governments decision to close schools to all children who do not fall within the government's guidance of being either vulnerable in some way, or the children of a key worker.

I would like to explain that this lockdown is quite different to the one in March last year where the emphasis was very much on schools providing child care to enable key workers to continue in employment to support the country as it battled the pandemic. At this time, a huge number of children were unable to attend school and this has been proven to have had a huge impact on their education and importantly on their mental health and well being.

This time, it is very clear that children **must** continue to learn, either from home engaging every day with the lessons their teachers are streaming live, or from school. School will be checking attendance registers everyday and making sure that all children who are not in school are online, taking part in their lessons.

### **Important Information:**

#### **1. Opening and Closing Times.**

School will be open from 8.45am – 9am and close at 3pm. If your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6, they are asked to walk down the driveway by themselves; this is to limit the number of people on site at any one time. If your child is in Early Years or in Years 1 or 2, **only one adult** may bring them to school and collect them. Siblings at secondary schools will not be permitted on site and parents are strongly urged to **wear face coverings** to protect themselves and others. **Social distancing on site MUST be adhered to** and parents who persistently choose not to do this could be refused entry onto school grounds in the future.

#### **2. Lessons Online**

Teachers will begin **live teaching at 9.15am**. Children will have morning lessons in Reading, Writing and Maths and a further lesson in the afternoon from the wider curriculum. Please ensure that your child is ready to start learning at this time. If your child does not have access to their own computer or Ipad, please notify school today so that one can be provided for them. Mobile phones will not be sufficient to provide high quality lessons and siblings will be unable to share devices as all classes will begin learning at 9.30am. We have enough laptops in school for all children learning from home to have their own.

#### **3. Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club will be available to key worker children from 8am and to those who have a prior agreement with school.



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**4. Uniform**

Children are expected to attend school wearing their full school uniform. They are able to wear their tracksuits on the day they have PE and must have a warm, outdoor coat with them every day.

**5. School Meal Vouchers**

Children learning from home who are entitled to free school meals will be contacted towards the end of the week with details of the arrangements we have put in place.

**6. Places in School**

Children who have been offered and who have accepted places will be expected to attend every day. If you feel you are entitled to a place or need one which hasn't been offered to you, please contact school and we will do our best to help you.

**7. Risk Assessment**

The safety of your children is our number one priority. We have reviewed our risk assessment in light of yesterday's announcement and are confident that we have taken every measure we are able to keep everyone safe. Children returning to school tomorrow will be taught by their class teacher and teaching assistant, in their own classroom in small groups of 15 or less. This will enable them to maintain social distancing at all times. They will also eat their lunch in their classrooms and play outside with only the children in their class bubble. Handwashing and hygiene will be taught and staff will ensure that this is strictly followed throughout the day.

Please telephone school or email either myself or a member of our team with any questions you may have and we will be happy to help you.

I hope yourselves and your families stay safe and I look forward to welcoming you back to school once the restrictions have been lifted by the government.

With my very best wishes,

Mrs Horton-Hale  
Principal.



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