



Plan for Autumn 2020 Re-opening





Dear Parents,

Welcome to our Autumn 2020 re-opening pack. This pack is designed to explain everything you need to know about how Holbeton Primary School will operate and answer any queries you might have had regarding bubbles, attendance, cleaning and learning.

We want to explain all the measures we are putting in place and to reassure you that we will do everything we can to ensure that the health and safety of pupils remain our top priority. Our careful planning will mean that the children can access school without concern. We will continue

to monitor and update our plans, following all government guidance. The Holbeton staff and community has proactively and successfully managed the impact of the pandemic to date and wish for this to continue in the future.

Please make sure you read this thoroughly and read your child's letter to them. We want everyone to feel relaxed and excited about returning to school in September. The whole team at Holbeton are incredibly excited about starting again in September and we CANNOT WAIT to see you all return!

Mr Rickard and the Holbeton Staff

Attendance

It is vital for all children to return to school to minimise as far as possible the longer-term impact of the pandemic on children's education, wellbeing and wider development. Those children with higher overall absence tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school. School attendance will therefore be closely monitored again from the beginning of the autumn term. This means that from September, the usual rules apply.

If your child is unwell, we recommend that parents contact the GP in the usual way. Medical advice is available 24/7, please telephone 111. If your child is going to be absent from school, we ask that you contact the school in the usual way by telephoning school 01752 830317 or email: admin@holbeton.devon.sch.uk

Bubble Groups

The school will operate with two planned bubbles. Bubble one will be Mrs Mitchell's and Mr Rickard's class. Bubble two will be Mr Armley-Jones' class. This is designed to reduce contact between groups. We aim, as much as possible to keep the bubbles separate at playtimes and lunchtimes. Playtimes and lunchtimes will operate as normal; however, the playground areas will be zoned and children will be kept in their respective zones to maintain their bubbles. KS2 will have their lunches in their classroom whilst KS1 and the Foundation unit will have their lunches in the dining hall.

Catch it, bin it, Kill it

The whole school will be promoting good respiratory hygiene at all times. Children are encouraged to always use tissues when they sneeze or cough and to dispose of this in a bin and then wash their hands as soon as possible.

Classes

Class sizes won't change. The layout and the furniture arrangement maybe slightly different to before. All classes will be well ventilated and classes will be cleaned frequently. Hand sanitisers are available in every classroom.

All children will, as much as possible, sit side by side facing towards the front of the classroom. Children will use their own 'tool kits' to avoid the sharing of pencils and other resources as much as possible. Resources such as books and games can be used and shared within the bubble but these will be cleaned regularly. Any resources, such a design technology equipment can be used across bubbles but it will be cleaned before switching bubbles and left untouched for a period of 72hours.

Clubs

We want to continue providing our excellent array of extra-curricular clubs. Premier Sports are planning to continue providing clubs as will our staff. These will be bubble specific to avoid any mixing of our groups.

Covid-19

Signs and Symptoms

We ask that if someone in the household has Covid-19, that the child does not come to school.

Anyone who displays symptoms whilst in school, will be isolated immediately and parents contacted. Anyone who displays symptoms can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website or ordered by telephone via the NHS 119. We ask parents to inform the school immediately of the test results. If someone tests negative, they can stop self-isolating. If someone tests positive, they should follow the 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus infection' and must continue to self-isolate for at least 7 days from the onset of their symptoms.

Testing

Testing facilities are available at our nearest NHS testing centre which is at Derriford. NHS testing is now available to anyone in the UK that is showing COVID-19 symptoms, including under 12s. If a child displays symptoms, they will be required to take a test.

Face

Masks

Public Health England does not (based on current evidence) recommend the use of face coverings in schools. However, face masks can be worn by any child or teacher who wishes to do so. If a child's face mask becomes wet or uncomfortable, this arrangement may need to be reviewed. Face masks must not be swapped with other children.

Hand Washing

Thorough handwashing routines will be implemented throughout the school day. All visitors to the site will be required to use anti-bacterial hand sanitiser. Pupils will quickly establish regular routines of washing their hands upon arrival, before and after playtimes and at the end of the school day.

Learning

We have all been incredibly impressed with your home learning and the work that has been sent in. So much has been seen and the stamina, rigor and efforts have been amazing. It has shown that with careful planning and continued support, home learning can be delivered successfully. Should any child have to self-isolate, home learning can continue for them. They won't miss out on any class learning and what is taught in school can be shared and supported at home.

Upon returning, the curriculum will continue. We are incredibly fortunate to have mixed classes with small class sizes. The teaching staff know the children and understand which gaps might appear in their learning. During the first few weeks back, teachers will priorities identifying any gaps and re-establish good progress in the essential areas of phonics, reading, increasing vocabulary, writing and mathematics. Our wonderful breadth of curriculum remains. Forest schools, outdoor learning and our full range of subjects will be taught. Children will come home with stories, tales and talk about their new skills that they have learnt as before.

School

Uniform

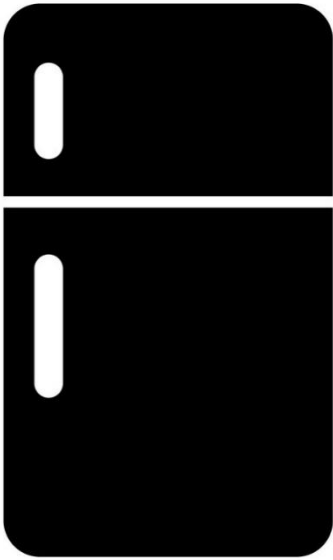
From September, we expect all pupils to wear normal school uniform. Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal.

Mrs Nash will be selling school uniform on our two non-pupil days on Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 2nd September. Appointments need to be made in order to buy uniform. No parents will be allowed inside the school building without having made an appointment beforehand.

Start and Finish Times

For bubble one (Mrs Mitchell and Mr Rickard's class), please arrive for 08:45. Children should enter via the main school security gate and enter the building to wash their hands. Parents should then follow the playground around and exit using the large gate. This helps create a one-way flow. School will finish at 15:15 and as before, enter the school using the security gate entrance, collect your child and leave using the large gate exit.

For bubble two (Mr Armley-Jones' class), please arrive for 09:00, using the same entrance and exit as bubble one. Pick up time is 1530.



The Essentials to Remember

Stick this on your fridge!

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- Attendance is compulsory from September
- Uniform is to be worn
- Please, no gatherings on the playground during pickup and drop offs. If you need to wait, please adhere to social distancing
- Hand washing is still essential and will continue throughout the day
- Anyone displaying signs and symptoms will be isolated in school
- If your child is unwell, contact the GP in the usual way
- Clubs will continue but will remain in bubbles

Bubble information

	Bubble One	Bubble Two
Class	Mrs Mitchell, Mr Rickard	Mr Armley-Jones
Drop off time	08:45	09:00
Pick up time	15:15	15:30



Dear Children,

We're so excited that you're coming back to school. We have all missed you, and are looking forward to seeing you again. To help you get ready, we need to tell you that school will look a little bit different. All of the staff will be there to help with everything so do not worry.

Your parents have shared with you how important it is to stay safe at this time because there is a virus in our community that can make people poorly. Before school closed, you learnt how to stay safe by washing your hands, and trying best not to touch your mouth, nose and eyes.

Some children might feel a little bit worried about starting school again and it is okay if you feel like this. Remember you can always tell an adult how you're feeling and they will happily talk to you about your feelings.

When you come back, you will be working and playing in your class like normal. You will be in a bubble and this will be explained to you in class. Our bubbles will stay together and play together. There maybe areas you can't play in to avoid our bubbles mixing, this will all be made clear to you when you come to school.

When you arrive at school you will enter our playground using a one-way system and upon entering the building you will wash your hands ready for your fun-filled day. There will always be hand sanitiser around should you wish to wash your hands and we will remind you when is best to wash your hands throughout the day.

We're all working very hard currently to make sure school will be ready for you. We can't wait to tell you about all the exciting things you'll be doing when you come back to school!

See you very soon!

**The Holbeton Staff
Team**

