

7 September 2021



**Holmfirth**  
Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Dear Parents,

Welcome, and welcome back! Here are some of the key changes for the start of this new school year.

#### Staffing:

Firstly, I would like to welcome two new teachers, Miss Emily Robinson and Mr James Peech, to our team. Miss Robinson will be full-time and Mr Peech will be part-time (3 days). In addition, I would like to welcome Mrs. Pigott, Mrs. Wilson, Mr. McGowan and Mrs. Pritchard as teaching assistants. Following a leadership re-structure, Mr. Warrener will take on the mantle of Deputy Head, with Acting Head duties. Mr Warrener has been Assistant Head since May 2017, therefore this is a natural progression for his professional development. After consultation with governors and the local authority, I have reduced my working week from 5 days to 3 days. Whilst my working contract may be less, my commitment to this school is not diminishing. The staffing for each class for the school year 2021/2022 will be as follows: -

EYFS / NURSERY	Mrs. Charlesworth / Mrs. Holmes / Mrs. Pigott / Mrs. Price / Mrs. Rose
Y1	Miss Jackson / Mrs. Kenworthy
Y2	Mrs. Middleton / Ms. Todd
Y3	Mr. Peech / Miss Stables / Ms. Wilson
Y4	Mrs. Greaves / Mrs. Hunt / Mrs. Worsley
Y5	Mr. McGowan / Mrs. Perrons / Mrs. Turner / Ms Bamford
Y6	Ms. Bamford / Mrs. Pritchard / Miss Robinson / Ms. Traviss / Mr. Warrener

There will be occasions when staff work across classes, in order to target needs and to share expertise.

#### Allotment

During the summer holiday, work has progressed considerably on the allotment and I am pleased to report that this facility will open for use during this academic year. For completion, a polytunnel needs building and consultation with Ama Charney (Grow to School) and Viv Jebson (Sharing Memories) and Gwen Sharp (FONS) will take place. The school would like to express its sincere thanks to Winton and Karen Harrison for their dedication and determination to realise their vision for the children to have a dedicated growing space.



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## Timings:

The school day begins at 8.55 am and finishes at 3.15pm. As per school update on May 27<sup>th</sup> 2021, the new structure will mean that the traditional afternoon break will not continue, but will be replaced by a combination of outdoor learning opportunities, where appropriate. This will allow for a substantial run of time in some curriculum areas and should also enable a smoother afternoon for learning. There will be a Governing Body review in November 2021.

- PE / Outdoor Learning:

PE lessons will take place on **Thursdays**, whilst Outdoor Learning will take place on Fridays, with classes alternating on a two-week timetable. For PE, children should come to school wearing appropriate kit (t-shirt / tracksuit top / shorts / tracksuit bottoms or leggings / trainers – it is essential that all children have the correct footwear). Outdoor learning is scheduled for all weathers, therefore please ensure that children dress appropriately.

### OUTDOOR LEARNING – FRIDAYS

	WEEK 1 (Sept 10 <sup>th</sup> )	WEEK 2 (Sept 17 <sup>th</sup> )
9.00 – 10.30	EYFS	EYFS
10.45 – 12.15	YEAR 1	YEAR 4
1.15 – 2.15	YEAR 2	YEAR 5
2.15 – 3.15	YEAR 3	YEAR 6

### Risk assessment:

Our updated Covid19 risk assessment will be shared shortly, including our outbreak contingency plan. With the 'return to normal' in mind, the following key changes apply:

- Bubbles are no longer in operation.
- Children will line up on the main playground with their class teacher.
- The main gates will continue to be opened, to facilitate flow.
- Masks are no longer compulsory.
- Parents may accompany children onto the playground for the beginning of the school day (8.55am) and collect from the playground at the end of the school day (3.15pm).

Kind Regards

*J Rose*

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