



HOWLETCH LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you and your families are well and have enjoyed the summer break.

I wanted to get in touch before the start of the new academic year to confirm dates, times and routines for the new term. A lot of the routines which we had in place last term will be continuing in September.

You will have seen from the news that COVID cases are once again rising and having consulted with members of the governing body, we still feel there is a need to be cautious in order to protect all members of the school community. We will continue to work in year group bubbles for now but will review this at half term.

Children return to school on Thursday 2nd September. Routines for the beginning and end of the day are largely the same as before with year groups using the same staggered entry and exit points. We aim to have all children in school before 9am. If you arrive late, please bring your child to the main entrance.

	ENTRY TIME	ENTRY AND EXIT GATE	EXIT TIME
NURSERY	A.M. 8:45 P.M. 12:30	Entry to Nursery gate – (wait in day care car park area next to Nursery gate)	11:30 – 11:45 am 3:15 – 3:30 pm
RECEPTION	8:45 am	Entry onto KS1 yard by main drive gate (wait in day care car park)	3:00 pm
YEAR 1	8:50 – 8:55 am (rolling entry, following Year 2 pupils)	Enter grounds by side gate next to park, exit main drive gate	3:05 pm
YEAR 2	8:50 am (rolling entry, followed quickly by Year 1 pupils)	Enter grounds by side gate next to park, exit main drive gate	3:10 pm
YEAR 3	9:00 am	Mrs Cowey’s – bungalows side gate Mr Winn’s – Sainsbury’s car park	3:25 pm
YEAR 4	8:55 am	Mrs Armstrong’s – bungalows side gate Mr Snelling’s – Sainsbury’s car park	3:20pm
YEAR 5	8:50 am	Mr Sutherland’s – bungalows side gate Miss Berry’s – Sainsbury’s car park	3:15pm
YEAR 6	8:45 am	Sainsbury’s car park	3:10pm
EMP BASE	8:45 am	MAIN ENTRANCE	3:10 pm

The parents of **new Reception pupils** should have received a pack last term with details of dates and times for starting school. If unsure, please contact the school office by email or telephone.

COVID TESTING

Staff are continuing to use LFD tests twice weekly as advised by the government. If you or a member of your family have symptoms of COVID can I remind you to follow government guidelines for self-isolating and booking a PCR test if necessary. Please do not send your child to school if they have a high temperature or cough or are generally unwell. If a child tests positive, please inform school immediately by ringing 5862765 or emailing o.howletch200@howletchlane.co.uk
All staff will continue to wear masks in communal areas in school and we would like to encourage parents to wear masks when dropping off and collecting their children in order to protect themselves and others. Please don't arrive too early as this will only add to the congestion, meaning that the staggered times won't be effective.

PE KITS

Children and parents will be told their PE days once they return to school. Children can come into school dressed for PE on the specified days to avoid having to change during the school day.

YEARS 5 & 6 PUPILS

If your child is in Y5 or Y6 and you are happy for them to walk home on their own, you must send a letter giving your consent on the first day back. These children are allowed to carry a mobile phone to school. The phone will be stored in the teacher's desk and given back to your child at the end of the day for their walk home.

BREAKFAST & TEA TIME CLUBS

The clubs will resume this term and will be held in KS1 hall. Please contact the school office for details if you have not already done so. Please note, teatime club will not begin until Monday 6th September.

Please continue to check the school website www.howletch.co.uk and Facebook page for the most up to date information.

We very much look forward to welcoming the children back to school next Thursday 2nd September.

Staff will be in school for training next week on Tuesday 31st August and Wednesday 1st September.

There will be a member of the office staff in school on the training days next week who can answer any queries you may have by email or telephone.

Best wishes

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Head teacher