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Dear Parent / Carer



Welcome back!

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday. Thank you so much to staff, children and families for making the first few days back at school go so well. I hope new staff, children and families have been made to feel welcome. We are looking forward to the year ahead!

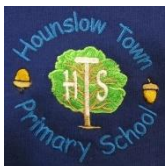


School development priorities

Every year the school works with all stakeholders (governors, staff, children, families etc) to try to achieve key priorities for the school. This year the school will be working on:

1. **Renewing the school values and ethos of HTPS:** we will be considering the qualities we want demonstrated across the whole school community, and how to ensure there is a shared vision enabling us: ...'to inspire, to encourage, to learn, to achieve'... (our school motto).
2. **Using INSIGHT effectively:** INSIGHT is a new system staff will be using to manage our school data for pupil progress and achievement. We are likely to use this system to generate school reports and you may receive a new format for reports at the end of the academic year.
3. **To address a projected school deficit:** I am sure that you are aware that school budgets are under strain, and we are no exception. Governors will be working with the LA and school to ensure that we get the best value for money that we can and are able to continue to offer the best provision possible for the school community.
4. **To manage the increasing complexity of SEN:** we pride ourselves on being an inclusive school and work hard to meet the needs of all the children in our community. We have a specialist SEN resourced provision (The Rainbow Unit) as well as children in our mainstream classes with complex needs. We want to ensure that we offer the best support that we can in this regard.

Over the course of the year, I will update families on our progress against these priorities.



School uniform and PE kits

With the new academic year starting it is really important that children have the correct school uniform. Uniform gives children a sense of belonging and feeling of being a 'Hounslow Town child' (linked to our first school priority).

The school uniform is:

- Grey trousers or skirt
- White or light blue shirt/blouse
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with embroidered logo
- Blue and white checked summer dress can be worn in the Summer months
- Practical school shoes (black)
- White or grey socks/tights

It is also really important that children have the correct PE kit. We do allow children in Y1 – Y6 to come to school in PE kit on days when they have PE, but this **must** be the correct colours (it is not a non-uniform day!) A letter is attached from Coach Michal outlining the expectation for PE kits.

We are aware that uniform is expensive and if you are having difficulty in this regard please speak with school staff. Please ensure that **all** uniform is named so if lost it can be returned easily. Thank you.



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Routines

I know it seems obvious, but please ensure you have the following in place:

- Up to date emergency contacts (ideally please ensure we have at least 2 additional contact numbers in case we are unable to get hold of parents / carers)
- Up to date medical information and medicines in school
- Allergy information provided
- Arrangements for punctual arrival and dismissal (see below)



Clubs

We try to offer a range of additional clubs to enhance children's experiences at school and also develop their interests. A letter was distributed earlier in the week, and families are able to secure places through ParentPay. I am attaching the letter again with this newsletter.

Gates

All school gates open 10 minutes before the start and end of the school day. The timings for the school day are:

- Morning nursery: 8.30am – 11.30am
- Afternoon nursery: 12.30pm – 3.30pm
- Y1 – Y6: 8.55am – 3.25pm

(Reception classes are starting next week and have a phased start in school, but once they are fulltime will have the same timings as Y1 – Y6)



Y1 families are able to drop children in the Reception playground and let children walk to their classrooms beyond the middle gate.

Senior staff are on school gates and able to speak with families if you wish to catch us for a brief conversation. Should you need a longer discussion please contact the school office to make an appointment.

School attendance

It is crucial that children have good attendance at school. Absence affects children's ability to progress well and achieve their potential. We have already had some children miss the start of school and this will affect how quickly they settle.

Attendance

Please ensure that children are only absent due to illness and try to arrange all appointments and family events outside of the school day. Term time holidays are not permitted. The only leave in term time which may be authorised is in the event of a bereavement (close family member).

UFSM and Nut free school

All primary aged children are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal (UFSM) which has been funded by the London Mayor. I would encourage all families to take up this offer. Children benefit from a hot meal for lunch and are also exposed to a range of foods which can make them more adventurous to try new foods. Chartwells are our school meal providers and we are fortunate to have a production kitchen where meals are prepared freshly on site every day. I eat the school lunches most days and consider the standard and quality of meals to be very good.



If your child has a food allergy, we are able to provide allergy compliant meals for them. Please make Mrs Khan in the school office aware and she will liaise with Chartwells to make sure this is arranged.



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If you do decide to provide your child with a packed lunch, please remember that we are a nut free school and **no nut products** should be part of a packed lunch due to the severe allergic reaction that some children could have.

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Silver accreditation for travel

It is lovely to be able to start the school year with some pleasing news....

We are delighted to have been awarded the Silver Accreditation for our Travel Plan for the next two years. The Travel Plan encourages schools to promote ways for healthy travel, including encouraging families to come to school via a healthy means (e.g.,

walking, scooting, cycling or getting the bus). I would like to thank Mrs McKeon for her hard work on achieving this on behalf of the school.

Skillz4Life 'Hounslow Quality Childcare Award' (message from Coach Michal)

We are thrilled to share some fantastic news that reflects our commitment to providing the highest standard of care for all children attending our provisions! 🌟

We have been awarded the prestigious Hounslow Quality Childcare Award! 🏆

This recognition is a testament to our unwavering commitment to providing a nurturing, safe, and stimulating environment for all children that come through our doors.

None of this would have been possible without our incredible staff! Our team works tirelessly to create a safe, engaging, and fun place for your children to learn and grow. They go above and beyond to create memorable experiences for your children 🥰🥰

This achievement would not be possible without YOU - our amazing families - who inspire us daily with your trust and support.

Together, we celebrate this milestone and look forward to even more exciting adventures ahead! 🚀

Thank you for being part of our community! Here's to many more joyful moments together!



Litter and parking

I have been contacted by a local resident who lives in Inwood Road concerned at the increase in litter and parking difficulties since the school has returned. Please be considerate towards local residents and ensure that children dispose of rubbish appropriately. Similarly, please make sure that you do not block residents driveways if coming to school by car. These are our neighbours and we want a good reputation and relationships within the school community. Thank you.

Good partnerships (repeated message)

To assist with good partnerships and make communication easier, we have the following email contacts for families to use. Please let staff know of things that are going well or alert them to any difficulty that you think we can help with. Please can I remind families they should not approach other parents / carers about any difficulties between children as this only results in making the matter worse. Please raise any worries with the school and we will liaise with others if necessary. If another parent / carer approaches you, please do not respond but ask them to contact the school.



Contact emails are:

- For Nursery families: nurseryteacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
- For Reception families: receptionteacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
- For Y1 families: year1teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
- For Y2 families: year2teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
- For Y3 families: year3teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk



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- For Y4 families: year4teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
- For Y5 families: year5teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
- For Y6 families: year6teacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
- For Rainbow families: rainbowteacher@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
- For music: music@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk
- For any password enquiries please go to: passwords@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk

Miss Laura Khalil
Headteacher

Useful dates

| Term dates 2024 – 2025 | Curriculum events |
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| <p>Autumn Term INSET Mon 2nd Sept INSET Tues 3rd Sept First day of term Wed 4th Sept HALF TERM Mon 28th Oct – Fri 1st Nov Last day of term Fri 20th Dec (2pm finish)</p> | <p>PSA / Other I hope you know we would like parents / carers to come forward to participate on the PSA. If you think you would be willing to get involved please contact the committee on either of the emails below. Thank you!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">psa@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">hounslowtown.psa@outlook.com</p> |
| <p>Spring Term INSET Mon 6th Jan First day of term Tues 7th Jan HALF TERM Mon 17th Feb – Fri 21st Feb Last day of term Thurs 3rd Apr (2pm finish) INSET Fri 4th April</p> | |
| <p>Summer Term First day of term Tues 22nd Apr May bank holiday Mon 5th May INSET Fri 23rd May HALF TERM Mon 26th May – Fri 30th May Last day of term Tues 22nd July (2pm finish)</p> | |