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Dear Parent / Carer



Welcome back!

It has been lovely to have the children back in school, and I hope that the children have enjoyed their first two days. New staff are settling in and I hope that new families have been made to feel welcome. Hopefully the whole school community is looking forwards to the year ahead and no doubt it will be busy!

Building work and class names

Over the holiday we were fortunate to have a small building project completed to create a new classroom. Mr Reynoso will be working with children in a new class called Iris class. This is down the Rainbow corridor and Anethyst class has moved into the newly created classroom, which has outdoor access onto the first floor terrace. We are really pleased with this improvement to our facilities and it has enabled a larger SEN office to be created as well for Miss Howard and Mrs Butt.



I would like to alert Y5 families of a change of class names for 2 of the Y5 classes. Miss Chandegra is actually in 5 Turquoise (not 5 Marine) and Miss Adan is actually in 5 Marine (and not 5 Turquoise). I hope that this will not cause confusion for families, and apologies for the late swap.

We have also had quite a bit of decorating completed in the school with the corridors on the ground floor and hall wall being painted. This has really helped to smarten up our environment. If you visit the school, you may notice that artwork of our school motto and values has been displayed in the main hall and atrium – it looks fantastic and has really enhanced the spaces and reinforces our motto and values. We still need to raise funds to cover the production of this artwork and I will refer to this in the newsletter next week.



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'.

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!)

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.

Routines

It is obvious, but please ensure you have the following in place:





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- 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 in place for punctual arrival and dismissal (see below)

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 have a phased start in school, but once they are fulltime have the same timings as Y1 – Y6)



Y1 families are asked to drop children in the Reception playground and let children walk to their classrooms from the middle gate. I know that families were able to accompany to classrooms on the first day, but from next week we do expect children to say their goodbyes at the middle gate – staff are there to pass on a message to teachers if required. We often have equipment set out for outdoor learning in the area outside the Y1 classrooms and therefore want to limit the footfall and congestion in this area. Thank you for co-operating with this.

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) and 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 Miss Vali in the school office aware and she will liaise with Chartwells to make sure this is arranged.

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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There is new legislation regarding the control and management of allergies which we are obliged to implement. Staff will have training on this for next week and I will include further information for families. Over recent years we have informed families that they should not be bringing in food items for children to share i.e. for school parties or birthdays. We sometimes request for children to bring an individual food plate for an event, and if you wish to provide something small for a birthday it should not be chocolates, cake or any food item. Some allergies can be life threatening and new requirements have come into effect sadly due to fatal reactions arising from allergies.

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

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 2026 – 2027		Curriculum events
Autumn Term 2026		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! psa@hounslowtownprimary.co.uk hounslowtown.psa@outlook.com
INSET	Wed 2nd Sept	
First day of term	Thurs 3rd Sept 2026	
HALF TERM	Mon 26th Oct - Fri 30th Oct	
Last day of term	Thurs 17th Dec (2pm finish)	
INSET	Fri 18th Dec	
Spring Term 2027		
INSET	Mon 4th Jan	
HALF TERM	Mon 15th Feb - Fri 19th Feb	



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Last day of term	Thursday 25th Mar (2pm finish)	
Summer Term 2027		
First day of term	Mon 12th April	
May bank holiday	Mon 3rd May	
INSET	Fri 28th May	
Half term	Mon 31st May - Fri 4th June	
Last day of term	Wed 21st July (2pm finish)	
INSET	Thurs 22nd July	