

# Highworth Combined School

Dear all

Please find below further information on how school will operate when we return in September. All of the information that I will send this week is summarised in an updated Parental Agreement which I will attach to each message.

Although the Government guidance has reduced the need for minimising the mixing of children from different year groups, Highworth will continue to adopt some of the measures that have been in place this year as we believe this is essential to minimise further disruption to your children's schooling. This means that children will continue to eat their lunch in classrooms, with a similar menu to the current one. Interestingly, when we asked a sample of children what they had enjoyed about the changes this year, overwhelmingly, they said eating in classrooms rather than the hall. Please note the following:

1. Drinking fountains will not be in use. It is essential that you send your child with a named water bottle every day (in addition to a drink in their lunch box)
2. If you wish to order a school lunch for your child, please do so by Thursday for the following week, using Parent Pay. This applies to all year groups, even if the meal is free

One of the other successes of 'Covid School' has been not asking children to get changed for PE. This has given us so much more time to actually teach PE and has also reduced the amount of lost property. Consequently, we will continue to ask you to send your child dressed for PE on the relevant day:

- Monday: Year 4 and Year 6
- Tuesday: Year 3
- Wednesday Year R (Reception) and Year 1
- Thursday: Year 5
- Friday: Year 2

Furthermore, children have had fewer accidents and are more active now that they can wear trainers to school so our new Uniform Policy allows the wearing of plain black trainers to continue. As a reminder, the new policy is attached.

The summer holidays is often a popular time for parents to arrange ear piercing for children as it allows time before earrings have to be removed for the return to school. Please remember that earrings may not be worn to school and that new piercings must be covered with tape if the earrings cannot yet be removed come the start of the new term.

Finally for today, we will continue to provide pencil cases and stationery for every child so please do not send additional items into school.

Many thanks for taking the time to read the updates. The final one will be with you tomorrow.

Kind regards

Clare Pankhania