



HILLSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Hillside Updates

Covid-19 Measures

As we are quickly approaching the next step of the Government's 'Roadmap out of lockdown' and infection rates continue to fall, I must make you aware that schools are still required to implement the majority of the same safety measures that have been in place since September. Therefore, we would be really grateful if you could continue to help us by following these measures, including avoiding coming to the office unless you really have to, as it is really difficult to maintain social distancing at peak times. Once we have received new guidance from the Government/LA, we will consult with governors, staff, the children and yourselves to see how we can potentially begin to relax/remove some of these measures. However, it may be necessary to keep some measures in place until the end of the academic year, due to both practicalities and not wanting to present the children with even more changes or disruptions, than they've already had to cope with this year! We really do appreciate your wonderful support and patience in keeping our community safe over the last year.

Holiday Requests

Although many of us have had to unfortunately cancel planned breaks away with our families over the last year, I'm afraid that the Government rules around term-time holidays have not changed and therefore, they cannot be authorised by the school and the Local Authority will be issuing fines. While we understand how important it is to spend valuable time with our families, we mustn't forget that most of the children have already missed more than 6 months of face-to-face learning, since the beginning of the pandemic.

School Photos

Just a reminder that the pupils will be having class photos taken next Monday (10th May) and that they will have to be taken outside. Therefore, you might want to clip/tie your child's hair up, in case it's windy!

Mental Health Week

Although we have already had Children's Mental Health Week and we continue to improve our overall provision for this in school, next week is Mental Health Awareness Week. You can find out about the '5 Ways to Wellbeing' via the link below, which also encourages us to reconnect with nature. Hopefully, we've got some warmer weather on the way, which will make this a lot easier and lift all of our spirits!
<https://mentalhealth-uk.org/get-involved/mental-health-awareness-days/mental-health-awareness-week/#:~:text=Mental%20Health%20Awareness%20Week%20Mental%20Health%20Awareness%20Week,which%20are%20key%20to%20improving%20our%20mental%20health.>

School Holidays

Just a reminder that the Half Term week is Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June and the children break up for the summer holiday on Wednesday 21st July.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Minter', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Simon Minter
Headteacher