



HILLSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I hope that you had a lovely Summer with your children and I just wanted to share some important information with you for the coming term.

Attendance

90% attendance is classed as persistent absence and adds up to missing 4 weeks of learning throughout the year. Children with good attendance are more than twice as likely to pass their English and Maths GCSEs compared to those who are persistently absent. We appreciate that attendance can be a real challenge for a variety of reasons. You can find advice and support on www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance, or speak to a member of staff for help.

Start of school day

All children should arrive at the school by 08.40am, except for the Nursery children who start at 08.45am. While we understand that life can sometimes get in the way causing you to be late, your child will be missing valuable learning time (often Reading) if they're regularly late and it can be quite unsettling for some children, if they don't start the day with their peers. We would also really appreciate your support in keeping our children safe by not parking on the zig-zags or pavements outside of the school.

Dress Code

Please ensure that your child comes to school in our uniform and the correct footwear:

- Grey skirts/trousers
- Burgundy cardigan or sweatshirt
- White blouses
- White polo shirts
- Tie (optional, but compulsory in Year 6)
- Sensible shoes in an appropriate colour, no trainers

All children are expected to change for PE and the following kit needs to be in school every day;

- White t-shirt
- White or black shorts
- Trainers
- Tracksuit for outdoor activities

We would appreciate PE kits being in school for the beginning of the week and then taken home at the end of the week to be washed. Children should not wear make-up in school and for safety purposes, the only jewellery allowed in school, other than for religious reasons, are small flat ear studs and watches. Watches and earrings must be removed for PE and swimming lessons. The children are responsible for removing their own earrings.

Snacks

While the younger children are provided with fruit/veg snacks for break times, all children are able to have snacks at break times, providing they are some form of fruit or vegetables. Children in KS2 can buy these from the tuck shop.

Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability.

We wanted to inform you that we are not affected by this decision as we do not have RAAC in any of our buildings and therefore we will continue to function as normal.

We look forward to seeing your children and yourselves tomorrow, or in the following days if your child is in Nursery or Reception.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Minter', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Simon Minter
Head Teacher