



**7<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Welcome back! I hope you have had an enjoyable summer. The children have certainly had lots of exciting stories to share.

Welcome to our new Reception children and their families who are settling in really well. We wish all our new families a special Hollydale welcome, and we hope they will continue to enjoy their time at Hollydale School. We look forward to working with you.

I know you will continue to work with us, so your child can grow in confidence, with a love of learning, and a determination to be the best that they can be.

It is lovely to see so many children returning to school, looking so smart in their school uniform. Please note that you are now able to buy our school uniform online via the following website: [www.tesco.com/direct/ues](http://www.tesco.com/direct/ues)

We all have busy lives, but please put a routine in place whereby children know they must do their home learning – homework, reading etc... Reading from real books (not electronic) is important for children to develop a love of books. Having a range of books at home and regular visits to the library also encourages this. At this time, turn the television/computer off. Use the television/computer as incentives for work done – they will value it more.

We will be monitoring the homework books/reading records etc... closely.

In school we will do everything we can to help your child to do their best. Let us know if we can support you in any way. Remember we operate an open door policy – feel free to book an appointment with your child's class teacher if you have concerns or need support, help or advice.

As you know we are a values school and we endeavour to ensure that all learners show respect for everything (friends, adults, property) and we constantly remind learners of the 4 Core Values that underpin our every action. We as a school will continue to support you in reminding your child to say please, thank you, excuse me and to call a person by their name ie Mr, Mrs etc... also to be patient when adults are talking, to learn to wait, to knock on the door before entering, to hold the door and to offer to help.

### **Child Protection**

The Governors, Headteacher and staff of Hollydale School, through the implementation of the Child Protection Policy (on our website), endeavour to ensure that all child protection issues, or where there are reasonable grounds to suspect an issue, will be dealt with appropriately. Do let us know, for any reason, if your child is upset or distressed when s/he comes to school.

### **Infant Children: (YR-2)**

The safety of all the children is of utmost importance to us, and therefore we would just like to remind you that all Infant children must not be left unaccompanied in the playground in the mornings. **An adult must stay with them until their class teacher collects them from the playground at 8.55am.**

### **Home time Arrangements**

All children must be collected on time at the end of the school day, by the designated parent/carer or adult. Please ensure your junior child (Y3-6), is aware of home time arrangements, i.e. if they are to wait for an adult to collect them, or they are to go home alone or to go to the after school club. If your child is in Y3, a letter must be sent to the school office stating that they are travelling home alone.

You **MUST** contact the school office if there are changes, i.e. another adult will be collecting your child, as we will not let your child go home unless we are notified.

### **Curriculum Newsletters**

These will be sent to all parents next week, informing you of your child's learning for this term.

We look forward to our first full week at school week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Have a restful weekend with your family.

Ms Reid

Headteacher

## **Hollydale School Core Values- 4R'S**

- **Respect**
- **Responsibility**
- **Relationships**
- **Resilience**