

DEAR PARENT / CARER

Every couple of weeks or so I'll be sending you an update about how we are responding to the current challenging circumstances brought about by the Coronavirus.

At the end of our first full week back together I must say I am delighted with the way the children have settled to our new ways of working and the different procedures around school. I have been incredibly impressed with them.

During these difficult times I want to establish a system when any parent or carer can get a rapid and direct answer to a specific question or express an opinion or make a suggestion. I want parents/carers to be able to cut out the middleman and go straight to the horse's mouth as the saying goes. At Holland Moor the horse is Mike Beale – headteacher and the middleman is rumour, conjecture, guess work, half-truths, speculation and the dreaded FACEBOOK! Please remember I can be contacted any day from 06.45 until at least 17.00 – probably later and sometimes over the weekend too. I answer emails until 21.00 and across the weekend and I am generally to be found outside school from 08.25 until 09.10 and from 14.30 until 15.10. Let's keep all these lines of communication flowing. My school email is head@hollandmoor.lancs.sch.uk

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

This seems to be going very well indeed with only a couple of visitors struggling to follow the various one-way systems. I would ask everyone to follow the clearly signalled routes so that we all feel that extra bit safe.

READING KS1

Thank you for sending in the reading bags yesterday. New reading books will be distributed each Monday.

READING KS2

We will begin operating a similar system soon – more details to follow.

TOAST

We still need more volunteers to come into school one morning a week to prepare toast – only 6 volunteers so far.

TOAST PAYMENT

We have received payment for about one third of our children so far - £7 per half-term please payable by PARENTPAY or at the school office. Cash in a sealed envelope delivered by a pupil would also be OK.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We will reintroduce school uniform from October – uniform orders are available from the office or on the website.

PE Kit

We will reintroduce PE kit from Monday September 21st

SCHOOL PLAY EQUIPMENT

Children shouldn't be using the climbing frames etc. at the end of the school day on either the Reception or KS1 playgrounds/field. Our risk assessment is very clear about this and your cooperation to ensure these rules are followed on the site will be very much appreciated.

MILK

For those who are required to pay for their child's milk it's £5 per half-term payable by PARENTPAY or at the school OFFICE

PARENTPAY

This is a very simple system to make payments to school and takes about 5 mins to set up. Ann in the school office will be happy to provide advice and offer assistance.

BREAKFAST CLUB

I call it breakfast club although we no longer provide food. Thanks to everyone for helping us keep breakfast club to very small numbers, booked through me. We have found the numbers manageable.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB – a message from shares

SHARES Holiday Club is BACK this October! We will be running the club at Brookfield Park Primary School. After reviewing and reading through the Government guidance we have made a few changes to ensure we are Covid compliant. The groups will be split into KS1 and KS2 pods and will not mix during the day. Children will participate in different activities throughout the day including sports, arts & crafts, baking, dance etc. **£50 for the week - LIMITED SPACES** The team are really excited to be running holiday club in October and we can't wait to welcome the children back and we have some fantastic fun activities planned!

Many thanks Emma Walmsley Project Manager T: 01695-729897M: 07725 840759
www.shareslancashire.co.uk

Once again feel free to contact me about any matter in any of the ways I outlined above. We are living through demanding times and everyone at Holland Moor wishes to support our children and their families in any way we can.

Regards MIKE BEALE – Headteacher – Holland Moor Primary School – 12/09/2020