



HUCKNALL NATIONAL CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER:
Miss S Barratt

MONTAGUE ROAD
HUCKNALL
NOTTINGHAM
NG15 7DU
Telephone: 0115 963 2678
office@hnp.snmat.org.uk

<http://www.hucknallnationalceprimaryschool.co.uk>

Growing together in learning, love and faith.

Dear parents and carers,

As we draw close to the end of another academic year, I want to thank you for all your support over what has been a challenging time in education. I am immensely proud of all the pupils at Hucknall National and how they have faced all the challenges that have been thrown at them. Likewise, I am proud of our whole National family, including parents, carers and all the staff for how you have responded to the ever changing situation. The main thing that makes our school special is the sense of community we have and this has been evident throughout the year whether we have been on site or at home.

You should have received your child's school report, which has either come home with them, been sent in the post if you cannot leave the house or is available to come and pick up from the school office. Reading these reports makes me so proud of all of the children for everything they have achieved academically, socially, emotionally and personally in this turbulent year. Never before have our children had to be so resilient, yet they have risen to the challenge and grown together in learning, love and faith. All teachers have completed a thorough hand up to the next class teacher about every pupil and so we will be able to hit the ground running in September. We are aware of any gaps in learning that children may have and are planning for accelerated progress in the new academic year.

The DFE have published new guidance to schools which provides an outline on how schools should operate in September. The guidance 'marks a new phase in the government's response to the pandemic, moving away from the stringent restrictions on everyone's day to day lives, towards advising people on how to protect themselves and others.'

Key operational points from the guidance are as follows:

- Bubbles are no longer required
- Assemblies can resume
- Children can mix at lunchtimes
- Face coverings are not required for staff and visitors

The guidance also provides an update on the role of schools in contact tracing. Key points are as follows:

- Schools will not need to do any contact tracing unless requested. Close contacts will be identified via NHS Test and Trace.
- From 16th of August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case.

The guidance outlines the control measures that schools should adhere to and makes a request for schools to update their risk assessment and create an outbreak management plan. We will work on this over the summer break and share information with you in September.

Control measures that will continue to be in place

1. Ensuring good hygiene for everyone.
2. Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes.
3. Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.
4. Following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

COVID-19 Contingency Planning

As mentioned above, we will work on our updated risk assessment and outbreak management plan and share this with you in September. A key feature of our contingency planning is the use of Google Classroom. You should be aware of your child's Google Classroom user name and password and you will be reminded of this in September.

School Timings

You should have received an email to consult with you on the change in timings to our school day. Your opinion is important to us so please take the time to complete this form. The out of school club is supportive of these times and will work with us whatever the outcome. The gates to the main school drive and the gate at the top of Carlingford Road will be open from September. We will no longer use the main reception as an entrance for pupils into school. All Key Stage 2 pupils will line up on the Key Stage 2 playground and Key Stage 1 pupils will line up on the infant playground. EYFS will continue to walk round to their classroom doors.

Uniform and Equipment Expectations

Pupils are expected to wear full school uniform, without exception, from September. Uniform expectations, including for PE kit, are attached to this email. Thank you to parents who responded about Year 6 uniform and as a result we will keep summer and winter uniform for this year group. Pupils should continue to come to school in PE kit on their PE days, which you will be informed about in September. Bags, backpacks, rucksacks, etc. are not necessary for school. Next year, we will not be providing pupils with reading diaries/weekly planners. All homework, information and communication will be shared via Google Classroom and Class Dojo. This reflects the success of online learning platforms during the pandemic and will save the school approximately £2000.

Goodbye and Good Luck!

It is always sad to say goodbye to members of our team. Mrs Overton, our office manager, will be leaving us as she retires after serving the school for over 20 years. Mrs Peters, another long standing member of the National community, and a very popular midday supervisor, will also be retiring. And finally, one of our kitchen staff, Karen, will be moving on after working so hard for us preparing meals every day. On behalf of the school community, past and present, I would like to thank them for their time and dedication to Hucknall National and wish them all the very best for the future.

Year 6

We want to say farewell and good luck to our Year 6 children. We have known most of you since you were 4 or 5 years old and it is amazing to see how much you have progressed and grown over the years. As a year group, you have been through so many challenges and difficulties in your time with us and yet you have never let this stop you. As you move on to secondary school, we hope that you continue to flourish and take pride in your learning so that you realise your future ambitions. We feel sure that despite the turbulent year, you are leaving us armed and ready to face all the challenges and opportunities of the next stage of your educational journey. Remember all that you have learned here at Hucknall National Primary School about growing together in

learning, love and faith and take inspiration to always be yourself and live life to the full. Don't be strangers: we love it when you come back and visit us! We will really miss you!

We want to say thank you to all of our pupils. We know that this has been a difficult time for you and being away from your classmates was extremely hard, but you too have played an important role in helping stop the spread of the virus. Thank you for taking the time to carry on your learning at home and the work your families have done with you. We are proud of all of you.

We would like to thank all of our parents and carers for your patience and support during the past year. Thanks to your commitment to working in partnership with us, and your constructive and positive feedback, the whole turbulence of the last year has gone relatively smoothly. Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to get in touch; your kind words always help to keep morale high across the school, but especially during very challenging circumstances.

We hope you and your family have a fabulous summer holiday; our thoughts and prayers are with you all over the next few weeks and we look forward to welcoming children back to school in September.

Yours sincerely,
Sarah Barratt
Headteacher