

Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School



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Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome back to the start of a new school term and we hope that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing Easter and hopefully the weather will have allowed for your children to be outside and to have enjoyed the opportunity to play and relax. I am sure that everybody was ready for a bit of a break as Term 2 turned out to be the most challenging term that I have ever faced as a Principal. Trying to keep school running when faced with multiple positive cases on staff and in class proved a very significant test to School contingency planning but we managed to keep classes open virtually every day for Face to Face Teaching and Learning and hopefully this term will be a little more straightforward to manage. The Third Term is primarily an important teaching term and we seek your continued support with regard to the *attendance, punctuality, uniform, behaviour and completion of homework* of all the pupils at Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School.

Parent/Guardians have been previously informed in Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School documentation of the clearly outlined school standards for pupils regarding jewellery and hairstyles. From a Health & Safety point of view we would also request that children do not wear "hoop ear-rings" to school. A stud would be considered appropriate. In addition we request that children do not wear rings in school as the associated problems with the removal of a ring after a playground accident is a matter of concern for the school. Finally please remember that extreme or attention-seeking hairstyles are not suitable for Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School and all Primary 1 to Primary 7 Parent/Guardians are asked to ensure that all such hairstyles are avoided.

We recognise the achievement of so many of our children in being at school every day of the month. There is important 'stuff' to learn and do each day and it is a joy to see our children come to school each and every day. However it should be noted that now the recognised list of Covid symptoms now includes: shortness of breath, feeling tired or exhausted, aching body, headache, sore throat, blocked or runny nose, loss of appetite, diarrhoea and a feeling sick or being sick. We may appear "fussier about Pupil Illness than was previously the case pre Covid", but we ask for your patience and understanding in advance. **Please do not send your Child/Children to Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School if they are unwell** and hopefully the attached picture will help answer questions that are very frequently asked.

Do I need to keep my child off school?

Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		

School Organisational Arrangements for

Prior to Easter it became apparent to school that a number of children were regularly arriving **"Late To School."** It is very important that each child arrives in school on time. When pupils arrive late it can make things difficult for everyone. The teacher has to stop and wait for the latecomer to settle down and the rest of the class is disrupted. The latecomer who misses the first part of the day often feels uncomfortable and embarrassed. Perhaps even more importantly, they miss the opportunity to play and socialise with their friends in the playground prior to the commencement of school. We understand that all families will occasionally face situations which make it difficult for their children to arrive on time (eg sleeping in or getting caught in traffic due to unfavourable weather conditions). This is not a problem and in such situations we would certainly prefer that your child arrives late, rather than being kept off school for the entire day.

- **Any pupils arriving after 9.05am should access the Front School Entrance where they will be able to gain access to school.** School will continue to monitor individual pupil attendance and punctuality and parents may be contacted individually to discuss both low attendance and erratic morning attendance



P.T.F.A. May Fun Day

Saturday 28th May 2022

10.00am – 11.30am

- The P.T.F.A. May Fun Day will be held on Saturday 28th May 2022 from 10.00am to 11.30am in the Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School Grounds.
- Please join us as we will have lots of fun events for the children to enjoy. Further information will be sent home in due course.

School Organisational Arrangements for Pupils and Adults

Date	Future Event
➤ Monday 2 nd May	School will be closed for the Bank Holiday
➤ Thursday 5 th May	School will be closed for the Assembly Election
➤ Thursday 2 nd June	School will be closed for the Jubilee Bank Holiday
➤ Friday 3 rd June	School will be closed for the Jubilee Bank Holiday
➤ Monday 6 th June	School Development Day and P1 – P7 Pupils Should Not Attend School On This Date
➤ Monday 20 th June	School Development Day and P1 – P7 Pupils Should Not Attend School On This Date
Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School will stop for all P1 – P7 pupils on Thursday 30 th June and there will be no school dinners available on this date.	