

Welcome to KS2!



Hurst Hill Primary School





- ▶ This presentation aims to give you the essential information for children moving into years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Our school website is kept up to date with the latest news and events as well as lots more information about our school.
- ▶ <https://www.hursthillprimaryschool.com/>
- ▶ If you have any questions, please contact the school office and someone will get back to you as quickly as possible.

School leaders at Hurst Hill:

- ▶ Head Teacher: Mrs C Johnson
- ▶ Executive Head: Miss Green
- ▶ Deputy Head: Mrs R Weaver
- ▶ Upper School Lead: Mr J Brazier
- ▶ Lower School Lead: Mrs N Coleman
- ▶ SENCO: Mrs R Weaver

Changes

- ▶ All children on one corridor
- ▶ Upper school = Years 6, 5 and 4
- ▶ Lower school = Years 3, 2 and 1



Teachers:

- ▶ The new class teachers were revealed to your children on the 'Meet the Teacher' day which was **Tuesday 1st July**
- ▶ **Year 3 Miss Parkes**
- ▶ **Year 4 Miss Franklin**
- ▶ **Year 5 Mrs Garbett and Mrs Jimenez**
- ▶ **Year 6 Mr Brazier**





Attendance:

Regular attendance in school is essential if children are to understand the world around them and the national curriculum.

Low attendance can cause friendship barriers

Low attendance can also lead to low confidence and it can impact on a pupil's mental health.

If a child is not in school, they cannot access their education, they miss important concepts which impacts on future learning. In turn this often leads to anxiety and a reluctance to attend because the child cannot access the lessons.

- **Attendance is everyone's responsibility**

- ▶ Parents – to ensure children arrive on time and attend every day.
- ▶ Teachers – to ensure that they establish positive relationships and create engaging lessons.
- ▶ Office team – to ensure all registers are completed correctly and to chase any unexplained absences.
- ▶ Pupils – to understand the reasons why they need to attend school and how this impacts on their future.



Attendance:

- Should your child be too ill for school, we ask that you notify the school office by 8:30am.
- If we do not receive notification, we shall notify our attendance officer and you will receive a home visit to clarify why your child isn't at school.
- If your child has 'sickness and diarrhoea', then please keep them at home for 48 hours, but remember to inform us.
- Attendance and punctuality is central to your child making the best start in their education and supports them in building good routines.
- Should children arrive at school after the gate has closed, you will need to go to the office and sign your child in and provide a valid reason.
- **Please note, we have an attendance officer who will make home visits for any children who have regular days out of school. We also hold attendance clinics, which consist of a meeting with Mrs Johnson to discuss how families, with poor attendance, may be supported.**
- More information on attendance and why we refer poor attendance can be found in the school policy on the school website.

School Uniform

Please ensure that all clothing that your child wears or brings into school is clearly labelled with your child's name.

- ▶ School Uniform List
- ▶ White shirt, blouse or polo shirt
- ▶ Grey long trousers, pinafore or skirt (grey shorts can be worn summer term)
- ▶ School red sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- ▶ Sensible, smart, low, plain black shoes with white or black plain socks (no heels, trainers, open toed shoes, Dr Marten style boots or sandals)
- ▶ Red gingham dress (summer term)
- ▶ Please note skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows sitting comfortably on the floor. When shorts are worn, they should also be of an appropriate length.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

- ▶ Crested School wear in Dudley are also providers of our uniform along with Sans Kidzwear, Bilston Market.
- ▶ All school jumpers must have the school logo on. The jumpers can be bought with the logo already on or badges can be purchased from the school office and then ironed on.

JEWELLERY

For safety reasons, we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are stud earrings in pierced ears. Children are required to remove any items during P.E. lessons to prevent them from causing injury.

PE

- ▶ PE kit is to be worn to school on their Well-Being day.
- ▶ We are doing this because:
 - ▶ · It will raise the profile of PE in school to put more clearly in children's minds the importance of sport in leading active, healthy lives;
 - ▶ · It will maximise time spent on physical activity in PE by cutting out time spent on changing;
 - ▶ · It should eliminate the possibility of clothing being lost while children change;
 - ▶ · It will even out wear and tear on uniforms & PE kits, making normal school uniform last a little longer and getting maximum wear out of PE kit;
 - ▶ · PE kits can be washed more regularly rather than staying in bags until the end of term;
 - ▶ · There will be no need to buy/replace a PE bag
- ▶ This policy requires that all children have the correct PE Kit for Hurst Hill, so that they look smart during the school day as well as being ready for their sport.

PE KIT

Top layer: School jumper or red hoody.

Coloured T-shirt linked to their house. Red, yellow, blue, green or white.

Plain black tracksuit bottoms and/or black/navy shorts or black/navy skorts

A pair of black pumps or black trainers

Black, grey or white socks

It remains the case that, for hygiene and safety reasons, long hair should be tied back. No earrings are to be worn

on Well being day.



Entering and exiting the building.

- ▶ All children will enter through the classroom fire door straight from the playground or at the rear of the building. They will then hang their bags and coats in the cloakroom.
- ▶ At the end of the school day, all children will be dismissed to the parents from the classroom fire doors. No children from Years 3, 4 or 5 are given the option to walk home alone.
- ▶ Year 6 children will be able to walk home alone, once **permission slips have been returned via the school office**. Letters and a form about this will be sent later in Autumn term via ParentMail.
- ▶ Please note, this is a privilege, not a right. Any children not leaving sensibly/safely will have to be collected by an adult.



Behaviour expectations.

- ▶ Children in KS2 are considered to be the role models to all other students at Hurst Hill, therefore exceptional behaviour is a must.
- ▶ Children in year 6 will be given the opportunity to take on role of responsibility throughout the year, such as: Head Pupils, Deputy head Pupils and House/Vice House Captains. These children will be selected for their outstanding behaviour and for being a positive role model to others.
- ▶ Years 3, 4 and 5 children will also have roles to strive for, such as school council representatives and anti-bullying ambassadors.
- ▶ The school behaviour will continue to promote good choices and rewards for great effort using our stars and storm visual prompt. This can be found on the school website.

Reading

- Children will receive a planner where they can record their reading..
- In these planners we will keep you updated on how your child is reading in school. We will celebrate when they have moved up a level in their phonics books and we will celebrate when they have moved onto the next ZPD when they have progressed to Accelerated Reading books.
- Please write in the diary section to tell us how your child is getting on with their reading at home each time they have read, children can receive reading rewards in school for having their diaries signed.
- Please ensure planners are in their book bags every day.
- There will be a £3 charge to replace lost planners.



Homework:

- ▶ Reading books will be sent home with each child for them to share and enjoy every night for at least 15 minutes. In your child's reading record or planner, there are some questions that you might like to ask them when they have finished reading. This quality time reflecting on their book will boost their reading comprehension skills. Please ensure this is recorded in their diaries to win raffle tickets in the reading raffle prizes.
- ▶ Spellings are distributed every fortnight, a copy of these are available in the school planners. Please take the time to put the spellings into a context when practising at home. EG 'A bird of **prey**' 'Let us **pray**'
- ▶ Weekly tasks will also be set as homework for the children, but this will vary depending on the subject being taught and the areas of development needed. This could be nuggets set on Century and Maths.co.uk tasks to complete or a creative piece of research. All homework will be set on Google Classrooms.
- ▶ It is expected that all children complete their homework on time. We understand that this can be tricky for the children to manage, which is why we ask for your support with this. Rewards will be given to the children completing homework and sanctions (as stated in the policy) for those not completing homeworks.
- ▶ Homework will be set for the six weeks holidays – on Century, Accelerated Reader and paper based packs.

Healthy eating school:

- ▶ As we are a healthy eating school, I would thank you for supporting us to keep your children healthy and active.
- ▶ All children must bring a drink to school with them each day. Bottles are to contain water only. **If the children want to drink another drink (such as juice) then this is to be kept for break or lunch times only.**
- ▶ Snacks for break time need to be something healthy, not crisps and chocolate/sweets. At break time, children should be having a fruit/vegetable/toast snack.
- ▶ We also run the healthy eating award, where the children are rewarded for eating a piece of fruit or vegetables from their lunch box each day.
- ▶ Lunch time supervisors organise a different game each day for the children to engage with where they are encouraged to get active and work together as a team.

Health

- ▶ Your child's class teacher will be made aware of any medical conditions or dietary requirements that are important for us to know.
- ▶ Please ensure to keep us updated throughout the year if there are any changes to this information.
- ▶ There are dedicated first aiders in KS2 to support all children.
- ▶ Please continue to talk to your children about the importance of washing their hands regularly.

Term Dates

Autumn term

INSET DAY 1 - Monday 01 September

Term Start for children – Tuesday 02 September

INSET Day 2 – Monday 20 October – TRUST INSET

Half Term - Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October

INSET Day 3- Friday 07 November

Term End - Friday 19 December – school closes at 2pm

Spring term

Term Start - Monday 05 January

Half Term - Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February

INSET DAY 4 - Monday 23 February

Term restarts for children – Tuesday 24 February

Term end - Friday 27 March

Summer term

Term Start - Monday 13 April

Half Term - Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May

INSET DAY 5 – Friday 26 June

Term Ends for children- Friday 17 July – school closes at 2pm

INSET Day 6 - Monday 20 July 2026

Behaviour Charter

- ▶ Each classroom has a large scale weather chart. The aim is for the children to reach the stars.
- ▶ There are lots of rewards for positive behaviour such as stickers and certificates.
- ▶ If a child is moved down to the 'lightning' for severe disruption or incident then parents are contacted and letter/from will need to be signed.
- ▶ Every day is a new day and the behaviour chart is reset.



Our school rules

- ▶ We believe that we promote good behaviour by creating a happy, caring school environment where everyone feels valued, respected and secure.
- ▶ At Hurst Hill, all adults are responsible for the behaviour of all children and not only those that they have been assigned to. Adults and children should always act as good role models, and be advocates of our shared school values of honesty, resilience, respect, positive attitude and caring. Our values and school rules are a permanent feature on display in all classrooms and around the school. Our school rules are: Use kind hands and feet, use kind words and follow instructions. The behaviour rules will be referred to and linked directly to sanctions for behaviour.
- ▶ We encourage pupils to achieve in a learning environment where self-discipline is promoted and good behaviour is the norm. We believe pupils will achieve their full potential in a happy, stimulating and ordered school environment

What to do if you have a concern...

- ▶ If you have a concern about your child's education, your first point of call is the class teacher – they know your children best and usually resolve issues quickly.
- ▶ If you have spoken to the class teacher and feel the issue has not been resolved, then the Upper school phase leader (Mr Brazier) will be more than happy to speak to you.
- ▶ If the issue is not resolved at this point, you would contact Mrs Weaver, then Mrs Johnson and finally Miss Green.
- ▶ Our complaint policy is on the school website.

Safeguarding

- ▶ At Hurst Hill we take safeguarding very seriously – your children’s safety is our priority.
- ▶ We aim to keep the whole child safe from harm; this includes from verbal, physical and emotional abuse as well as neglect. To achieve this we have designated safeguarding leaders in school. These officers take disclosures very seriously, and without judgement. They follow KCSIE and the school Child Protection Policy.
- ▶ All safeguarding is confidential – if you do have a concern about a pupil or family, or if you feel you need help, please contact the Hurst Hill safeguarding team via the info box: info@hurst-hill.dudley.sch.uk. Just ask for a member of the safeguarding team to contact you, you do not need to leave any details in the email. Alternatively, you can contact Dudley MASH ON 0300 555 0050.
- ▶ Mrs Johnson is the lead safeguarding officer
- ▶ Mrs Weaver, Mrs Rubine and Mr Brazier are all deputy safeguarding officers
- ▶ Mr Brazier is the online safety leader and will be able to offer guidance and support should you require it.

If you have any further questions, then please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 01384 818845 or send us an email info@hurst-hill.dudley.sch.uk and someone will get back to you.



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