



Hillstone News

Dear Parents

Following the government announcement on Thursday, Hillstone school will be open on Monday 1st June for vulnerable and key worker children and for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils. Our aim is to provide the children with a safe and happy place whilst teaching children all the subjects as we would normally. We were unable to be open at half term as we have been preparing the building for the return. This did affect at least one of our families and I was extremely grateful to Timberley school who has supported this family by providing child care this week. We have worked tirelessly in getting the building and infrastructure ready and I am so grateful to such exceptional staff who have worked so hard. The risk assessments, Covid action plan and detailed operational plans can be found on our web site. A summary is repeated below.

- ◆ Every section of the school has been deep cleaned using European standards chemicals designed to guard against MRSA infection.
- ◆ Children will be allocated to a bubble of no more than 15 children which will have their own teacher and teaching assistant. They will remain in that bubble of each day to minimise contact with others.
- ◆ We have 7 colour coded gates and entrances that we can use for our bubbles and each has a staggered start, finish and lunchtime.
- ◆ We have special markings on the playground to aid social distancing.
- ◆ Children will have playtimes with their bubble and have their own lunchtime supervisor
- ◆ Lunches will be continuing with universal free school meals for children in nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6 can continue with either their own packed lunch or order a hot meal. Lunchtimes will be staggered and take place in one of our two dining halls or in some classes their classrooms.
- ◆ We have hand sanitisers all around the school and have additional cleaning taking place at lunchtimes.
- ◆ Children will all be given their own pencil case and stationery to use.
- ◆ We will talk to the children about how to remain clean e.g. cleaning PE equipment after we have used it, washing hands for 20 seconds. We will teach the children that these routines will be part of every lesson.
- ◆ We will use the outdoor areas as much as possible.
- ◆ If a child is displaying symptoms Covid symptoms they should not come to school. Similarly, if contacted by the track and trace system, parents and or child should isolate for 14 days.
- ◆ If a child or adult becomes ill at school, PPE protective personal equipment will be worn to look after child, isolate in medical room and parents asked to come and collect them.
- ◆ Many parents are not ready yet for their child to return to school. If you change your mind, please give us a day's notice so that they can be allocated to a bubble.
- The virtual school will continue for years nursery 2, 3 4 and 5.
- We love having contact with you, just to keep in touch or to answer a query. There are several ways in which you can do this.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Eoghan Gagin	8	Roan Dollani	4
Ava Burkett	11	Eliza Dollani	4
Blake Brooks	7	Navaen Bertram	5
Jack Ford	5	Lyla Green	6
Mia Ford	5	Riley Flynn	7
Adnaan Mohammed Hadi	11	Dania Khawaha	9
Tilly-Mae Suter	8	Isabel McDonald	5
Demi Lanchester	8	Poppy Chapman	6
Joe Patton	11	Logan Kestertan	9
Fatima Khabiri	10	Conner Hall	7
Emmy McGovern	9		

This is a difficult time for many Birmingham citizens, organisations and communities and local intelligence suggests that some citizens, organisations and communities may be experiencing more difficulty than others following the latest guidance on social distancing, home working and self-isolation. The City Council are encouraging local people and organisations to submit their views on the COVID-19 Impact Questionnaire. This will help refine Birmingham's Recovery response, proposals, priorities and identifying further opportunities. For details and to complete the survey please click the link: <https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/place/new-survey>. The public consultation closes on 31/07/20. If you need any further information, please contact Birmingham Public Health on healthybrum@birmingham.gov.uk

Staffing

Many congratulations to Aimee Edwards who gave birth to a little girl Violet at the beginning of the month.

We are also very sorry to be saying goodbye to Freya Taylor at the end of the summer term who is leaving us as she will be relocating to Lincoln



Virtual School

We are so proud of our virtual school, This will continue with a sports page, a well-being page, music page and classrooms for nursery, Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5. A new addition is an SEN page and you will be able to access this shortly.

Mr Farr will continue to make the assemblies and we will use them in school as well as on the virtual school.

Do tweet us your work. Post on Tapestry or write comments on the virtual school. Teachers will do their best to respond to you.

Alternative food banks and community support

Birmingham Community Solidarity (based at The Station pub in Kings Heath, B14 7BB but cover all of Birmingham)

Brumsolidarity@gmail.com

Birmingham Baby Bank (provide parcels of wipes, nappies, formula etc)

Based in South Birmingham but will provide parcels if someone can collect

Brumbabybank@gmail.com

Sewa Day – Run by volunteers and gather food donations in the community then distribute to anyone that contacts them

www.sewaday.org

info@sewaday.org

Polish Expats Association 0121 513 0240

www.polishexpats.org.uk

Collect food for local families in need and provide advice and guidance to Polish families during Covid-19

Fareshare West Midlands- 0121 328 6640

fswestmidlands@fareshare.org.uk

www.fareshare.org.uk/regional-centres/westmidlands/

Food bank based in Mount street, Nechelles, B7 5QT- cover whole of west midlands. Open 7am-5pm

SIFA Fireside 0121 766 1700 office@sifafireside.co.uk

Support individuals with housing advice and accommodation during Covid. Can organise food supplies for non-crisis referrals

Kanz UI Huda- Covid 19

Based in Alum rock- providing and delivering food parcels to the local community

www.kanzulhuda.com

0121 729 5116

Roots and Branches- based in Alum rock / Washwood Heath

Deliver food to local community and occasionally deliver hot meals to those in need

0121 270 5274 / 07890062593