



It has been great to have all the children back. We know many children will have come home tired after the last two days but want to say a big thank you to everyone for the positive start to the term.

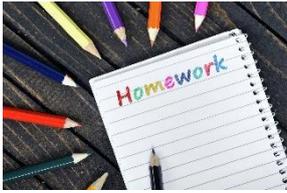
Thank you to those of you who have said hello and briefly introduced yourselves on the playground to me. Getting to know you all is a high priority to me, however, it is also a big challenge in these strange times. Please bear with me as I get to know you and your children – there are a lot of names to learn!

Safety is our main priority, this includes everyone.

Here are a few reminders:

- From Monday 7th September, siblings may arrive together. This will reduce the amount of children and adults waiting on the playground. We would expect you to drop off at the latest sibling time and pick up at the earliest time, for example, if you have a child in year 5 and a child in year 1, you would drop both children off at 8.55am and pick both of them up at 2.50pm. We do understand this is tricky for many families but our main priority is keeping us all safe in these challenging times and we know that will be important to all our families too.
- Only one parent to collect and drop off again to reduce the amount of adults on site.
- Remember to social distance with other adults whilst in the school grounds.
- Follow the one way system around the school to ensure that adults and children remain socially distanced.
- If you have younger children with you please make sure they stay with you we cannot accommodate children playing games.
- No children should be using the play equipment before or after school.
- EYFS and KS1 can come to school on their PE days in their school PE kit.
- There is no need to bring any equipment from home, we will provide everything.



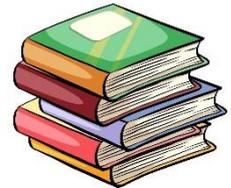


Homework

We will be sending homework from next week. You will be sent more information about changes to our homework system as we will be using online resources to reduce the amount of items going between home and school.

Reading books

Children will now be bringing home reading books. As you know reading is so important and we want this to continue. In order to keep safe, books must be returned on a Friday and put in the box outside the classroom where they will be kept separate for 72 hours. Children will choose a new book from the classroom for the week. If your child (especially Years 5 and 6) needs to keep a book longer that is not a problem but to keep everyone safe we will currently only be changing books on a Friday.



Parking

Please ensure when picking up children that you do not obstruct the paths or park on the lines outside the gate. We need to consider our local residents and their right to be able walk on the paths safely.



WhatsApp

It has been brought to our attention that there are some parents who are in WhatsApp groups that may not be sharing accurate information. WhatsApp groups are great for communicating but if you are unsure of anything please ask us. At Hardingstone Academy we will always let you know of any changes by email, text or through the newsletter. Please just ask us if you have any questions.

I can't wait to write our weekly newsletter on Sway from next week to share information and celebrate achievements and successes.

Enjoy your weekend,

Julie Stevens
Head of School