



28th August 2020

Dear Henleaze Junior School Pupils,

We are really looking forward to reopening the school next week and welcoming you all in. Whether you are starting here for the first time, or whether you are returning to a familiar place, it's been almost 6 months since we've had a school full of children. We've missed you!

Most of you managed to meet up with your classmates and your new teachers at the end of last term, first in Microsoft Teams and then in person, with a brief visit. So you know a lot about the arrangements we have made to make sure that it is safe for you to return to school. We want you to settle back in to school life as quickly as possible, so that you can get on with business as usual. We have so much to learn together and we are going to have a lot of fun!

First things first: a reminder about what time you start and finish school.

On Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September, for two days only:

Year 6 start at 8:45 and finish at 3:15.

Year 5 start at 9:00 and finish at 3:30

Year 4 start at 9:15 and finish at 3:30

Year 3 start at 9:30 and finish at 2:45.

Teachers will meet you at the green fence and show you the way to your classrooms, and your parents will wave goodbye from the lawn outside.

Bring with you as little as possible:

- A water bottle full of water.
- A reading book.
- The homework your teachers asked you to do over the summer.
- A snack for break time.
- A packed lunch if you don't want one of our delicious baguettes.

Remember, everything you bring in will have to be kept under your desk or chair in the classroom, so no big bags please.



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We will provide you with everything you need in the classroom – we've already sorted out your drawer full of exercise books and your own bag of pens and pencils and rulers and glue sticks.

We'll be reminding you to wash your hands several times during the day, and as you all know by now, we have to try to maintain some social distancing at all times. Lottie has invented all sorts of games to play that don't involve physical contact. And Mr Coulson has been thinking of all sorts of wonderful musical ideas to make up for the fact that we can't all get together in the Hall to sing.

I know that you will all be very sensible when you come back to school, and you will help to play your part in keeping us all safe, so that we don't have to go into lockdown again. Being at home is nice, but being back learning in school is so much better!

I shall be talking to you all on your first day back in a new-style assembly, broadcasting direct from my office into your classrooms via Microsoft Teams. We have set you all up with new Teams passwords for this year, which we will let you know about, along with all the other news we have to share with you when you return.

Enjoy the last few days of your holiday. See you next Thursday!

All the best,
Adam Barber
Headteacher
Henleaze Junior School