



Helmingham Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted with the children's return to school. It has been great to see them all coming into school happy, learning new routines and enjoying seeing their friends. I would also like to thank you for your support during this time.

As ever, things continue to change and our well-intentioned routines need tweaking.

The children now wash their hands in their classrooms when they come into the building from outside and we have changed some of the entrance and exit routes to enable quicker entries and exits in an attempt to reduce children crossing over. We are also maintaining hand-sanitising stations at each school entrance.

We regularly review our risk assessment in light of any new guidance and this can be found on our website.

There is a stringent process that we have to follow should a Covid-19 case be suspected or identified in school. This process will start with a letter notifying you of a suspected case, followed by a subsequent letter informing you of the outcome and any actions required.

We are beginning to work on our planned programme of Curriculum Enrichment Clubs that we are hoping to eventually run daily from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

We would very much appreciate your suggestions and input regarding your child's preferences for the focus of these clubs. All clubs will be linked to curriculum areas such as reading, music, science, history etc. Please let us know what you think by emailing the office. We will also be speaking to the children.

Meanwhile, 'Rise and Shine' breakfast club is now ready and eager to welcome some customers. It is open 8.00am to 8.30am – just let Kathy know by 2pm the previous day if you would like to book a place.

As we have such dedicated staff, amazing outdoor spaces and newly roofed and decorated buildings, we are keen to encourage new children to our school. Please let your friends know about us and let us know if you have any advertising ideas.

We would also like to ask if any parents would be willing to submit quotes about the school that we can use in future promotional projects when attracting new students to the school.


If you are happy to send us something via email we would be very grateful- Thanks!



A group of children in school uniforms are sitting on a colorful rug, engaged in a drawing activity. One boy in the foreground is smiling at the camera while holding a drawing tool. Other children are focused on their drawings.

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Story Starter



Life was tough, being the Incredible Hulk.

He had had a tiring week (as per normal), but today was his day off. Walking the dog had always been one of Hulk's favourite things to do on a Sunday. He could totally relax and put to the back of his mind all of the things that had made him feel stressed during the week.

For years, Hulk had struggled to control his fierce temper and extraordinary strength, but very often things would still go badly wrong. On one occasion, he had become so angry with the traffic lights on his way to work that he had completely crushed the steering wheel. On another, he had punched a hole in the side of his house when trying to swat a fly! Just the other day, Hulk had stomped his toe on the corner of his bed, so had thrown his bed out of the window where it landed on top of next door's car...

Today he was going to try his very best to not find himself in any embarrassing situations...

So he didn't go to work today. So he took his dog for a walk again. He sort nothing. He could go long. And then he got angry. ~~Because~~ ^{Because} the dog wasn't walking. So he picked up the dog and threw it back to the house. And turned back with it! And broke through the roof! ^{Every} day the dog wouldn't get dressed. And before he could walk out of the house it sell

Could we also please remind parents that day-to-day school uniform consists of black shoes and not trainers. Trainers should only be worn to school on PE days when the children come to school wearing their PE kit. Also please ensure that you leave the premises promptly at the end of the school day as part of the Covid restrictions we must adhere to.

And finally, it is with sad faces that we have to announce that Mrs Coupe has decided to retire. Mrs Coupe has worked first at The Old School House Nursery and then Helmingham Primary School for many years. She has brought a plethora of knowledge to our schools. Her phonics knowledge is second to none, her creative streak has seen many fabulous art projects completed and the targeted support she has given many of our children over the years has helped improve outcomes.

Mrs Coupe will be leaving on Friday 18th September and I am sure that you will join us in wishing her all the very best for a long and happy retirement. She will be greatly missed by all the staff and children.



Best Wishes

Bernie Cleland

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Academy Head