

Hunts Cross Primary School



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Return to School Information September 22.

Dear Parents/Carers.

It's lovely to see the children so happy, looking smart in their school uniform and settled into their new classes. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families in Reception and other new families throughout the school. I hope your children are happy here.

The start time for school is 8.45am and the end of day is 3.15pm. Each class/year group has a specific area for drop off/ collection. Plans change when the weather is bad. School will open a few minutes earlier. If raining, children will be dismissed from inside the building. Please be patient when this occurs, as it is difficult for staff to see parents. If you can form a queue near the exit doors, this would be helpful.

The playgrounds will be staffed from 8.40am each morning. KS2 children are encouraged to wait without an adult to develop independence. If your child is not ready for this big step, that's fine, just wait with them until 8.45am.

When arriving at school, please be mindful of our residents and pedestrians when parking. Park away from Kingsthorne Road if possible and walk the short distance to school. Kingsthorne Road is often congested due to the fact that it is one way in and out. When there are parked cars, it is difficult to get through, making the road unsafe. There have been a couple of minor accidents involving cars and we do not want any of our children hurt. Please also avoid parking on the bend of Laxton Road.

We use Parent App as our whole school platform for communication. Class Dojo is used from Reception to Year 3 as a communication tool with class teachers and for homework. We will be inviting parents of children in Year 4-6 to join Class Dojo to strengthen communication with class teachers. Year 4-6 use Google Classroom for homework, but homework can be sent home in paper form by request if technology is not available. General school letters are posted on the school website. We have a Twitter account too, where you can see daily activities. If you are not yet on Parent App, please contact the office for further details. Our website link for letters is: <https://www.huntscrossprimaryschool.com/newsletters/>
Our Twitter account is: <https://twitter.com/huntscrosspri>

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal. KS2 children must pay for school dinners unless families are in receipt of means tested benefits. Milk is provided free of charge up until your child turns five. If you want your child to receive milk, please contact the office for more information. If your child has a packed lunch, please do not include fizzy drinks or sweets. We have children who have severe allergies at school, please do not include items containing nuts or provide bananas.

We encourage healthy eating at school, a morning snack of fruit is provided for children in Reception and KS1. KS2 children are allowed to bring fruit from home for snack. Breakfast bars or biscuits are not allowed.

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If you are in receipt of means tested benefits, we can apply for additional funding called Pupil Premium. Please contact the office and complete a form which requires your National Insurance number. We can check if your child is eligible.

We are arranging 'Meet the Teacher' meetings week beginning 20th September. These meetings will provide information about expectations, routines, homework etc. This information will be available on our website if you cannot attend <https://www.huntscrossprimaryschool.com> under the 'Children' tab and then 'Class Pages'. Please enter school via the main office and sign in. Meetings will take place at 2.45pm in either the Junior Hall or a classroom.

Tuesday 20th September: Year 1

Wednesday 21st September: Year 3

Thursday 22nd September: Year 2

Friday 23rd September: Year 5

Monday 26th September: Year 6

Wednesday 28th September: Year 4

Thursday 29th September: Reception

If you have any concerns or important information about your child, please discuss this after school with class teachers, arrange a meeting or send an email to office@huntscross.liverpool.sch.uk. Your message will be forwarded to the appropriate member of staff. Please do not send emails to individual members of staff.

On PE days, the children can attend school wearing their PE kit which consists of black shorts, white t-shirt and black pumps/trainers. They can also wear their jumper/cardigans. As the weather gets cooler, black joggers/leggings can be worn. For swimming lessons in KS2, a full costume is required for girls and tight trunks/shorts for boys. All children must wear a swimming cap. Goggles are optional. All jewellery/watches must be removed. This is Local Authority guidance.

Regular attendance at school is vital to ensure your child makes the best possible progress. Our school expectation is 97%. If your child is unwell please inform the office either through Parent App or a telephone call. We do not authorise term time holidays. If your child's attendance drops below 95% we will inform you, as your child is at risk of becoming a persistent absentee and will be referred to the local authority Educational Welfare Officer.

Finally, due to the sad passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, school will be closed on Monday 19th September, as this is a Bank Holiday.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs N. Ware
Headteacher.

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