

NEWS Bulletin



Latest News from Longhill

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Dear parents and carers

Firstly, can we once again thank you for your support over the last year. It has been another very challenging year for all but we have made it to the end of term. We know it must have been very frustrating when your children have to be sent home from school at very short notice but we simply had to follow the national guidance issued to us. The hope is that we will have much less disruption in September (fingers crossed!!!)

Despite everything, the children have been brilliant this year and have taken everything in their stride. They are a credit to you and we are very proud of them!

This letter will give you all the information you need to be ready for the new school year.

Arriving at school from Tuesday 7th September

Due to the children not having the opportunity to go to their new classes this term we are going to stagger the starting times on the first day back so children can meet their new classteacher on the playground.

Classteachers will meet and greet the children before taking them into school through the right door and show them their new cloakroom etc. On arrival to the playground your child's new teacher will be waiting for you so the children will need to join their line. Please arrive at the times below:

Foundation Stage/Years 1 and 2 – 8.45am

Years 3 and 4 – 8.55am

Years 5 and 6 – 9.00am

The one way system on the playground will continue, all parents and children will enter the site from the main gate and leave from the far gate on the playground. Once you have dropped off your child please leave the site as soon as possible. This helps to keep a steady flow of people onto the school site.

Please note that there will be no pre school drop off club on the first day back.

School Information

Arriving from Wednesday 9th September and for the rest of the school year

There will continue to be a 15 minute window between 8.30am – 8.45am where children can be dropped off at the doors leading off the playground. This will allow for a steady flow of children and parents entering the site which helps reduce congestion at busy times.

Children will be able to bring their bikes and scooters to school. Please walk your bike or scooter to the bike shed.

Pre school drop off club

If you are a working parent then your child will be able to attend pre school drop off club from 7.45am. Please call the school office before the end of term to book your child a place.

Children need to be dropped off through the main entrance as the club will be held in the main hall. Please ensure that children have had their breakfast before school as this will not be provided.

Leaving school

At the end of the school day there will continue to be staggered pick up times to help keep a steady flow of cars and people on the school site.

Please pick your children up between the following times:

Foundation Stage will begin to leave from 3pm from the normal school exit.

Year 1 and 2 will start going home at 3pm from the 2 doors leading onto the playground.

Year 3 and 4 will leave from 3.10pm from the 2 doors leading onto the playground

Year 5 and 6 will leave from 3.15pm from the 2 doors leading onto the playground.

What safety measures will be in place?

Despite there being less national restrictions in place we will still continue to take extra precautions to maintain safety in the new academic year.

Some of the steps we are taking include:

Anyone who has any symptoms of Covid will be asked to stay off school and take a PCR test. NHS Track and Trace will take over all situations and advise you of the next steps.

Children will no longer be kept in school bubbles unless we are advised to do so.

We will be continuing with good hygiene measures of regular hand washing/sanitising.

We will continue with our enhanced cleaning schedule, ensuring surfaces touched by children and staff areas are cleaned regularly throughout the day.

Water bottles – children need to bring their own clearly labelled bottles. Children will bring these home each day to be washed and refilled with fresh water.

School Information

Staffing changes

We are delighted to be welcoming Ms Schiele to our Foundation Stage staffing team. Ms Schiele has spent this year undertaking her teacher training with us and will begin her career at Longhill in September.

Mrs Matthews will be joining Withernsea Primary as a Deputy Headteacher for the Autumn term but will be working at Longhill every Friday. Miss Fletcher will become the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead. We wish Mrs Matthews the very best of luck in her new role.

The school day, curriculum and remote learning

The school day and curriculum will return to a completely normal schedule. In the event of the school having to send any groups home then remote learning will be provided in the same way as this year.

School uniform

Over the last year we have been more relaxed with school uniform to try to support parents. Uniform will return to the following in September:

White or light blue polo shirt
Navy blue jumper / cardigan
Black/grey trousers (short or long) / Black/grey skirt
Appropriate footwear

If a child is not wearing the correct uniform parents will be contacted by the phase leader to discuss how we can support you in any way.

If a child arrives in the wrong jumper they will be asked to remove it and put it on their peg.

PE kit

The PE kit is as follows:

White / Light blue T shirt
Blue / Black shorts or plain tracksuit bottoms
School jumper can be worn if they are outside.

If your child is not in the correct PE kit we will provide them with some spare kit that they will be asked to change in to.

Children may still come into school in PE kit when it is their PE day. The PE days are as follows:

Monday - Foundation 2 and Year 2

Tuesday - Year 3

Wednesday - Year 5 and Year 4

Thursday - Foundation 1 morning and Year 6

Friday - Year 1

School Information

After school clubs

After school clubs will be in place throughout the term. Details of all the clubs on offer will follow.

School trips

Unless we are advised differently, we intend to return to a full schedule of school trips. The school will have the full use of two minibuses so we can give the children as many real life experiences as possible. Details of school trips will be released in the new term.

Farewell and good luck to our year 6 children!

This week we say goodbye to our year 6 children. It has once again been a very challenging year for them but they have been extremely resilient and have performed very well. Transition arrangements to senior schools have once again not been possible which is far from ideal but we are sure that the children will settle in quickly in September.

We would like to congratulate Katie Oliver who was awarded with the Sheila Atcheson Award for being the best all rounder during her time at Longhill. We would also like to congratulate Bailey Taylor for being awarded with the Lorraine Jones Sports Awards for his sporting achievements whilst at the school. Well done to both!

We wish all of our year 6 children the very best of luck in their new schools!

Finally...

We hope you all have a great Summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming all the children back on **Tuesday 7th September**.

Best wishes

Mr Batty and Mrs Pearce

School Notices

Earrings

Earrings are not allowed at Longhill Primary School. Please ensure that your child has removed their earrings before coming to school. If they still have them in and we cannot contact you to remove them then unfortunately your child will not be allowed to take part in any physical activity - this includes going out at playtime. This falls under our health and safety policy.

Online forms

Longhill Primary School is moving more and more to forms being filled out online. Any trip letters will now be emailed out and there will be an electronic form link for you to click on in order for you to give permission. We are promoting this as the main way of gaining permission for your child to attend or take part in anything. Please can you make sure that the office has the correct email address for all letters to be sent to.

School Photos

School photos are now booked in for the 12th November. We hope we will be able to offer sibling photos on this occasion. Further information will be sent out in early November.

Parent Pay

All payments, including school meals, must be paid in advance through our on-line payment system Parent Pay. If you do not have access to Parent Pay, please contact the office.

Online Safety Update

The best way to help keep your children safe online is by talking to them about what they do on the internet. The ThinkUKnow website is an excellent resource that provides plenty of resources to support this discussion between you and your children. The Jessie and Friends resources are brilliant for 4-7 year olds, while the Play, Like, Share resources are suitable for 8-11 year olds. Additionally, the websites www.parentinfo.org and <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/> are great websites that can help keep you up-to-date on the latest apps, games and websites that the children may be using. They also provide excellent guidelines for keeping safe while using the internet.

Mobile Phones

Reminder that children should not bring mobile phones to school. If a mobile phone is brought into school, it must be handed to the class teacher.

Year Group Emails

Each year group has an email address for you to contact your child's class teacher, they are as follows

longhillstaffeyfs@hcat.org.uk
foundationstage.longhill@hcat.org.uk
yearone.longhill.@hcat.org.uk
yeartwo.longhill@hcat.org.uk
yearthree.longhill@hcat.org.uk
yearfour.longhill@hcat.org.uk
yearfive.longhill@hcat.org.uk
yearsix.longhill@hcat.org.uk

Diary Dates

2020-21

22 July—CLOSE FOR SUMMER

23 July—SCHOOL CLOSED-STAFF TRAINING DAY

2021-22

7 September—SCHOOL RE-OPENS

15-16 November—Year 6 Trip to Hornsea Museum

17 November—School Photos

20 October—CLOSE FOR HALF-TERM

1 November—SCHOOL RE-OPENS

21 December—CLOSE FOR CHRISTMAS

5 January—SCHOOL RE-OPENS

17 February—CLOSE FOR HALF-TERM

1 March—SCHOOL RE-OPENS

7 April—CLOSE FOR EASTER

25 April—SCHOOL RE-OPENS

2 May- BANK HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED

26 May—CLOSE FOR HALF-TERM

8 June—SCHOOL RE-OPENS

22 July—CLOSE FOR SUMMER

