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Dear Parents and Carers,

Accessing the school site

A reminder that we encourage parents to wear face coverings when accessing the school site.



Please also ensure that when you bring children you supervise them; it is not appropriate for children to be running around on the playground at drop off time. This is particularly important at this current time.

See Saw platform

The See Saw platform should be all up and running now. If you are having any issues with accessing this for your child's homework, please let your child's class teacher know. You can do this by emailing sh-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk and we will look into it. If you have any issues with digital devices, we can offer paper copies. We are attempting to ensure as many families as possible are familiar with the system so they are prepared if we are required to close any classrooms. Currently, we are COVID free, which is great, but as you know there is a rise in cases in the local area so it is good to be prepared.

Home learning

Staff have a clear set of protocols for how we will carry out home learning. These will be issued should the need arise. We are taking all precautions set out on our risk assessments, and are keeping a close eye on events. Please help us do this by being open and honest about symptoms, and informing us quickly about test results. Normal attendance rules apply (see below) with regards to illnesses and holidays. Thank you for your help.

Attendance

Attendance expectations are as usual: you must inform school of absence and reasons as per the usual. Holidays are not authorised. School expects full attendance at all times. The government expects:

Schools and local authorities to:

- Promote good attendance and reduce absence, including persistent absence;
- Ensure every pupil has access to full-time education to which they are entitled; and,
- act early to address patterns of absence.

Parents to perform their legal duty by

ensuring their children of compulsory school age who are registered at school attend regularly. All pupils to be punctual to their lessons.

If your phone is broken or you have a new number, make sure to let us know please!

Bikes and scooters

Next week, the builders will be transporting materials from the parking area to the back of school. **The bike storage area will be out of bounds for the week.**

Pupils may leave their bikes in the front grassed area by the school gate. Please be aware that this area is not as secure; pupils can lock their bikes if they bring a chain, or you may decide that for the week it is better not to come to school with bikes etc. as we cannot guarantee security. We hope this will be for as short a period as possible.

Breakfast club

We sent out information about the breakfast club reopening this week. Please make sure you have read the guidelines on the new COVID arrangements – the club will be in the hall so you will need to use a different door. You can read the guidelines here:

<https://southhiendley.wakefield.sch.uk/breakfast-club-reopening-5th-october-2020>

Communication with staff – a gentle and polite reminder!

We all want the best for your children. That is why we work in schools. We know that your children are the most precious things in the world to you. We know that everyone is feeling anxious with the current situation in the world, including us in school. We know that all parents want the best for their children. So we appreciate that sometimes, our feelings and tempers can get the better of us sometimes. However, a polite reminder...

Teaching staff are teaching during the day, therefore are not able to speak with parents during teaching hours. Please try to avoid “catching” the teacher first thing on a morning; it is important to not have face to face communication at the moment.

We attach the parent code of conduct which is something that has been in place at South Hiendley for a significant period of time for your information. This is a really helpful reminder for us all.

We would like to remind all parents that communication with school should be respectful at all times. Staff cannot be expected to speak to anyone who adopts a confrontational tone. Please try to remain calm when speaking with us; if you are not able to, it may be better to email you query to sh-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk and we will respond in due course (either the class teacher, learning mentor, assistant headteacher, office staff or Headteacher as appropriate).

Thank you as always for your support; we really do appreciate it.



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Parent / Carer Code of Conduct



At South Hiendley Primary School, we are very fortunate to have supportive and friendly parents. Our parents recognise that educating children is a process that involves partnership between the home and the school and understand the importance of good working relationships to equip children with the necessary skills for adulthood. For these reasons we welcome and encourage parents/carers to participate fully in school life. The purpose of this policy is to provide a reminder to all parents, carers and visitors to our school about expected conduct; this is so we can work together to achieve a safe and positive school environment with an atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding.

As well as following the guidance set out in our Home-School Agreement, we expect parents and carers to:

- Respect the caring ethos of our school.
- Understand that school staff and parents need to work together for the benefit of their children.
- Demonstrate that **all** members of the school community should be treated with respect and therefore set a good example in their own speech and behaviour.
- Seek to clarify a child's version of events with the school's view in order to bring about a peaceful solution to any issue.
- Correct own child's behaviour especially in public where it could otherwise lead to conflict, aggressive behaviour or unsafe behaviour.
- Approach the school to help resolve any issues of concern.
- Avoid using staff as threats to address children's behaviour.
- Respect the school environment, use designated entrances into school, avoid parking in the staff car park, drive and park carefully and considerately on George Street.

In order to support a peaceful and safe school environment, school cannot tolerate:

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes with the operation of a classroom, the office area, the outside learning environment or any other part of school grounds.
- The use of loud and/or offensive language or displays of temper.
- Threatening harm or the use of physical aggression towards another adult or child. This includes approaching someone else's child in order to chastise them and physical punishment against your own child on school premises.
- Damaging or destroying school property.
- Abusive or threatening verbal comments, emails, phone or social network messages.

- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding school or any of the pupils/staff at the school being put on Facebook or other social sites. (See Appendix 1)
- Smoking and consumption of alcohol or other drugs whilst on the school site or accessing the school site whilst intoxicated.
- Dogs being brought onto school premises, apart from assistance dogs.

Any concerns you may have about the school must be made through the appropriate channels, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned. Any complaints you may have about the school must be made in line with our Complaints Policy, which can be found on the school website.

Should any of the above behavior occur on school premises, the school may feel it necessary to contact the appropriate authorities and if necessary, even ban the offending adult(s) from entering the school grounds.

We trust that parents and carers will assist our school with the implementation of this policy and thank you for your continuing support. We ask that parents make all persons responsible for collecting children aware of this policy.

Appendix 1 - Inappropriate use of Social Networking Sites

Social media websites are being used increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against schools, Headteachers, school staff, and in some cases other parents/pupils. The Governors of our schools consider the use of social media websites being used in this way as unacceptable and not in the best interests of the children or the whole school community. Any concerns you may have must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, the Headteacher or the Chair of Governors, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned. In the event that any pupil or parent/carers of a child/ren being educated at any of our schools is found to be posting libelous or defamatory comments on Facebook or other social network sites, they may be reported to the appropriate 'report abuse' section of the network site. All social network sites have clear rules about the content which can be posted on the site and they provide robust mechanisms to report contact or activity which breaches this. Our school also expects that any parent/carers or pupil removes such comments immediately.

In serious cases school will also consider the involvement of our Police Liaison Officer and / or legal action to deal with any such misuse of social networking and other sites. Additionally, and perhaps more importantly, is the issue of cyber bullying and the use by one child or a parent with the intention to publicly humiliate another by inappropriate social network entry. We will take and deal with this as a serious incident of school bullying. Thankfully such incidents are extremely rare.