

# Frequently Asked Questions

HOLLYBANK



PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear Parent

We have made a PowerPoint containing important information for the year ahead. This will be added to Seesaw and the school website for future reference.

We have tried to answer any questions or queries you may have as we begin our new school year. However, please feel free to contact us via Seesaw should any questions remain unanswered.

Many Thanks

Miss Brett

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# Return to School in September 2020

## Does my child have to attend school in August/September?

Yes, P1 and P7 will start back to school the week beginning 24/08/20.

\*Primary 1 will start in Bubbles. Bubble A (Monday and Tuesday) and Bubble B (Thursday and Friday).

Primary 1 will finish at 12:30 this week.

\*Primary 7 will be in all week, finishing at 1:00pm.

\*Bubbles will continue week beginning 31/08/20 for Primary 1 to Primary 6. Bubble A ( Monday and Tuesday) and Bubble B ( Thursday and Friday ). Primary 7 will continue to be in with a full class, all week.

**All children will be in full classes from week beginning 7/09/20.**

You will already have been informed of your child's starting time, finishing time and Pick Up Point. Please adhere to these staggered times to ensure we can keep everyone safe through Social distancing measures being in place.

Please note, from 31/08/20 there will be new finishing times, that will, hopefully, be a temporary arrangement and kept under review. These times will be for all pupils P1 to P7.

Starting time 8:50 – Finishing time 1:50

Starting time 9:00– Finishing time 2:00

Starting time 9:10– Finishing time 2:10



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## How will you keep my child safe?

We will be putting measures in place, details listed on the next few slides, to keep our community as safe as possible.

We cannot guarantee that your child will not become ill. They may become unwell at any time.

## What will my child wear?

Uniform must be worn each day.

Children should bring a coat for outdoor play. They may wear trainers to school on their allocated PE day.

Teachers will inform pupils and parents of this day via Seesaw.

## Can I call into the school office to drop something off or meet my child's teacher?

No, unfortunately school grounds are closed to everyone except staff and pupils.

Should you need to drop off your child's lunchbox or water bottle, please label it and place it in the plastic box outside the front door. Once the item/s have been placed in the box, phone the secretary to make her aware they are there.

Should you need to contact your child's class teacher, please do so via the messaging service within Seesaw or by telephoning the school.

School can be contacted via the school phone number:

**02890 864944**

or via the school email address:

[info@hollybankps.newtownabbey.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@hollybankps.newtownabbey.ni.sch.uk)





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What does my child need?

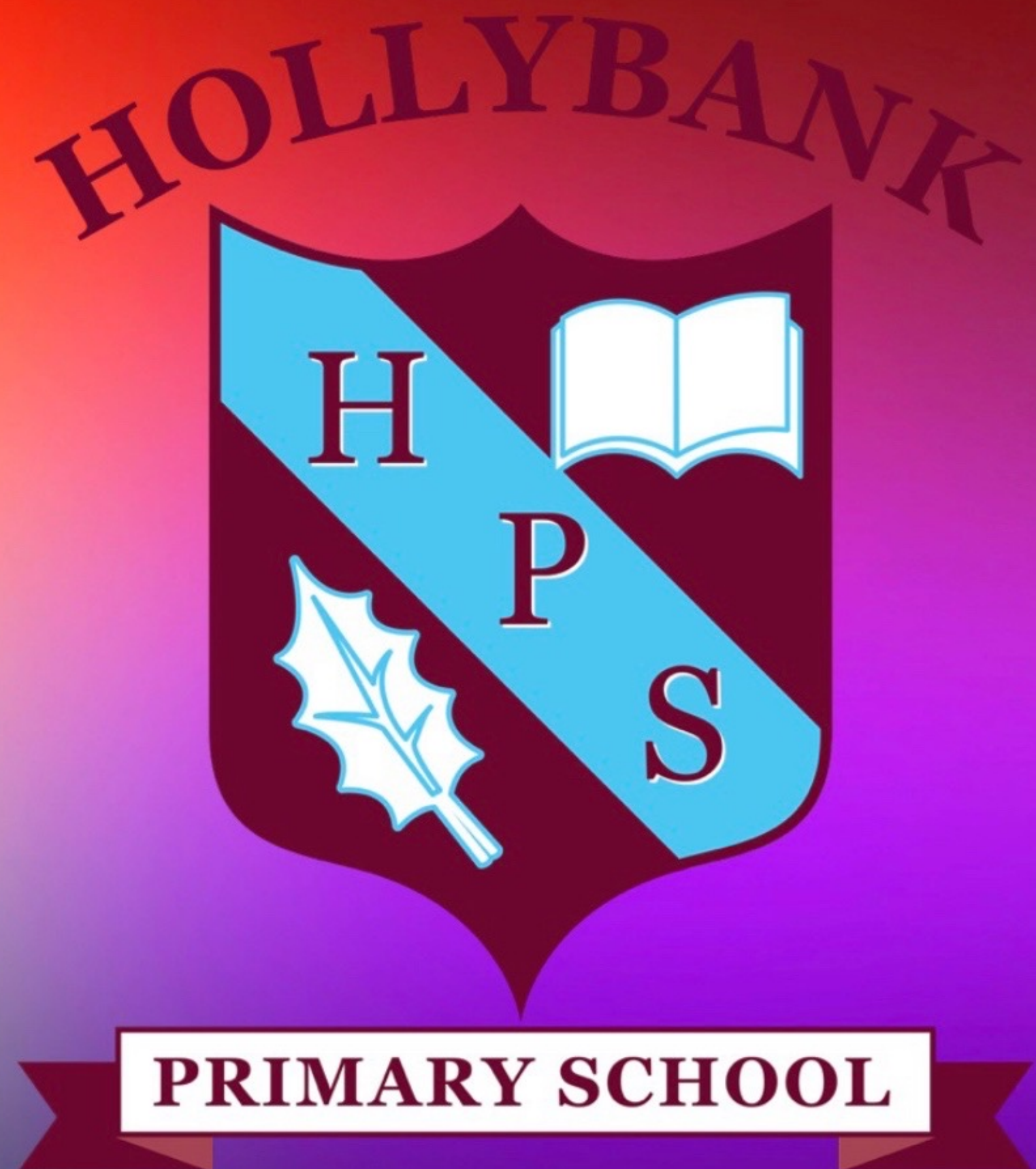
What can my child bring to school?

This is a list of resources your child will need to bring with them on their first day in school. These will remain in school and can be replaced, as necessary, throughout the year.

Your child may also bring a lunch box that can be wiped down and a water bottle. Please ensure all items are labelled.

Unfortunately, at this time, children are unable to bring school bags to school.

- 3 sharpened pencils
- A rubber
- A Pritt Stick
- A highlighter
- A ruler
- A small packet of colouring pencils/ crayons
- Child friendly scissors
- Hand sanitiser, for personal use, if you wish.





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## How do I get my child to their class?

Children should enter school via the Pedestrian Gate on Devenish Drive. They will follow the arrows down into the Senior Playground and walk directly to their designated entrance door, where they will be guided in by a member of staff.

Adults must remain outside school grounds, maintaining a social distance of 2metres.

\* Primary 1 parents may walk their child to their designated door, whilst they settle in. However, please remember to adhere to social distancing of 2metres. Unfortunately, we will be unable to permit you to enter the school building.

No child should arrive to school before their allocated start time as perimeter gates will be closed until this time.

Please note, for the safety of all our school community, the adventure playground is closed and should not be used by children at any time of the day.

Each class will form its own bubble. As far as possible, these bubbles will not mix.

It is important that ALL absences are documented. Therefore, if your child is absent from school, please contact the teacher via Seesaw to inform the school of the reason for the absence.

**IF NO NOTE IS PROVIDED VIA SEESAW, YOUR CHILD MAY BE REFUSED ENTRY TO SCHOOL, UPON THEIR RETURN, DUE TO COVID 19 SAFETY MEASURES IN PLACE FOR THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY.**





# School Response if a child displays symptoms during the School Day

Concern raised by the child themselves or by an adult supervising.

Child is isolated immediately in Breakfast Room and temperature checked. Child's parents will be contacted. Child will be supervised by an adult in full PPE.

Child **MUST** be collected **IMMEDIATELY** from school.  
Mandatory period of 14 days self isolation.

Test **MUST** be arranged and **MUST** take place.  
Family of the child must engage with the Test and Trace process.

## NEGATIVE TEST RESULT

It is important to still apply caution. If everyone with symptoms who was tested in the household receive a negative test result, the child can return to school providing they are well enough and have not had a fever for 48 hours.

## POSITIVE TEST RESULT

**YOU MUST INFORM SCHOOL OF ANY TEST RESULT.**

**ALL STAFF AND PUPILS IN THIS BUBBLE MUST SELF ISOLATE FOR 14 DAYS AND TAKE A TEST.**

**IF A RESULT IS RECEIVED ON A WEEKEND, PLEASE EMAIL**

[info@hollybankps.newtownabbey.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@hollybankps.newtownabbey.ni.sch.uk)

Negative Test

Positive Test

Parents **MUST** inform school of the test outcome **IMMEDIATELY**.





# What if someone in my house displays symptoms?

Isolate your child, where possible.

**DO NOT** allow your child to attend school or other public places.

Mandatory period of 14 days self isolation.  
Inform school if your child is displaying symptoms.

Test **MUST** be arranged and **MUST** take place.  
Family must engage with the Test and Trace process.

## NEGATIVE TEST RESULT

If everyone with symptoms who was tested in the household receive a negative test result, the child can return to school providing they are well enough and have not had a fever for 48 hours.

## POSITIVE TEST RESULT

**THE CHILD MUST COMPLETE THE COMPULSORY 10 DAY SELF-ISOLATION FROM THE DATE OF THE TEST.**

**PARENT MUST INFORM THE SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY.**

Negative Test

Positive Test

Parents **MUST** inform school of the test outcome **IMMEDIATELY**.

  
**Stay Alert**

If you have symptoms,  
play your part; get tested,  
protect your friends and family.

All together >



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**What if I am contacted by NHS Test and Trace?**

**\*Follow all instructions from the NHS Test and Trace advisor.**

**\*Inform the school immediately.**

**If you are contacted throughout a weekend, please inform the school by emailing:**

**[info@hollybankps.newtownabbey.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@hollybankps.newtownabbey.ni.sch.uk)**





# Return to School in September 2020

**FREQUENTLY**

**ASKED**

**QUESTIONS**

**My child has medication. How do I arrange for this to be taken in school time?**

Please contact the Principal before sending medication to school.

We do advise that where medication can be taken at home, it should be. However, should your child need medication during the school day, the Parent/Carer must contact the school for a Administration of Medication form, which **must** be completed before any medication can be given in school.

Any medication sent to school needs to be in the original packaging, from the prescription, with the dosage required clearly labelled on the bottle/box. It must be left at the school office in a sealed bag by an adult.

**NO MEDICATION SHOULD BE SENT TO SCHOOL WITH A PUPIL.**

**Will my child get Homework?**

Homework will be allocated via Seesaw from 14/09/20. AQE Homeworks will be sent home in advance, with answers, so parents can mark these at home. These **SHOULD NOT** come back into school.

**Will children social distance in school?**

Children within the same bubble will be in their class groups. Guidance states that children within the bubble may not be able to distance socially. Adults will distance 2m from children as much as possible.