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## Newsletter: 10th June 2021

Dear Parents & Friends,

As we begin the final half term of this academic year, we are blessed with some wonderful weather. The staff and I sincerely hope you've all had an enjoyable half term fortnight and we look forward to catching up with you over the coming weeks.

At Holmeswood, we pride ourselves on our relationship with parents and families. One of the many advantages of being a small school is the openness of communication and the frequency of contact with our families. We are acutely aware that the last 18 months have made things very difficult in this regard, and I wanted to take this opportunity to mention that we too have been feeling the impact of this. Let us all pray that we can resume business as usual soon.

### Covid-19

Although restrictions are meant to ease over the coming weeks, rates of infection are rising rapidly, particularly in the northwest, and the general view in education is that we should see out the remainder of this term with caution. Some changes have been made to our operation: the children in school are already mixing more at lunchtimes and in assemblies; music and swimming lessons have re-commenced and children are taking part in more trips, extra-curricular activities and inter-school sporting competitions.

We will, however, continue the staggered start and end of the day, and parents are respectfully asked to maintain 2m social distancing and not congregate outside of school. If you wish to speak to a member of staff, please telephone or email and make an appointment.

Finally, we had hoped to invite you to attend a Sports Day (7th July) and Leavers' Service (15th July) this year. However, the current advice is that parents should not be invited en-masse to attend a school event. Please put the dates in your diaries and we will confirm nearer the time whether these are feasible.

### Rise & Shine and 325Club

Our before and after school clubs are becoming increasingly popular and we are looking to appoint a suitably qualified person to help run this facility. Initially, every Thursday and Friday 3.00 to 5.30pm. If you are interested in taking on a few hours @ £15 per hour, please let me know (NB: if necessary, your children can attend free of charge).

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### Uniform

We are aware that it has been difficult to get hold of new uniforms over the last few months. As we approach the end of the year, we do not expect parents to purchase any items which your child may grow out of before September. However, we would ask that you ensure your child returns in the new school year with a complete uniform for school and for PE.

Our only uniform supplier is Whittaker's in Southport ([www.whittakersschoolwear.co.uk/](http://www.whittakersschoolwear.co.uk/)). They stock our logoed PE hoodies and school jumpers/cardigans.

A copy of our uniform policy is available in the policies section of our Website ([www.holmeswood.lancs.sch.uk/](http://www.holmeswood.lancs.sch.uk/)).

**\*\* We have received (from our old uniform provider) 6 pairs of black jogging bottoms and 6 red PE hoodies, which we are selling at a discounted price in the 'Shop' section of our School Money App \*\***

### School Dinners

- Just a reminder that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school dinner.
- If you are in receipt of benefits (even if just for a short time), please speak to Mrs McCormack in the office about the Pupil Premium Grant.
- We will not be able to provide school meals on Monday 19th July, Tuesday 20th July and Wednesday 1st September - please send your child with a packed lunch on these days.

### Reporting to Parents

Towards the end of term, you will receive a brief written report which will give an indication of your child's progress and attainment over this academic year. Having spent a significant amount of the Spring Term away from school, it is inevitable that there will be some gaps in curriculum coverage, however we are not overly concerned that the lockdown will have had a long-term impact on your child's development.

We are hoping to arrange face-to-face meetings this term for all those parents who wish to do so. During the next week, you should receive communication for your child's class teacher (either in person, by email or phone) to make a convenient appointment.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you,

**Mr Relph Higson**