



Hollinswood Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to everyone and a warm welcome to our families who are starting with us this year. We have had a fabulous start to the term. The children have settled into their classroom routines and already established relationships with those around them. They also look very smart in their uniforms – thank you for your support with this.

New gates

Thank you for your patience and support whilst we have been implementing the new gate system at the beginning and end of the school day. We will continue to open the pedestrian gate which leads to the underpass at the beginning and end of the day to help relieve some of the congestion at the main gate.

Just a reminder that the pedestrian gates will open at 8.30am to 9.00am and 3.00pm to 3.30pm. The gate will open again at 4.00pm for parents/carers who are collecting from clubs.

Healthy Lifestyles Programme

This term, we will be participating in a Telford and Wrekin initiative called the 'Healthy Lifestyles Programme'. The programme will support children's education about their health and how to maintain a healthy lifestyle, which will support our PHSE curriculum. The sessions are run by the Eatwell Project Team and will be tailored to the age of the children. We will post regular updates on ClassDojo.

Clubs

Our clubs start next week. You should have received notification from the school office if your child is participating in one of the clubs.

Our sports coaches working with us this academic year are Mr Chau and Mr Jones. Miss Thornton, a swimming coach, will also be accompanying the Year 4 children for swimming lessons.

Nursery

Did you know that we admit children to our nursery the term after they turn three. We offer the government funded (free) 15-hour sessions (either a morning or afternoon session). There is no qualifying criteria for the 15 hours sessions. We also offer the free 30-hour sessions, that you may qualify for. Please check on the following link to see if you would qualify for this:

[30 hours free childcare - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/30-hours-free-childcare)

We currently have places available in our morning and afternoon sessions, or our 30-hour sessions. Please speak to one of us on the playground if you require any further information or call into the school office.

Applying for Reception and Secondary places

The online application form for children who are due to start primary school (Reception) or secondary school (Year 7) is now available via the Telford & Wrekin website.

All parents will need to apply online via the parent portal and are advised to apply to four schools, including their nearest or catchment area school.

The application deadlines for each process are:

Reception – 15th January 2024

Secondary – 31st October 2023

If a child has an Education, Health and Care Plan the closing date is **31 October 2023** for all applications.

Further information is available on the Telford & Wrekin website. See attachments for further information too.

Is my child too ill for school?

The Government are aware that the COVID-19 pandemic may have caused some parents/carers to feel less confident with assessing whether their child is well enough to be in school, so they have provided some information to support you. Click on the link below for the useful guide:

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/health/when-is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/)

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Osborne
Headteacher