



Hiltingbury Junior School



Parent Information 2023-2024

Welcome from Miss Loosemore Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We warmly welcome you to Hiltingbury Junior School. We are so delighted that you and your child will be joining our school community in September. Every day, I feel very privileged to be leading such a dedicated team of staff who seek tirelessly to provide the best possible opportunities for each child in our care. I am always overwhelmed at the commitment the children show towards school life, and the kindness they show for each other. This is a truly special school to be part of, and I am certain your child will love each and every day at Hiltingbury, just as we do!

We appreciate that everyone is different, with their own unique interests and talents, as well as areas where they may need additional support and encouragement. We aim to make each day inspiring and to spark a love of and excitement for learning in all that our children do. We believe in the value of a rich and engaging curriculum, and the opportunities for children to follow their passions.

A key objective for all the staff is to work in partnership with you to ensure that we can meet the children's needs as best we can. We will endeavour to keep you informed of your child's achievements, their next steps and what we can do together to help them make the best progress. We also encourage you to share how proud you are of any achievements your child makes, in whatever aspect of learning and development, outside of school.

Our aim is to foster a school community where every member feels safe and happy while also ensuring that they are supported on their journey as a lifelong learner. I am so pleased that you have chosen for your child to make that journey with us.

Very best wishes,

Zoe Loosemore
Headteacher



Important Transfer Dates

Y3 – September 2023

The staff at Hiltingbury Junior school work very closely with your child's current school to make this transition as smooth as possible for the children where they feel supported and prepared for their new journey at Hiltingbury Junior School.

During the Welcome Information Evening we will be sharing a further insight into school life. If, after reading this pack, you have any questions about the school please email; newyear3@hiltingburyjuniorschool.co.uk and we will endeavour to include these in the evening as well.

On site visits *

If your child attends an Infant School other than Hiltingbury Infant School, we warmly welcome you to meet at the School office entrance for each of your transition visits. A member of the team will be there to meet you when you drop your child off. The school office is also the collection point at the end of each visit.

Hiltingbury Infant School children will be brought over by Hiltingbury Infant School staff and taken back at the end of the visit.

Lunch on the 26th June Transition Day – Children from Hiltingbury Infant School will order their lunches as normal. Children joining us from other feeder schools, please can we ask that you bring a packed lunch into school.

Activities

Friday 23 June 2023 *

Meet the Teachers 1.30pm – 2pm- Welcome to Hiltingbury, all children are invited to meet their new teachers. *This event will take place at Hiltingbury Infant school. For any children attending not from Hiltingbury Infant School please meet at the Infant School office on this occasion only.*

Monday 26 June 2023 *

Transition Day 9.10am – 3pm- Children will meet their new Teachers and class and will stay in school for lunch enjoying a full day of Junior School life. If your child attends Hiltingbury Infant School please take them to register at HIS as normal. Any children attending not from HIS please meet in our school office.

Thursday 6 July 2023

Year 3 Welcome Information Evening 5pm in the school hall – Please join us in person or remotely for our information evening. The Year 3 team will be present alongside our leadership team. Year 3 new starters are welcome to attend with you. Remote link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89669222986?pwd=M1R0MFISGdVdSsZbTNxRENqRIYvZz09>

Monday 10 July 2023

Whole Junior School Open Afternoon 3.20pm– 4.30pm – this is an opportunity to meet your new teachers, visit your new classrooms with your Parents and Carers and meet children from across the school too.

Wednesday 12 July 2023 *

Second Transition Morning 9.10am – 11.45am – Children will have the opportunity to spend another morning with their new teachers and work together in in your new classrooms

Term Dates Academic Year 2023-2024

Autumn Term

Friday 1 Sept - Friday 15 Dec

Autumn Half Term

Monday 23 Oct –
Friday 27 Oct

Christmas Holiday

Monday 18 Dec - Monday
1 Jan

Spring Term

Tuesday 2 Jan –
Thursday 28 March

Spring Half Term

Monday 12 Feb –
Friday 16 Feb

Easter Holiday

Friday 29 Mar –
Friday 12 April

Summer Term

Monday 15 April - Friday 23
July

Summer Half Term

Monday 27 May –
Friday 31 May

Summer Holiday

Wednesday 24 July –
Friday 30 Sept

[Link to our school website calendar](#)

Inset Days

1st & 4th September 2023

30th October 2023

2nd January 2024

24th May 2024



School Meals and Free School Meals

A cooked School lunch is available each day provided by our Hampshire caterers, HC3S. Children order their lunches each morning in class. Parents and Carers will be able to add a credit to their Arbor account to pay for these, from September, in advance of their child ordering. Currently, lunches are charged at £3. You will be sent instructions and a link to activate your child's new Junior School account in due course

Are you eligible to apply for free school meals?

A child is eligible for **free school meals** if their parent or carer receives one or more of the eligible benefits that include:

- Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit, Universal Credit

Further details in relation to these benefits and the criteria associated with them can be found by following the link below or speaking to a member of the office team:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals>

Please always remember to apply / update us if your circumstances change.

Pupil Premium Funding

A pupil may receive Pupil Premium funding because a parent is, or has been at any point in the last 6 years, registered as receiving a benefit that entitles them to free school meals. Children may also receive Pupil Premium funding if they have been in local authority care at any point for more than one day. This includes children who are adopted from care.

Pupil premium is a grant accessed by the School and is intended to help us provide targeted support in relation to their wellbeing, improve the attainment together with the progress of these children so that they can reach their full potential. Further details about how our annual Pupil Premium grant is spent is on our website. A proportion of the grant may be spent in ways to benefit individual eligible pupils. This could include a variety of measures such a support with the cost of school trips, sports clubs, music lessons and additional tutoring as appropriate.

A smaller Pupil Premium grant is accessed in connection with children whose parents serve in the armed forces.

If you think you may be eligible for Pupil Premium funding, or would like us to check for you, please let us know. If your circumstances change at any point during your child's time in school and you think you may have become eligible, please also get in touch confidentially.

Introducing Hugo

This is Hugo is our school dog. He has been attending our school since he was just 10 weeks old. Hugo has been attending training sessions with the charity Helpful Hounds.

Once Hugo is fully trained he will spend his days visiting the classrooms and even listening to readers.

Hugo often welcomes the children into school on the gates in the morning so do look out for him.



There are many benefits to having a school dog, including:

- a calming effect on pupils, particularly those with behavioural or learning difficulties
- improved behaviour and concentration, reduced stress and improved self-esteem
- encouraging expression and participation in more withdrawn children
- fostering a sense of responsibility
- motivating pupils to think and to learn, as most children have a high level of natural interest in, enthusiasm for and enjoyment of animals

Before & After School Provision

We recognise that many of our parents need reliable and flexible wrap around care for their child at either end of the school day.

All club staff are members of the school team and are often familiar to the children as they see them regularly throughout the day.

Before School club shares activities and games for the children to access as they wish.

After School Club provides a healthy snack together with the opportunity to take part in a variety of enrichment activities such as sport, craft and ICT. Where possible the children are encouraged to enjoy time outside and make the most of our vast school grounds.

Opening Times and Booking

The before school club is open daily during term time from 8:00 am. The after school club is open until 6:00 pm daily. Booking is required for both clubs in advance and payment is requested in advance via Childcare Vouchers or online via your child's Arbor account.



Fees

Currently Club fees are:

Before School Club - £3.50 per session

After School Club - the minimum payment is £5.00 for up to 4.30pm and £2.00 half hourly thereafter.



[Link to our Before & After School Club website page](#)

Get in touch & Communications

We welcome you to contact us via the school email address, by telephone or by calling into the school office.

Website: www.hiltingbury-jun.hants.sch.uk

Email: adminoffice@Hiltingbury-jun.hants.sch.uk

Contact: 02380 261808

School office: 8.30am to 4pm Monday to Friday

Our communications are shared via Arbor, the management information system that we use for our School. Arbor also provides the system to send in-app notifications and where needed, SMS text messages.



Your Arbor account will enable you to:

Review and update the data held for you and your child, consents you share for your child, view your child's attendance and make payments for dinner money / trips / clubs / music lessons. We are no longer able to accept cash or cheques for any payments in school.

You will be sent an email with instructions and a link to activate your child's new Junior School account in due course.

The school will use the email address and mobile number that you enter for the **1st Priority Emergency Contact AND Primary Guardian** from your child's record. If more than 1 parent / carer wishes to receive all school communications then you must both indicate you wish to be Priority 1. Please always ensure there is more than 1 person to contact in an emergency

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact the school office on 02380 261808.

Exciting new developments.....

As a School we are currently developing our plan to launch our School social media profiles and we look forward to sharing and highlighting the insights into our School days.



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