



Hiltingbury Junior School

Parent Information 2024 -2025



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Welcome from Miss Loosemore

Headteacher

Dear Parents & 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. Being a part of Hiltingbury Junior School is a truly special experience, and I am confident that your child will embrace each day here with the same joy and enthusiasm that we do.

Recognising the uniqueness of each individual, with their distinct interests, talents, and areas for growth, is something we deeply value. Our goal is to make every day inspiring, igniting a love for learning and excitement in all our children. We strongly believe in the significance of a rich and engaging curriculum, providing opportunities for children to explore and follow their passions.

Working in partnership with you is a key objective for all our staff. We endeavour to keep you well-informed about your child's achievements, their next steps, and how we can collaboratively support their 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 too.

Creating a school community where everyone feels safe, happy, and supported on their journey as a lifelong learner is our aim and 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

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, you have any questions about the school please email; adminoffice@hiltingbury-jun.hants.sch.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.



Wednesday 3rd July 2024 *

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.

Thursday 4th July 2024 *

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.

Tuesday 9th July 2024 *

Year 2/3 School Transition Buddy Morning 9.10am – 11.45am – Buddy morning with our current year 3's and year 2 children working together in your new classrooms, with your new teachers.

Thursday 11th July 2024

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
Remote link - A link will be available on our website from the start of July under 'Year 3 Starting September 2024'

Monday 15th July 2024

Whole Junior School Open Evening 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. Our school is fully open for the whole school community to enjoy

Hiltingbury Junior School

Governing Body

Hiltingbury Junior School Governing body is made up of representatives from staff, the local authority, parents and members of the community. Our diverse backgrounds give us a wide range of experience and views, enabling us to make informed decisions about the school collectively.

We welcome and value feedback from parents so please do come and speak to us at school events or we can be contacted via the school office. More information is available on the school website along with a list of current governors.

If you are interested in becoming a governor at Hiltingbury Junior School please contact the Chair of Governors, Simon Haynes, via adminoffice@hiltingbury-jun.hants.sch.uk

Governor Meetings

We meet every half term as a full Governing Body and have two main sub committees. These are the Resources Committee, responsible for financial aspects of the school, and the Curriculum and Standards Committee whose purpose is to focus on curriculum provision along with pupil progress and attainment. There is also a Pay Committee and a Headteacher Performance Committee.

Individually, governors may also have specific responsibility for a subject or priority within the school, and will attend meetings for that area as needed. These visits are a valuable opportunity for Governors to work closely with staff members to gain a deeper understanding of some of the initiatives used in school to improve and sustain progress. All Governors receive a full induction and further training relevant to their committee membership and specific link area. Training is provided by Hampshire Governor Services.



The purpose of governance is to provide confident, strategic leadership and to create robust accountability, oversight and assurance for educational and financial performance. The governing body in our school has a legal responsibility which can be summarised by three core strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff;
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure money is well spent.

Free School Meals & Pupil Premium Funding

Free School Meals - could you be eligible?

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

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than 16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

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.

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

Not only can we support you to apply for free school meals, we can also access the pupil premium funding as a School. We may also be able to access the funding if you have been eligible for Free School Meals previously.

If you have any questions, please call and ask a member of the office team.

Before & After School Club Provision

Toast & Crackers

We provide wraparound childcare before and after school. All club staff are members of the team and are often familiar to the children as they see them regularly throughout the day too. Before School club shares activities and games for the children to access as they wish and After School Club provides a healthy snack tea together with the opportunity to take part in a variety of enrichment activities such as sport, craft, 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 required in advance with Childcare Vouchers or by card payment via your child's Arbor account.

Fees

Currently Club fees are:

Before School Club - £3.50 per session

After School Club - Booking sessions will be available in 4 time slots:

- £3.50 - 8am to 8.40am
- £5 - 3.20pm to 4.30pm
- £10 - 3.20pm to 5.30pm
- £12.50 - 3.20pm to 6pm

Please use the [link here to our school website](#) for more information



Communications & Social Media

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

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

Contact: 02380 261808



As a school we regularly update our school calendar and our website. You will see under your year group page lots of information from curriculum overviews to year group timetables.

Please do take the time to look, you will also see lots of lovely weekly highlights from the children in school.

We frequently post highlights and events on our social media pages, sharing up to the minute exciting school activities, lessons, school trips and local community events

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



Please check the information that we hold for you and update as necessary.

If you change your contact details please update your Arbor record as soon as possible. If you wish to opt out of this service, now or at any time in the future, please contact the school office on adminoffice@hiltingbury-jun.hants.sch.uk and we will note your record accordingly.

Your details will not be used for any other purpose than school business. You will not receive any spam or marketing material

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

Payments for dinner money, trips, clubs, music lessons etc are collected online via



We are no longer able to accept cash or cheques.

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



Termly Parent & Carer Workshops

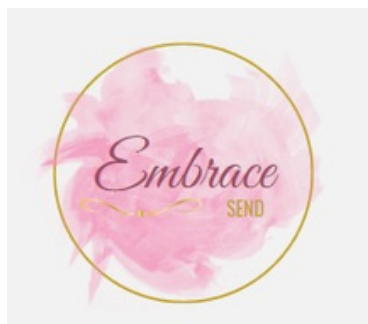
As a school we have strived to create various opportunities for Parents and Carers to come together, fostering engagement through activities, workshops, and forums. Our Form groups meet once a term and these dates will be shared with parents in advance, via email our school calendar and social media pages

caring;
compassionate;
connected



Our commitment to being 'Connected' extends to our Parent coffee mornings held every half term. These interactive workshops offer Parents and Carers a valuable opportunity to receive advice and strategies for nurturing the social, emotional, and mental well-being of their children. Led by our dedicated pastoral team, Mrs Clarke (ELSA), Mrs Boden (Thrive), and Mr Achilles (Mental Health Lead), and various guest speakers. Together, we aim to build a supportive community focused on the development of the whole child.

embrace



'**Embrace**' sessions are a wonderful opportunity for our Parents and Carers to come together to meet other Parents in the school community and to have the time to explore a range of different special educational needs. Mrs Holt, our dedicated SENCo, leads the 'Embrace' workshops and aims to provide a welcoming space for open discussions and mutual support. Everyone is welcome to attend, as we foster a community that embraces diversity and inclusivity.

shaping our school
together



We believe in the strength of working together to shape the future of Hiltingbury Junior School. Your voice is important to us, and during these opportunities to collaborate we review, discuss and evaluate the experiences we offer our children. Every term we welcome all Parents and Carers to join us, alongside our dedicated staff and enthusiastic children to make a positive impact on the learning pathways for our children and achieve our school vision that reflects the diverse needs and aspirations of our school community.

School Uniform & Equipment

All pupils:

Knee Length skirt or pinafore dress –grey / tights – grey

Trousers, shorts or skorts – grey

Polo shirt - white (with or without school logo*)

Sweatshirt or cardigan* - navy with school logo

Shoes – black; suitable and sensible (not trainers please)

Summer dress – blue and white checked

Socks – grey, black or white

Baseball cap *optional – Navy

Painting overall

PE

Pair of plimsolls/trainers for outdoor activities

PE shorts – black

T shirt – white (plain or with school logo*)

Jogging trousers – black (optional)

Jumper – plain black jumper or hoodie style

Please provide your child with a school bag, in which they can carry a lunch box, water bottle, books, homework etc. The bag should be able to fit in a locker.

Items embroidered with our logo can be purchased from School Trends, My Clothing or School Kit.

Jewellery & Make Up

This is not appropriate in a primary school and we ask parents not to allow pupils to wear it. Children with pierced ears may wear simple ear studs, but these must be removed for PE or covered by tape (to be provided by parents)

Stikins Labels

www.stikins.co.uk

Please quote our
reference number 9744
when ordering



Introducing Hugo

Hugo is a very special member of the team and you will see him in school most days as our very own Hiltingbury Junior School Therapy Dog. Hugo is a Fox Red Labrador and he turns 2 years old this summer. We are fortunate to own Hugo with the Helpful Hounds charity who support with his wellbeing, development, assessment and training. He is making great progress and we look forward to him taking part in his next assessment with the charity in the Summer Term.



Throughout the School week, you will get to see Hugo sharing time across the School and, in addition to warming a few hearts and making lots of people smile he welcomes children on gate duties - welcoming families to School, visiting and delivering items to classrooms, sharing time in the office with people arriving and leaving, takes part in fire drills, visits the library - listening to children read, visits before and after school club, pops into classrooms, takes part in one to one sessions and also enjoys getting that all important rest and play in as a part of his development.

He is very excited each morning when his School bag is packed ready to come to School and waits by the door to leave! We know he will love meeting and greeting you all into Year 3!





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