



## Hoole Church of England Primary School

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27<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Welcome back!**

I am looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. I hope that it has been a peaceful break and that we will settle in quickly to another busy school year.

A very warm welcome to the pupils joining us in Reception. We also have many pupils joining us in other year groups and we look forward to seeing them on 2<sup>nd</sup> September as well. Our school is becoming very, very popular! We are delighted to have so many new families joining us and assure you that we will work hard to enable your child to enjoy school and to shine brightly.

### **Meet the Teacher**

Families are welcome to come and attend a short information session with the child's class teacher on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September after school.

Sessions will run from 3.30-3.50pm and from 3.50-4.10pm. Class teachers will confirm information regarding, for example, PE days, homework and reading incentives.

If you are unable to attend, key information covered in the sessions will be made available to you.

### **Curriculum newsletters**

Curriculum newsletters showing the learning for each year group during the autumn term will be sent to all families. This will inform you of what your child will be studying over coming weeks and we hope it will be of interest to you.

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### Gates

School gates open at 8.35am. Pupils are welcomed onto the playgrounds to enjoy some social contact before the start of the school day.

There will be many staff available at the front of school on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September to welcome children back to school. Staff can also help anyone who is unsure of the gate they should use or where to go.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1, 4, 5 or 6, they will come into school via the gate next to the staff car park.

If your child is in Year 2 or 3, they will come into school through the gate closest to the park.

Reception parents/carers are welcome to accompany their children to the Reception classrooms.

### Welcome Coffee Session for parents and carers of children joining our school

We understand that starting school is a huge milestone. We appreciate that this is an exciting but anxious time for families.

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, we welcome parents and carers of children joining our school in Reception or other year groups to join us for refreshments in the school hall from 8.45am.

This informal session will enable us to welcome you to our school family and also offers a great opportunity to meet other parents and carers who are new to our school.

### Open Coffee Session for all families

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September, there will be an open, informal coffee session for all parents/carers to come to meet after the summer break.

This is open to all families and will start at 8.45am in the school hall. All are welcome to attend.

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### School Uniform and Footwear

We were inundated with lost property last year and unable to return it as children's names were not written into items. I understand how frustrating it is to lose smart, new items of clothing. Please ensure that your child's name is marked into all of their belongings so we can easily return them if they are mislaid. The weather usually stays fine when we return in September so cardigans and sweatshirts are often discarded during lunch and play times. **Please, please help us to reduce lost property this year by ensuring that everything is named.**

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that we maintain high standards of school uniform.

We prefer that pupils wear school shoes. However, we understand the current economic climate and the pressures that family budgets are under. This year, we will accept pupils wearing trainer type shoes as long as they are completely black and smart in appearance.

The Uniform Union at the front of school is also full of good quality pre-loved uniform, school shoes and PE kit. The Uniform Union will be open on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September for families to visit. It will then be open every day. Items of uniform may be taken at any time. You may leave a donation if you wish to, but you do not have to. All we ask is that you donate any items of good quality uniform or footwear when your child outgrows them.

### Outdoor learning

This term, outdoor learning in our forest will take place on Monday afternoons for Year 1, Tuesday afternoons for Year 2 and Wednesday mornings for Year 3.

Outdoor learning will start from week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> September.

### PE Days

The PE timetable is being finalised and we will send information to you early next week.

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We will continue asking children to attend school in their PE kit, wearing their school jumper or cardigan over their PE kit, on the days they have PE lessons starting from week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> September.

**During the first week of term, children should attend school in their uniforms every day.**

### Smartwatches

I have written to families before regarding smartwatches. For safeguarding reasons, pupils are not permitted to wear watches which can take video or audio recordings.

Watches with simple functions like step counters can be worn.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

### Clubs

We are planning an exciting programme of clubs for this term.

Information will be sent to families during the first week of term about our clubs offer for this term and booking arrangements.

Clubs for Reception pupils will start in the spring term once children have fully adjusted to life in school.

### Mobile Phones

Some parents/carers will recall that we conducted a survey regarding mobile phones in school at the end of the summer term. I will update families regarding the outcome of this once we are settled back to school. Our current policy is that pupils in Year five and six may bring their phones to school only where this is **absolutely essential**.

**If your child is brought to school in the car and collected in the car at the end of the day, they do not need to bring their phone. Please ensure that your child brings their phone only where this is absolutely essential and unavoidable.**

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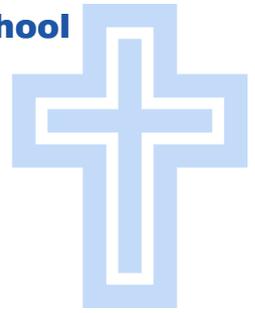
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Phones are collected in on arrival at school and are only returned when children leave school at the end of the day.

In the interim period, whilst we reflect on the feedback obtained from parents and carers in July, we will monitor who is bringing phones and the reasons why this is essential and unavoidable.

### Personal Information

Just a reminder that if you, or any of the people listed as emergency contacts for your child, have changed telephone numbers that you inform the school office as soon as possible.

During the autumn term, we will be checking the data we hold for families to ensure that it remains correct and up to date. However, if you know of any changes, please make us aware so that we can update our records.

I hope that the remaining days of the summer break are enjoyable for you and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday morning next week.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

R. Flanders  
Headteacher

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