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Dear Parents/Carers,

At last we have come to the end of this second school closure and we are all looking forward to welcoming the children back on Monday!

I have attached a copy of the PowerPoint that I did on Wednesday just in case you missed the meeting regarding pupils returning to the Academy, although you can still access a recording of the meeting through the link below:

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Just to remind you that we will, from Monday, revert back to the staggered entry and exit times that we had in the Autumn term (they are included on the power point slides). It is important that we adhere to these protocols in order to prevent the gathering of parents on the pavement outside of school.

We can see the light at the end of the tunnel and it is important that we all stick to the rules for a little while longer in order to ensure that we do get to lift these awful restrictions.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

I have talked a lot this week about children's mental health and we will on our return to school be setting aside some time to ensure that children have an opportunity to talk about how they feel and to speak to someone individually if they are anxious or worried.

I have included at the end of this letter a simple sheet that gives ideas of how to talk to children about their worries and your role in helping them to deal with this.

If there is one thing that we have all thought about more during this pandemic it is that we all need to talk more, we need to listen more and we need to be kinder to each other.

Parents Evening

We are going to try and have a virtual parents evening using Microsoft Teams in the second week back, possibly on the Wednesday and Thursday of that week. We just

need to sort out the technical logistics of this and our secondary colleagues are supporting us with this process. I will try to give further details of this next week. It will be difficult to talk in detail about your child's current levels, but we will talk about how they were doing in the Autumn term, how they have settled back in after closure and what we intend to do in the Summer term to address any potential gaps in learning.

As ever have a lovely weekend, take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'JK Tomlinson', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Miss JK Tomlinson
Executive Principal

Preparing Your Child For the First Day Back in School

As schools begin to open to more children, parents and children may well be feeling anxious. Here's some ideas of how best to prepare.

Be Calm.

Your child will take their lead from you and be reassured if you are steady and matter of fact.



Be Curious.

These are strange times and their imagination may run away with them. Listen, and try not to dismiss or minimise their fears but validate how they are feeling – “it’s completely fine to feel like that at the moment” or “I can really understand why you would feel like that”



Be Positive.

Remind them of all the ways they have learnt to keep themselves safe: washing their hands regularly, sneezing and coughing into their elbow, not hugging others and staying in their own space.



Be Thankful.

Help your child think of things they are looking forward to: being with their friends, seeing their teacher, favourite activities but be mindful some of these may not be available for them



Be Supportive

Younger children particularly may struggle with separation anxiety and may become tearful, clingy or act out. Reassure them that you will miss them too and think of them through out the day. It might be helpful to draw a little heart on their wrist and one on yours too. You can call it the hug button and when they find they are missing you they can press the heart and know that you will be doing the same at home. Sometimes having a little object to remind them of you through the day helps but please check this out with your school first.



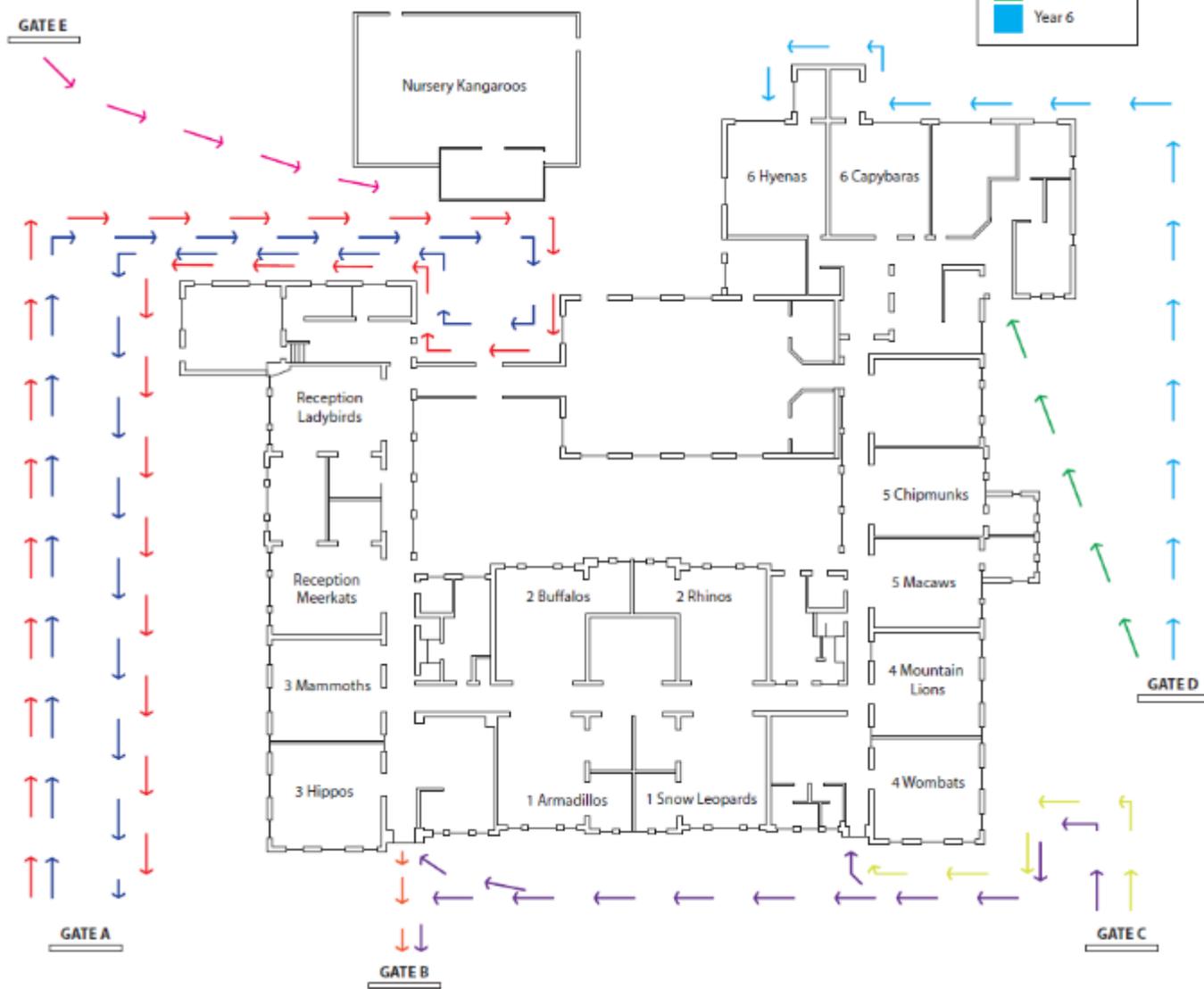
Be Prepared.

Support your child to be aware of changes that may have happened to their classroom environment since they were there last and rehearse any new routines that school may have shared. Rehearse and practice your ‘goodbye’ routine and create a ‘hello’ greeting for the end of the day for them to look forward to.



Horbury Primary Academy Floor Plan & Entry Routes for Year Groups

Key	
	Nursery
	Reception
	Year 1
	Year 2
	Year 3
	Year 4
	Year 5
	Year 6





Reduced School Lunch Menu



Due to ongoing restrictions, in line with the current Lockdown, we will be continuing to offer a slightly reduced school lunch menu over the next three weeks.

We will only be able to provide a Hot option and two Jacket Potato options, as outlined below:

Week One	Hot Option	Jacket Potato Options
Monday 08/03/2021	Chicken Meatball Sub	Beans OR Cheese
Tuesday 09/03/2021	Pizza and Wedges	Beans OR Tuna
Wednesday 10/03/2021	Roast Dinner with Yorkshire Pudding	Beans OR Cheese
Thursday 11/03/2021	Hunters Chicken with Rice	Cheese OR Tuna
Friday 12/03/2021	Fish Fingers and Chips	Beans OR Cheese

Week Two	Hot Option	Jacket Potato Options
Monday 15/03/2021	Chicken Tomato Pasta	Cheese OR Tuna
Tuesday 16/03/2021	Sausage and Mash	Beans OR Cheese
Wednesday 17/03/2021	Roast Dinner with Yorkshire Pudding	Cheese OR Tuna
Thursday 18/03/2021	Pizza and Wedges	Beans OR Tuna
Friday 19/03/2021	Fish and Chips	Beans OR Cheese

Week Three	Hot Option	Jacket Potato Options
Monday 22/03/2021	Beef Bolognaise	Beans OR Cheese
Tuesday 23/03/2021	Pizza and Wedges	Beans OR Tuna
Wednesday 24/03/2021	Roast Dinner with Yorkshire Pudding	Beans OR Cheese
Thursday 25/03/2021	Fish and Chips	Cheese OR Tuna
Friday 26/03/2021	Beef Burger and Wedges	Beans OR Cheese

Unfortunately, over the next three weeks, we will be unable to offer a Sandwich option as part of our lunch menu.

Please be aware that if you have completed an ISS Dietary Form and your child has previously received a specialised diet, ISS will be providing suitable alternatives for your child in line with their plan.

We hope to return to a full menu from Monday the 12th April 2021, where we will be able to provide one Hot Meat option, one Hot Vegetarian option, two Jacket Potato options and one Sandwich option each day.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support and understanding.