

# HITHERFIELD HERALD

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## Welcome Back

It has been a real treat to welcome the children in Years 1 to 6 back this week and nearly all the children ran into school with huge smiles on their faces. One child in Year 4 informed me that she has been too excited to sleep for days!. I was very pleased to see that 97% of the children in Years 1 to 6 returned on Thursday - well done everyone. It has also been great to meet some of our new Nursery and Reception families and we are pleased that you have joined the Hitherfield family.

I hope you have had time to look at our Main Risk Assessment and Specific Guidance Documents (SGD) on our website [www.hitherfield.co.uk](http://www.hitherfield.co.uk). They will be update regularly as we adapt them to improve our service and in response to government or Lambeth guidance.

Start and End of the School Day - Well done to our families for dropping and collecting their children at the right times - only a few needed polite reminders. I really do understand that for some of you there are big gaps between the times for dropping off siblings. Whilst I cannot help right now, we will review how it is working at the end of next week. If we can reduce the 'gap' we will.

Social Media - I have been flabbergasted by the random rumours that are going around social media. On Thursday morning I heard some quite bizarre rumours and so here is the truth:

Hitherfield does not screen children for Covid 19 (or for any other medical reason). As per our Risk Assessment, if a child has symptoms whilst at school then we will telephone their parent to collect them as soon as possible and then the parent can get them tested. We have 10 test kits at the school and we can give parents one of

them and then it is up to the parent to get their child tested. We will NOT test/screen your child, as we are not medical practitioners. Therefore we will not be 'keeping' or 'holding on' to any children. It is very important that anyone who has symptoms does not come to school and is tested as soon as possible.

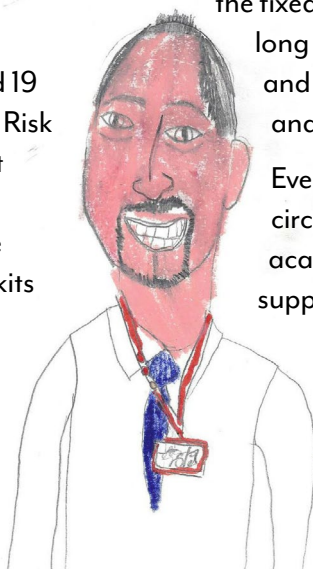
If a child, or a member of staff, shows symptoms and needs a test they will not be permitted to return to school until they have the result of the test. If the test is negative, then the child/adult returns to school. If positive, they remain at home and we contact the relevant services, such as Track and Trace, and they will inform us if we have to close Class or Year Group Bubbles.

We know which children have asthma and other illnesses which means they may cough regularly. This is not a 'new, continuous cough', so we will not be sending them home.

**School Meals** - I have worked very closely with our school caterers to ensure a full, hot meal service is provided as usual.

**Breakfast and After School Club Service** - I am very pleased we have offered this service straight away, as I know so many families depend on it. I appreciate that the fixed drop off and collection times makes it a very long day for the children. I will review the drop off and collection options at the end of next week and see if we can be more flexible.

Even though we are living in strange circumstances, I am very excited about the academic year ahead and I thank you for your support and patience.



**Chris Ashley-Jones**  
Executive Headteacher

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## Hand Sanitiser

We are limiting the use of hand sanitiser and washing our hands instead. If your child has an allergy to hadn't sanitiser, or another sin issue, please let us know - [admin@hitherfield.co.uk](mailto:admin@hitherfield.co.uk) . Children may bring in hadn't cream if medically required, but please let us know so tat they don't share it with other children.



## Water Bottles and Fruit

Every child needs to bring in a reusable water bottle that can be taken to and from school to be cleaned. They can refill them in school, but we are not using our drinking fountains in the usual way. Please send your child in with a piece of fruit for the morning break time.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020/21

You should have received your copy of the Calendar of Events. We are being optimistic and hoping we will be able to offer as many of the events as we can. We will inform you of changes as the year progresses.



Calendar of events 2020/21

# SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY DROP-IN FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

Parent Leaflet Evelina London Children and Young People's Community Speech and language therapy are holding a weekly online drop-in for schools we work with. Your child does not need to be known to our service for you to attend the drop in. We can give general advice on anything related to speech, language and communication. These skills underpin almost every task that your child does at home and school. We can give you ideas for how to help your child: - By using visuals at home - Develop language skills - Develop attention and listening - Understand and follow instructions - Answer questions - Supporting fluency when talking - Get started with school/home-work - Develop social skills - By supporting language through stories.

When is the speech and language therapy drop-in?  
Every Wednesday from 3:00 - 5:00pm.

Please join at the time that is most convenient for you. You may have to wait before the speech and language therapist can see you.

We are also posting weekly videos on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/EvelinaLondonSLT/>

Where is the speech and language therapy drop-in? The drop-in will be held using our video appointment service called Attend Anywhere. Here is the link for the waiting room: <https://nhsattend.vc/gstt/evelina/community>

You can access the online video consultation/ appointment via 'Safari' or 'Google Chrome' on your mobile phone/ tablet /laptops. You will need to have a working webcam, speakers and built in microphone if you are using a laptop/tablet. Your child does not need to be present for the drop-in session.

When you sign in for the video appointment, you will be asked for your child's name and DOB. Please add 'SLT drop-in' to your child's name. This way we know that you want to be seen by the speech and language therapist. For example:

## Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

Waiting Area: Evelina Community Services

The person this call is about:

\* Mandatory Field

First Name\* SLT drop-in Jayden

Last Name\* Williams

Date of Birth\* dd / mm / yyyy

Phone\* 01632 000 000

Where can you be reached?

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