

Howes Primary School Newsletter: 3rd December 2021

A message from the Governing Body

Governors wanted to formally let you all know that the LA have now officially opened a consultation for the 2023 admissions policy from 30.11.21 regarding the Pupil Admission Number reduction for Howes Primary School. We need to ensure that as a school we pass information through our local community networks and have this on our website. Additional documents to the declining birth rates are attached to the survey so that members of the public can see the reasons for the reduction as well as the admissions policy.

Primary Consultation 2023 Admissions Policy

Coventry City Council is proposing to reduce the Published Admissions Number for the community primary schools as listed below starting in September 2023.

School Name	Current Number	Proposed Number
Howes Primary	30	15

The reduction will apply to Reception in 2023 and for each year after this. The size of all higher year groups in the school are expected to remain unchanged whilst children progress through the school.

Schools, parents of children between the ages of 2 and 18, residents and other members of the public will have the opportunity to have their say on these proposed changes between **30th November 2021 – 11th January 2022**.

You are invited to make comment on the proposed changes to this policy. Your views are important to us.

<https://letstalk.coventry.gov.uk/consultation-on-proposed-primary-school-admission-arrangements-for-entry-2023>

You can find details of the changes for these and other schools who are also consulting via the following link;

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/148/school_admissions/2608/20232024_school_admissions_policy_consultation

The information above can also be found on our school website:

<https://howesprimary.co.uk/school-information/admissions/>

If you have any questions for the Governors please email them to Howes@howes.coventry.sch.uk for the attention of Howes Governors.

If you think that you might be eligible to apply for free school meals for your child(ren) please go to:

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/54/benefits/168/free_school_meals

Queens Platinum Jubilee: Additional Bank Holiday

Please remember that Howes will be closed to all staff and children on **Friday 10th December**.

Applications for Reception for September 2022

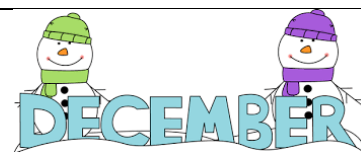
Applications for Reception must be made by **15th January 2022** by visiting www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolplaces

Start of the day procedures

Families should be using our one-way system when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Children arriving after 8:55am should not come through the gates onto the Early Years playground, they must be signed in via the main office.

Dates for your diary



10th December:
Bank Holiday
School closed to staff and children

13th -17th December:
Christmas Craft days



14th December:
Everyone is invited to wear a Christmas Jumper/T Shirt



14th December
Christmas Dinner- please make sure you book your choices by 8th December



17th December:
End of term



18th December – 3rd January:
Christmas Holidays



Attendance and Lateness

Thank you for ensuring that your children attend school as much as possible as the pandemic continues.

Thank you for working with us to ensure that your children arrive and leave school on time.

8:45am-8:55am drop off in the morning
(Gates close at 8:55am)

12pm- Mornings only Nursery children collected
3:15pm- Early Years and KS1 children collected
3:20pm- KS2 children collected



First Half Term:
Tuesday 4th January to Friday
18th February

Half Term Holiday:
Monday 21st February to
Friday 25th February

Second Half Term:
Monday 28th February to
Friday 8th April

Friends Of Howes: RAINBOW Raffle

Many thanks to everyone who has donated to the RAINBOW raffle so far.

Red 	Yellow 	Pink 	Green 	Purple 
Orange 	Blue 	Silver 	Gold 	White 

Please can any donations for the RAINBOW raffle be sent to school by Wednesday 8th December.

For every item donated your child's name goes into the raffle and they could win an amazing box full of RAINBOW goodies!

Christmas Post

If you would like to send Christmas Cards through the school post box, please make sure that the envelope has the following information on the front:

Child's name
Class/Year Group

Please note, due to GDPR staff are **not** able to provide lists of children's names to families.



Summer Term 2022 Dates

First Half Term:
Monday 25th April to Tuesday
24th May

Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd
May
SCHOOL CLOSED

INSET DAYS:
Wednesday 25th May
Thursday 26th May
Friday 27th May
SCHOOL CLOSED

Half Term Holiday: Monday
30th May to Friday 3rd June
SCHOOL CLOSED

Second Half Term:
Monday 6th June to Friday
22nd July

INSET DAY: Monday 25th July
SCHOOL CLOSED



This year our Christmas Lunch is on Tuesday 14th December.

Please ensure that you return your child's order form to the main office by Wednesday 8th December.



COVID-19

Your child must be fit and well to attend school. If you suspect that they have symptoms of COVID-19, they must not attend school. If you suspect that they have COVID-19 symptoms, you must inform us straight away.

You must also inform us if your child and family are tested for Covid-19.

Please support us in maintaining social distancing to keep all members of the Howes community safe.

If any of your contact details have changed, it is vital that these are updated on the first day that your child returns to school.

Staff will use the school phone number 02476 411711 to call home.
Please ensure that you answer these calls as it could be an emergency.

Please can we ask that all children wear a coat to school. As we need to ensure that we have good ventilation in school by keeping some windows and doors open, having a coat means that if a child is feeling cold they are able to put an extra layer on. (Staff are doing the same too).



If the children would like to bring extra layers such as a fleece too they are welcome to keep this in school. Please ensure that all clothing is named.



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Find out all the latest news at Howes by following us on Twitter. Please feel free to like our tweets or retweet us. You can also find us on Facebook.

If you need to contact school, please do that in the usual way – in person, by email or telephone.