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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am really looking forward to being the Principal of Hill Top in September especially as I know how amazing the staff and children are. I must say a very big thank you to Mrs Hyams who has been a wonderful Principal, teacher and friend and has worked tirelessly for the good of Hill Top. I know you will wish her well in her retirement, like we do, and that she will be sorely missed by us all.

September

As I am waiting for DfE guidance I will be in touch with a newsletter during the summer holidays explaining the arrangements for September.

Whilst I appreciate it is not ideal to continue with the arrangements we have in place for drop off and pick up times, we have seen many benefits in school. The most important being children are much more independent and lessons are starting promptly, so no learning time is lost. The children all walk to their classrooms maturely and for those children who struggled on a morning, this has proven highly effective.

With this in mind, once the DfE guidance has been published, a plan will be put forward with the children's best interests being at the forefront of these decisions.

Please check the school jotter and the school website before school reopens on Monday 6th September for information regarding this.

Uniform

Please can I remind you that we feel that school uniform is an integral part of our drive to maintain and improve standards. Our uniform and logo give us a corporate identity of which we can be proud.

Please support the school by ensuring that your child attends school in uniform. Uniform must be worn by children from Reception to Year 6. It is optional for Nursery children.

Our School uniform comprises of:

- Grey Trousers, shorts, skirt, pinafore dress (Not black or charcoal grey)
- White shirt or white blouse (Not polo shirts)
- Red knitted cardigan, or jumper (No sweatshirts)
- School tie (Available from Uniform Centre Morley)
- White socks or grey tights for girls. Grey socks may be worn with Trousers (No red or black tights)
- Grey socks for boys
- Summer uniform - Red & white checked dresses. These can be worn after Easter if the weather is warm enough and from September to the October half term.
- Black school shoes (**not** trainer style shoes)

PE Kit

- Red round neck t-shirt and black shorts
- Plain black track suit
- Plain trainers—no bright colours. (Some classes may require plain black pumps but individual teachers will advise at the start of the year)

School Bags

Only children in Years 5 & 6 are allowed to bring their own rucksacks to school. Everyone else should have a school bag. These can also be purchased from the Uniform Centre. **We do not have room in the cloakrooms for rucksacks for children who do not have lockers in their cloakrooms.**

All these items can be obtained from “The Uniform Centre”, Queen Street Morley

We ask parents to send their children dressed and prepared in a sensible way e.g.; long hair tied back, no nail varnish, and sensible hair styles. There should not be any shaved patterns, sculptured styles or inappropriate colour in hair. Hair should be cut on a Number 2 or higher.

Children may wear a watch or other religious jewellery and earrings should be studs only. All jewellery will be removed during any physical activity or earrings may be taped over however this should be done at home. Staff will not cover earrings up.

I do hope you all have a lovely summer holiday and I look forward to seeing the children return to school in the Autumn.

Thank you,

Mrs J Lancaster