



Hopton Primary School

'Aiming High and Helping to Create the Future'

Headteacher: Mr. B Smith

Monday 11th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of summer term 1, I hope that your child has enjoyed their five half terms at Hopton Primary School and are starting to look forward to their new year group, including Year 6 children who will be completing transition to a new school.

Transition:

On **Tuesday 7th July** Year 6 children accessing secondary education within Kirklees will visit their new school for the day. Some children may have additional visits arranged. They will not be expected to attend Hopton Primary School on this day. Individual details should be communicated to parents and carers from the relevant secondary schools.

During this day, there will be an opportunity for our F1-Year 5 children to transition to their new year group to familiarize themselves with new curriculum content and possibly new classrooms and adults. New class details will be communicated closer to transition day.

Attendance:

Following an increased amount of term time holiday requests, a reminder of the Dfe guidelines in section 9 (below) of our attendance policy.

9. Leave of absence requests

Parents and carers wishing to request a leave of absence can do so using a Leave of Absence Request form. Once this is completed and returned to the school office, parents and carers will be notified of the decision of their request.

- The school may consider issuing a **Penalty Notice** if a pupil has **10 or more unauthorised sessions (equivalent to 5 school days)** within a **rolling 10-school-week period**.
- These sessions do not have to be consecutive.
- They can include any type of unauthorised absence.
- They may span across different terms and even different school years.
- This is in line with the **National Penalty Notice Framework 2024**. Please note: **Penalty Notices are issued per parent, per child**.

Consequences of unauthorised leave:

1. The possibility of a penalty notice being issued (to each parent for each child).
2. That the penalty imposed will be £80 within 21 days or £160 within 28 days for the first offence; £160 within 28 days with no option for a lower payment for the second offence within a three-year-rolling period; and that school may prosecute the parent under Section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996 on the third offence within a three-year-rolling period.
3. The possibility of losing the school place, and the likelihood of being re-admitted to the school.
4. The possibility of a fine of up to £1,000 and receipt of a criminal record if the fine remains unpaid and the matter is heard in court.



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Parking:

Following messages via the Newsletter, communication has been provided regarding the unsafe parking and driving of parents and carers in the streets surrounding the school. Unfortunately, there have been further incidents of unsafe parking and driving. Therefore, to ensure the safety of children and adults accessing school please can considered care and attention be used when collecting or dropping off children for Hopton Primary School.

Ofsted:

During recent months, the staff at Hopton Primary School have continued to work tirelessly and make changes to further improve the education of the children attending. From June 2026 it will have been four years since Ofsted last visited Hopton Primary School. Under the new framework there are many changes and expectations, for example there is a new report format for parents and carers with a new grading system. In the coming weeks, there will be a parent questionnaire related to some of the areas that will be discussed during such a visit.

SATs:

Children in Year 6 start their Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) today. Although for some children this can be a daunting proposition, we have continued to promote the message of trying your best as we wish them a successful and happy week.

Many thanks for your continued support and contribution

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Smith'.

Mr B Smith
Headteacher