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Welcome back to a new school term. Here is some information to help us all get off to a great start.

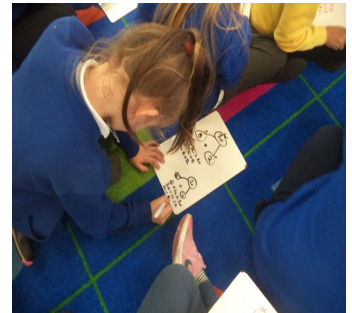
Start dates:

Years 1-6: All children will start back at school at 9am on Wednesday 4th September.

Reception Class: this will be a staggered entry from the 5th of September onwards. Please contact the main office if you are unsure of the arrangements for your child.

Breakfast club: this will be open from 7.45 am on the 4th September. To register please contact Fran on frances.wood@highburyquadrant.islington.sch.uk

After School Club: this will be open from 3.30– 6.00 pm on Wednesday 4th September. Once again please contact Fran with any questions:



‘SOFT START’ AT Highbury Quadrant: SEPTEMBER 2019

We are changing our beginning and end of day routines with a ‘soft start’. The aim of this is to:

- Maximise the children’s learning experiences
- Give them a more positive start to the day
- Provide opportunities for parents to have time to talk together
- Improve liaison between staff and parents/carers
- Further reduce the number of children arriving late to school



We will be talking to the children about this next and it will begin next term, at the start of the term: Wednesday 4th September.

Soft Start – Beginning of the Day Gates will open at 8:40 to allow children and parents time together in the playground. The children are still your responsibility until they come into school. Therefore, children should not use the OPAL, or other play resources set up outside.

From 8:45 the children can make their way into their classrooms.

This can happen anytime from 8:45am – 9:00am which is the official start of school. Children will be able to access early morning activities in their classroom – spelling, handwriting, problem solving questions, reading etc, as well as having time to talk to their classroom adults informally. Parents and Carers in Nursery, Reception and Y1 can accompany their children into their classrooms for the first part of the morning as they have been used to in Reception so far.

The playground gates will close at 9am. Please note the temporary gate arrangements for KS1 this half term (see next page).

At the end of the day, the playground gates will open at 3:15pm to allow parents and carers time to talk together. Children can be collected from the classroom door in Early Years and Key Stage 1, and from the playground in Key Stage 2.



Important updates on new School Entrance

Please be aware that there is a significant building project being carried out at the main entrance to the school. This will mean changes for how many children start their day at school and for how parents may access the school admin team.

Please support us to achieve this great improvement by paying attention to the following *temporary* arrangements:

The gate to the KS1 and Nursery playground will be closed until the October half term. Children may access their playground and classes through **the KS2 entrance on St Augustine's Path.** Walk through the KS 2 playground, past the 2 year old provision and the Nursery to access the doors to years 1 and 2 classrooms.

Parents may access the temporary school office via the 'playcentre/breakfast club' entrance. At this door you will find a temporary office that will be in use for the duration of the building project.

To stay in touch please download the HQ School App:

1. Go to the relevant store for your provider
(APP Store for iPhone users and Google Playstore for Android users)
1. Download **Piota Schools**
2. Once downloaded search for Highbury Quadrant Primary School.

Please note you have a choice at this point to accept all notifications **plus** the additional ones sent for your child's year group. Please update your settings as your child moves through the school. This way you will get messages from your child's teaching team.



The HQ team are all looking forward to a great term together. I hope you had a fantastic summer and we look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Kind regards,
The HQ team.

School Dates



Autumn Term

School re-opens after the summer break on Wednesday 4th

September 2019.

Inset days

Monday 2nd September 2019

Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Autumn Half Term

Monday 21st October—Friday 25th October 2019

School re-opens on Monday 28th October 2019

Christmas Break

The last day of school is Thursday 19th December 2019

Spring Term

School re-opens after the Christmas Break on Monday 6th

January 2020

Spring Half Term

Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February 2020

Easter Break

The last day of school is Thursday 2nd April 2020

Inset days

Friday 3rd April 2020

Summer Term

School re-opens after the Easter Break on Monday 20th April 2020

May Bank Holiday

Friday 8th May 2020

Summer Half Term

Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May 2020

Summer Break

The last day of school is Friday 17th July 2020