



Dear Parent/Carer

Please see below this week's updates from school.

Bus Bays on Moorland Road

Please could I ask that the school bus bays are not used for dropping off/collecting students. These are designated zones for the buses and by their very nature should only be used for the purpose for which they were built otherwise the risk of an accident occurring increases significantly. The buses do have to reverse and it is not safe if children and vehicles are taking up space behind them. There have been a number of near misses in this area and the bus drivers need to be able to operate safely.

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is National Children's Mental Health Week so we have been delivering assemblies all this week on the subject of anxiety. As teachers we are not mental health professionals but we do have members of the NHS mental health support team in our school for two days per week working with our young people. They work with children on a referrals basis and if you feel your child would benefit from support in their mental health or well-being, please contact their pastoral support officer. We also have a number of resources on our website in the wellbeing section including downloads on anxiety, parent/carers support and resilience. Please follow this link if you would like to have a look.

<https://www.hodgson.lancs.sch.uk/health-wellbeing>

Extension of School Day

One of the directives in the most recent government white paper published last year is that all mainstream state funded schools will be open for 32.5 hours per week from September 2023. Currently at Hodgson we are open for 31.5 hours per week so we are going to be extending our school day. Before we do this there will be a consultation process that will take place between all stakeholders including parents in the near future to decide how we will do this.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be closed on the 11th and 15th February and will reopen on the 18th February.

Have a great weekend

Mr I. Siddall

Headteacher