



HILL VIEW SCHOOL



Learner Guide 2024

**Be the best you.
Build the best us.**

Welcome to Hill View School

You're joining a special place where learning is a wonderful journey and an adventure! We're all about exploring nature in our forest school, getting our hands dirty in the garden, working with our animals, staying active in PE, diving into the digital world with computers, and discovering new things every day.

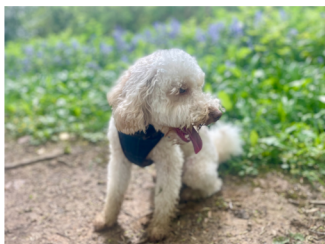
At Hill View, we understand that everyone learns in their own unique way. That's why we offer lots of different ways to learn and grow. We know that sometimes change can feel a little scary, but remember, everyone here is on this journey with you. Your teachers, your classmates, and all of us at Hill View are here to support you every step of the way, in every corner of our school.

So, get ready to have fun, try new things, and remember...learning at Hill View is an exciting adventure! We can't wait to see all the amazing things you'll achieve!



So who will you meet at Hill View School?

Let's start with the most important!



Say hello to Jenson who is our School Dog. Jenson lives with Tess our Deputy Headteacher.

At Hill View School all staff use their first name. This might be different for some learners who are used to calling teachers Mr or Miss.



Beth
Teacher



Cath
Teacher



Coral
Teacher



David
Teacher



Georgia
Learning Support
Admin



Katie
Senior Office
Admin



Jess
Teacher



Louisa
Safeguarding & SLT



Nick
Forest School



Phil
Site Manager



Phillipa
Assistant Headteacher



Sally
Teacher



Sarah
Assistant Headteacher



Sophie
Teacher



Stu
Headteacher



Teresa
PE Teacher



Tess
Deputy Headteacher

**There will be more
staff on site and we
will share the
photo's of the
Teaching Assistant's
soon**

You probably have lot's of questions

Here are some of the questions that other learners have asked

Where can I eat lunch?

We have 4 separate rooms around school to eat your lunch. These rooms will be used by different year groups and our lunches are staggered. By doing this we can make sure that there is plenty of space to eat your lunch and the rooms don't become crowded. If you would prefer to eat your lunch in private, we can organise this very easily.

Will there be clubs?

We hope learners will come up with some great ideas to create clubs at lunchtime. Having clubs after school is slightly more difficult because a lot of our learners get transport home. If you have an idea for a club please share it with a member of staff.

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We understand that everyone makes mistakes, and that's okay. We see these as opportunities to learn and grow.

When challenges come up, staff are here for you. We'll work with you to:

- **Understand the situation:** We'll listen to your perspective and help you figure out what happened.
- **Find solutions:** Together, we'll brainstorm ways to make things right and prevent similar situations in the future.
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Are mobile phones allowed?

We know that many of you have mobile phones and might want to bring them to school. That's okay! But to keep things organised and safe, here's what we ask:

- **Store it safely:** When you're at school, you **must** keep your mobile (and any other electronics) in the class resource cupboard.
- **Use of mobile devices:** Mobile's and electronic devices are only used when travelling to and from school. They are not to be used on site due to safeguarding issues.
- **Be responsible:** We trust you to use your phone responsibly. This means being respectful of others and not using it in ways that distract from learning or are unkind.

Important note: If someone uses their mobile phone irresponsibly, they won't be able to bring it to school anymore.

What will happen on my first day of school?

Your first day is all about getting comfortable and making new friends. Here's what you can expect:

- **Warm welcome:** When you arrive, a friendly staff member will be waiting to greet you right at the entrance.
- **School tour:** We will show you around Hill View School, so you'll know where everything is – your classroom, the assembly hall, lunch area, and more.
- **Meet your classmates:** You'll get to meet your new classmates and teacher in your classroom. Everyone's excited to have you join us!
- **Staff introductions:** Throughout the day, you'll also get to meet other teachers and staff members who are here to help you learn and grow.

We want you to feel right at home. If you have any questions or need anything, just ask! Everyone here is happy to help.

Who will meet me
when I arrive at
School?

If you ever feel a little lost at Hill View, don't worry – we're here for you! Here's what you can do:

- **Look for an adult:** Remember, Hill View has lots of staff members. You're never too far away from someone who can help.
- **Just ask:** If you feel comfortable, ask any familiar adult. Hill View School adults will often be wearing a Hill View hoodie or lanyard. They'll be happy to guide you.
- **We're here to help:** Our staff are really good at noticing if someone needs help. If you look a little unsure, they'll come over and ask if you're okay.

Remember there will be lots of adults around site and our younger learners will be supported around site to get to lunch and other areas of the school.

Will there be
animals?

You've already met our friendly school dog, Jenson! He loves running around and going on walks with learners.

But guess what? Jenson won't be the only animal friend at Hill View School!

We'll also have:

- **Chickens:** You'll get to collect fresh eggs and maybe even see some cute chicks!
- **Farm animals:** Get ready to meet some bigger animals like sheep or goats – they'll need your help with brushing and feeding!
- **Small animals:** We'll have some smaller furry friends too, like rabbits or guinea pigs. They love cuddles and playtime!

Caring for animals is a big responsibility, and we'll need your help! You'll learn all about how to keep them happy and healthy, and you'll make some new animal friends along the way.

Who can I talk to if I have a problem?

If you ever have a problem or something is bothering you, there are lots of people here at school who can help.

- **Talk to any adult:** You can talk to any adult at school – your teacher, the TA, office staff, anyone you feel comfortable with. We're all here to listen and support you.
- **Success Team:** We also have a special group called the Success Team. They're here to help you with anything you need and are always around the school, even popping into lessons.
- **We care:** Don't be afraid to speak up! Everyone at school wants you to feel safe and happy. Talking about things can make them feel a whole lot better.

Will there be homework?

We do things a little differently when it comes to homework. We believe that learning happens best when you're feeling relaxed and refreshed. So, instead of sending work home, we make the most of our time together in the classroom.

This means:

- **More time for you:** You'll have plenty of time after school to pursue your hobbies, spend time with family and friends, and just relax.
- **Focused learning at school:** We'll make sure you have all the support and resources you need during the school day to learn and grow.
- **Exciting activities beyond the classroom:** We'll offer lots of fun clubs and activities after school if you want to keep exploring your interests.

Who will meet me when I arrive at School?

A member of your class team will meet you either at your taxi or minibus and as you become more confident they will meet you at your learner entrance.

What do I need to bring to School?

We know that bringing a heavy bag school can be difficult. That's why we provide all the essential resources you'll need for a successful day at Hill View School. From pens and pencils to notebooks and folders.

This means you don't need to remember to bring a lot of kit to school if you don't want to and instead arrive at school feeling light and ready to focus on what really matters.

A Few Helpful Reminders:

- **Pencil Case & Stationery:** If you have a favourite pencil case or special pens and pencils you love to use, feel free to bring them along.
- **Snacks:** We want to make sure you stay fuelled throughout the day. If you bring snacks to school, we can store them safely in the classroom cupboard until you need them.
- **Water Bottles:** We have fresh drinking water available in every classroom, along with cups for you to use. If you prefer to bring your own water bottle, that's perfectly fine too.

Do I need to get changed for PE

At Hill View, we believe that being active and having fun in PE is an important part of school life. To make the most of our PE lessons, we encourage all learners to get changed into their PE kit.

Getting changed for different activities is a great way to build your independence and responsibility. It's a life skill that will help you in many situations, both in and out of school.

If you have PE scheduled for the day, you are welcome to arrive at school already dressed in your PE kit. This can save you time and make your morning routine even easier.

Do we have to wear uniform?

We want you to feel comfortable and be yourself while still showing your part of Hill View School and our team! That's why we've made our school uniform super flexible!

- **Primary:** A cosy Hill View fleece to stay warm.
- **Secondary:** Hill View hoodie.
- **T-shirt choices:** You'll have different Hill View t-shirt designs to choose from.
- **Anything goes on the bottom:** Wear whatever you like on your legs – jogging bottoms, shorts, trousers, skirts, you name it!
- **Shoes in every colour:** You can wear any shoes in any colour.

We just ask a few things to keep you comfy and prepared:

- **Spare clothes:** Keep an extra set of clothes at school in case things get muddy or messy.
- **Wellies and sturdy shoes:** We love spending time outdoors, so wellies or sturdy shoes are great for those muddy days.
- **Warm layers:** Make sure you have some warm clothes to wear outside, even when it's chilly.

How many lessons are there?

There are 5 lessons which are 45 minutes long. Every lesson includes a sensory regulation break at the beginning and end to help you prepare for the next lesson and get you ready to learn.

Where are the toilets?

We have lots of toilets around the school. Any learner can use any of the learner toilets which have one toilet and a sink. For our younger learners staff will support you to visit the toilet.

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What food will be available at Hill View School?

You'll get to choose what you want to eat from our menu which is on the school website. We'll make sure there are lots of different options to suit everyone's tastes and dietary needs.

Packed Lunch? No Problem!

If you prefer to bring your own packed lunch, that's absolutely fine.

Breakfast and Snacks Too!

We also offer toast and cereal in the mornings to give you energy for the day ahead. And in the afternoons, we'll have some tasty snacks to keep you going until home time. We'll always let you know in advance what treats we have in store!

School Day

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:45	Staff meet learners from transport - Register, Reassure & Regulate.				
9:10	Intervention				
9:30	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1
10:15	Break				
10:30	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2
11:15	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3
12:00	Upper School R Time	Lower School Eating		Duty Staff Lunch	
12:20	Upper School Eating	Lower School Lunch Activities		Staff on Duty	
12:40	Upper School Lunch Activities	Lower School R Time		Staff on Duty	
13:00	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4
13:45	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	Lesson 5
14:30	Transport Transition Prep				
14:45	Transport				

What lessons do we have at Hill View School?

At Hill View School, we're all about making learning exciting and relevant to your life. Along with the core subjects you'd expect (Maths, English, Science, PE, History, and Geography), we offer a whole world of hands-on experiences:

- Forest School
- Cooking
- Animal Care
- Horticulture
- Vocational Subjects

We call this "Learning Through Adventure" because we believe the best way to learn is by doing and experiencing things first hand.

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100 THINGS TO DO BEFORE YOU LEAVE HILL VIEW SCHOOL

At Hill View, learning is an adventure that takes us beyond the classroom! We've created something super exciting called "The Hill View Hundred" – it's a list of 100 awesome activities.

You get to choose the activities you want to try, and they can be anything from outdoor challenges to creative projects. The best part is, you'll be learning new skills and discovering your hidden talents while having tons of fun.

"The Hill View Hundred" will also help you get ready for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award when you're in Year 9. This is a special program where you can earn awards for volunteering, learning new skills, and going on expeditions.

We can't wait to see what amazing things you'll accomplish with "The Hill View Hundred"!

Some More Photo's From Around Hill View School



Soft Play Room



Drum Room



Science Room



Chicken House



Dining Room



Food Tech



Gardening



Hall



MUGA