



## HIGHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

### RE SCHOOL BAGS

From September 2018 we are asking children NOT to bring large school bags / backpacks into school. The space in all our cloakrooms is limited and at present there are a lot of large bags which are becoming hazardous in cloakroom areas.

As the bags take up so much room this causes coats and bags to fall on the floor; which in turn becomes a health and safety issue, especially as some of our cloakrooms are positioned near fire exits. Despite the staff and pupils best efforts to keep cloakrooms tidy, the large bags and backpacks make this a thankless task!

We are therefore asking that the bag your child uses to carry their reading book and homework (nothing else is required), is a 'book bag' style school bag. The book bags are small enough to fit into the children's trays, which means we will reduce the number of bags in cloakrooms. For PE, the children should use a drawstring PE bag, which again takes up minimal room in cloakrooms.

If you would like a book bag, satchel or PE bag with the school logo then these can be purchased from the school office, ranging from £5.00 to £7.50 which are a fraction of the price of some of the designer brand bags that are currently being brought into school. You do not need to purchase a Highfield bag, any style will be welcome as long as it is a rectangular shape and can fit in the tray.

Please do not think school is being awkward about this. We are simply trying to reduce hazards on our corridors and in cloakroom areas.

Thank you for your anticipated support with this issue.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Glyn-Jones  
**Head Teacher**