

Hunnewell “Top 10” FAQs

Q: What is the school-day schedule?

A: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday = 8:30-3:05
Wednesdays = 8:30-12:00

Q: What time can my child arrive at school?

A: We have staff supervision starting at 8:15. Prior to 8:15 your child must be accompanied by an adult.
For your child’s safety, you must escort your child into school if you arrive after 8:30.

Q: What do I need to do if my child is going to be tardy or absent?

A: Please contact Hunnewell and share the reason for your child’s absence. We need to verify the status of every absent student. If sick, this information allows us to monitor trends.
by phone (781-446-6275)
by email (chinkm@wellesleyyps.org and please cc your child’s teacher)
or call the absent line (781-446-6245 xt. 8)

Q: What if my child will be late and needs to order lunch?

A: Please notify Kristyn Chin that your child will be tardy and needs a lunch. Please specify if they will need to order a hot lunch or specify which cold-lunch option. The Hunnewell lunches are prepared at the middle school, and Hunnewell’s lunch is delivered at 10:30. To ensure the right quantity of food is delivered, we need to provide accurate counts to the middle-school kitchen at 9:15.

Q: What do I do if my child forgot something from home? i.e. lunch, homework, sneakers, library book, etc.

A: We strongly encourage you to allow forgotten items to become an opportunity for building responsibility, independence, and resiliency. However, if you must drop at item at school, please bring it to the office. We will deliver the item to minimize the disruption to instruction.

Q: Will you send the kids outside in cold or snowy weather?

A: Yes!! We send the kids out as long as the temps are 20 “feels like” degrees or warmer. That still means they go out when it is pretty chilly. Make sure you send your kids with appropriate gear – coats, snow pants, boots, hats, mittens. They will not be allowed off the blacktop without snow pants and boots when there is snow on the ground.

Q: What if my child has a dismissal change during the day?

A: Please plan ahead and send changes with your child before school whenever possible. Discretionary changes communicated during the day add up quickly and can be time-consuming to deliver to the classrooms. Please call the office or email Kristyn and your child’s teacher if you have a change in dismissal that was not noted with an orange Change of Dismissal form from home.

Call after 2:45 if you have an emergency change that is unavoidable.

Q: Where do I park at Hunnewell when I drop-off late, visit, or at dismissal?

A: Parking is tricky at Hunnewell School. Please park on Hampden Street on the side closest to the Brook Path, on Cameron Street along the fence next to the playground, adjacent to the staff parking lot, or in the Cameron Street lot - free between 8:00-9:00 am and 2:45-3:45 pm, and on Wednesdays from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. If you receive a ticket during these windows, you can appeal with the parking clerk.

At ALL Times Parking is Prohibited

- at the Wellesley Free Library
- on Dana Hall property.
- on Cameron Street in between the circular driveway entrance and exit.
- In the circular driveway or staff parking lot

Q: What is the rule for returning to school when sick?

A: Your child needs to be out of school for a full 24 hours after they are fever-free – without the aid of Advil or Tylenol – and after their last bout of vomiting or diarrhea.

Q: What if my child is sick and I am unreachable?

A: If the main office contacts for your child are unavailable – either parent/s or guardian/s – the nurse will look to dismiss your child to one of your three emergency contacts listed in PowerSchool, the student database. Please ensure that your three emergency contacts live locally and that you are comfortable with your child being released to these people in case of sickness or emergency when you are unreachable.