



What is HandsFest?

HandsFest is a festival that intends to be a wonderful, inclusive, and enjoyable event.

When will HandsFest take place?

Friday 29th September 2023 from 3:30pm-6pm.

Why is HandsFest taking place?

The intent is to provide every child at Handsworth enjoyable life-long experiences that they will remember for years to come.

Where will HandsFest take place?

On the playgrounds of Handsworth Primary School.

Why is HandsFest taking place on one site when last year it was two?

We have been informed that Highams Park School is preparing their field for temporary classrooms to be built, hence the decision to keep the event on one site.

Why is HandsFest taking place between 3:30pm-6pm?

We are aware you all have very busy lives, so we want to make the event accessible for everyone, outside of school day hours.

Why is HandsFest taking place on a Friday?

Because...it's a Friday!

Is there an admission price for HandsFest?

No, it is free.

Why is HandsFest free?

We want the event to be accessible for every member of our school community. No price barriers!

Can I make a donation?

Yes! Donations are always welcomed. There will be places to make donations around the school on the day.

Who can attend HandsFest?

Children and adults of Handsworth Primary School, past and present.

Will Friday be a regular school day before HandsFest?

Yes. Regular punctuality and attendance at school is expected for Friday. Lessons will be taught, and lunch will take place as normal up to 2pm.

What time can I collect my child from school on Friday?

Normal time is 3.10pm for EYFS, 3:20pm for KS1 and 3:30pm for KS2.

Who is responsible for my child's care on Friday?

Parents and carers are responsible for their child after home time dismissal.

Can I come to school earlier?

Only if you are running a stall or an activity and need time to set up. Otherwise please come at the regular dismissal time. Volunteers can come from 2:30pm onwards. More information about running a stall and volunteering below.

Can we go home and then come back for HandsFest?

Yes, of course!

Will Friday be a non-uniform day for my child?

No. Full school uniform is expected. However, your child is more than welcome to go home and come back in their own clothes after dismissal.

My child attends YMCA or an after-school club at Handsworth on Friday. What happens with them?

Those who attend YMCA will still be able to attend, albeit later at the event. Mr Charles and Mrs Nairne will liaise with the organisers of YMCA to supervise them on the day at 5:30. Any child collected before then is free to go with their parent/carer.

Since we will be using both halls, clubs that are normally in them will be located elsewhere. If your child is attending Yoga Club this will take place in 4JG. Funky Feet will take place in Nursery.

How do I access HandsFest on the day?

Via the school entrance on Handsworth Avenue.

What activities will there be at HandsFest?

Inflatables, live music, food and beverage stands.

Do you have a map of where things will be located for HandsFest?

Yes, certainly. You can view it [here](#).

Will you be providing complimentary food?

Yes – we will be providing hot dogs (chicken, pork and vegetarian/vegan options) and chips, free of charge!

What food and beverage items will you be charging?

Soft drinks, slushies, popcorn and cakes. Prices will range from £1 - £3.

What are the payment options for food and beverages?

Friends of Handsworth will provide us with two card machines to use at HandsFest, however we strongly recommend you still bring cash.

Will you be charging for the use of the inflatables?

No.

I am a parent/carer of a child who attends Handsworth Primary School. Can I volunteer?

Yes! This will be greatly appreciated. You can fill out the Google Form [here](#).

Will there be first aiders on site?

Yes, there will be staff who are first aiders.

Will there be areas to put our belongings?

No.

Who are the main points of contact for this event?

Mr Charles and ourselves. We will be wearing hi-vis jackets.

Who organised this event?

We did! The School Council!

We hope we have answered your questions. As always, please get in touch if you have any further questions and queries.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

The School Council

