Houston County schools ask parents/guardians to clean any items students bring to school to help keep your school clean and healthy for all students. Washing such items will help stop the spread of all illness.

We encourage parents to disinfect items if they are unable to wash them. Thank you for your help to keep students healthy during the school year.

**BACKPACK WASHING TIP**

You can protect your backpack and washing machine with a pillowcase. Just empty everything out of the backpack, open all the compartments, and place it inside a pillowcase. Tie the pillowcase and drop it in the washing machine. Add a little detergent and wash in warm water on the gentle cycle, then hang to dry. This will keep your student’s backpack clean.

For more info, visit [www.hcbe.net](http://www.hcbe.net).