



HALTON LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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As outlined in our previous communications, we have spent a lot of time in recent weeks reorganising the furniture and classrooms in our school, and developing a set of rules and routines that will enable us to welcome back the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 from:

- Reception Wednesday 10th June
- Year 6 Friday 12th June
- Year 1 Tuesday 16th June.

Please take some time to read through our latest plans and proposals (detailed below) as we will be asking you to confirm whether your child will be returning to school, or if it is your intention to keep your child at home (either for the next few weeks or for the remainder of the summer term). **We are asking ALL parents/carers to inform us of your final decision – using an online questionnaire that we need to have completed by 5pm on Sunday 7th June.**

We are currently in a position to offer places to **ALL** Reception children, **ALL** Year 1 children and **up to 14** Year 6 children. This decision has been taken based upon the number of teaching spaces that we have in school, the teaching staff we are able to utilise and the number of children we are anticipating will access our childcare provision for vulnerable children and the children of critical (key) workers. It has also been based upon the responses we received to our initial survey - and information gathered from phone calls between parents and staff – which indicated that more children within the younger year groups intended to return to school, as soon as the school reopens.

At this point, it is important to emphasise that whilst the government are strongly encouraging children in these year groups to return to school, it is not compulsory for children to attend school during this time and no action will be taken against any parents/carers who feel that it is still not safe for their child to return to school - **provided we are informed of the reasons for your child's non-attendance EACH DAY.**

The school has been reorganised to accommodate up to 15 children within each classroom for the children in Reception and Year 1; and up to 14 children in Year 6. We have also staggered the start and end of the school day for each year group and we will be having TWO entrance and exit points – to help maintain social distancing. Parents/Carers will not be able to come on to the school site at any time during the school day – so the children will need to be dropped off /collected from the school gate.

Classes and teachers:

Bubble	Classroom base	Staff	Return Date	Start of school day	End of school day	Entrance/exit point
Priority group	Year 4 & 5 classrooms, plus Nurture Room	Mrs Williams, Mrs Moss, Mrs Birchall, Mr Bradshaw, Miss Jones and Mrs Doolan	Ongoing	Between 8:15am and 8:30am	3:15pm	Main school entrance gate
Reception A	Reception classroom	Mrs Dixon-Gibbon Mrs Bickerton	Wednesday 10 th June	9:00am	2:45pm	School Hall Gate

Reception B	Year 1 classroom	Miss Roberts Miss Ingram	Wednesday 10 th June	9:00am	2:45pm	Main school entrance gate
Year 1 A	Year 2 classroom	Mrs Harvey/Mrs Burge Miss Hunt	Tuesday 16 th June	9:20am	3:00pm	School Hall Gate
Year 1 B	Year 3 classroom	Mr Foster Mrs Clemson-Banks	Tuesday 16 th June	9:20am	3:00pm	Main school entrance gate
Year 6	Year 6 classroom	Miss Whiting Mrs Wright	Friday 12 th June	8:40am	2:30pm	Main school entrance gate
Fawns	SEMH classroom	Mrs Farrar, Miss Little and Miss Duckworth	Wednesday 10 th June (for Reception) and Tuesday 16 th June (for Year 1)	9:00am (R) 9:20am (Y1)	2:45pm (R) 3:00pm (Y6)	School Hall Gate

When you arrive at school, you will notice that the school fence will be marked with tape - to support parents/carers and children to maintain 2 metre social distancing. Children must only be dropped off / collected by one adult (from their household).

All children are required to come to school in full school uniform but it is important that the children wear clean clothes every day. In this respect, if you do not have full school uniform available - and are not in a position to replace this prior to the summer - then we will not penalise any child who is returning to school for not being in full uniform every day – as the greatest importance at this time is hygiene and the need to wear clean clothes to school. Children should come to school wearing suitable footwear (adhering to the school policy wherever possible) which is appropriate to being indoors, out on the playground and out on the school field – as lessons may take place outdoors and the children will not be getting changed for PE lessons and other physical activities.

On sunny days, we are requesting that parents/carers apply sunscreen to their children before they come to school.

The children will not be permitted to bring in a book bag, mobile phone, water bottle or anything from home other than a packed lunch (see below) and a coat / sun hat (dependent on the weather). The children will be able to use sterile plastic drinking cups whilst in school – and only the children in Year 6 will need to bring in a midmorning snack from home.

Once in school, the children will be made aware of several procedures that have been put in place to keep them safe. Children will be expected to wash their hand thoroughly at regular intervals and staff will be on hand to support children with this. Break times and lunchtimes will be staggered to ensure that the children in different bubbles do not mix. The playground will be sectioned off with floor markings to enable the children to play in their designated area safely; and each bubble will be allocated their own set of outdoor play equipment.

The children in Reception and Year 1 will receive a free hot school meal each day throughout the whole of the summer term (and it is our understanding that those families who are currently receiving the free school vouchers will continue to receive these). To limit the number of cash transactions, we have also decided to offer a free school meal to every child in Year 6 too, up until 19th June. (We hope that we will be able to continue to offer this service after this date).

If you wish to send your child to school with a packed lunch, there will be trolley available at the school gate. You will be asked to wipe down the outside of the box with an anti-bacterial wipe before placing it on the trolley. Alternatively, a packed lunch could be sent in a plastic carrier bag if all of the contents can all be disposed of after lunch.

We ask that parents keep their child at home if they display any coronavirus symptoms. Currently the government identify these to be;

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.

Furthermore, if any child was to display any of these symptoms whilst in school, we are required to isolate them and make contact with yourselves. We will ask you to collect them IMMEDIATELY. A member of staff, who would be required to wear full PPE, would remain with your child until they are collected. Children are now entitled to receive a test at a local test centre and results are usually available within 48 hours. Upon a negative result your child would be able to return to school. However, a positive result would lead to the full closure of that child's designated bubble and all children and adults would be required to self-isolate (along with other members of their household) for 14 days; or until they receive a negative test result.

Amendments have been made to our current Behaviour Management, Positive Handling and Child Restraint policy which can be found on our website by following the link below.

<https://haltonlodge.haltonschools.info/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Behaviour-Management-and-Child-Restraint-Policy-Appendix-due-to-Covid-19.pdf>

Photos of your child's class bubble will be posted on Tapestry or Seesaw tomorrow for those families that would welcome seeing the environment which their child will be taught in prior to making a final decision. Once you have a definitive answer as to whether your child will be returning to school, please complete the following questionnaire:

<https://forms.gle/nkjBuBKNupsJRfnx5> - Reception

<https://forms.gle/BS1XJkHBfiZ1gcb57> - Year 1

<https://forms.gle/prwVFnFofRSvZcT88> - Year 6

Once we have received responses from all families in a year group, we will allocate the children into a designated bubble. *If we do not receive a response from you, we will endeavour to make contact with you on Monday, but it would be ideal if this time could be invested in finalising our plans rather than chasing up key information that we need before the children return.*