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It has been fantastic to see so many children back in school – and each of them taking on board all of the changes that have been introduced (to keep them as safe as possible whilst they are in school).



I also want to thank all of our parents and carers who have been so thoughtful and understanding of the changes that we have made to the start and end of the school day – and for keeping to the new routines that we have introduced – to keep the children in all of the different year groups and classes apart. Your cooperation has made introducing these key changes much easier than we had anticipated.

We are aware that for those families who have more than one child at our school, the existing plans mean that there can be up to 30 minutes between the first drop off time and the next. Therefore, having seen how well the new system has worked over the last two days, we are proposing to amend this slightly from Monday (so this is no longer an issue).



8:40am to 8:45am = Start Time for pupils in Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6

Year 1 pupils via the school hall gates, Year 2 and Year 4 pupils via the school playground (and directly into their classrooms); and Year 6 through the main entrance.

8:55am to 9:00am = Start Time for pupils in Reception, The Fawns, Year 3, and Year 5

Reception pupils via the school hall gates, The Fawns and Year 3 pupils via the school playground (and directly into their classrooms); and Year 5 through the main entrance.

While we hope that these amended times will be more convenient for you, we need to ask you to keep to the rule of just one adult to bring (and collect) your child from school – and for you to keep to the one way system (for those accessing the school playground).

We also ask you to maintain social distancing at all times whilst on the school grounds.



This will allow us to alter the end times too, so these are more convenient for a greater number of our families:

2:45pm to 2:50pm = End Time for pupils in Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6

3:00pm to 3:05pm = End Time for pupils in Reception, The Fawns, Year 3, and Year 5

*For those of you who have expressed an interest in accessing a **Breakfast Club** at the start of the school day, we will be in contact with you about our plans for this to restart shortly. If you feel that you may need to make use of a Breakfast Club this term, please email sec.haltonlodge@halton.gov.uk with your child's name and the days of the week that you would wish to make use of this facility before 9:30am on Monday 7th September; so we can do our best to develop a plan to accommodate your needs.*

The days the children will need to come into school in their PE kits – plain white t-shirt, black shorts, trainers (with either a tracksuit or joggers/sweatshirt) – rather than their school uniform is:

Reception (from 17th September) = Thursday
Year 1 = Monday
The Fawns = Thursday
Year 2 = Friday
Year 3 = Monday
Year 4 = Friday
Year 5 = Tuesday
Year 6 = Tuesday



The children in Year 3 and Year 4 will also need to come into school in their Forest Schools clothing – wearing clean shoes (but bring a pair of outdoor shoes or wellies – which will be stored outside) on a Wednesday.

Following clear guidance from the DfE and the local authority, I am also able to share with you further information about how all schools in Halton will respond if they find that a pupil has symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). This guidance also tells you what you should do as parents or carers in this situation.

How schools will respond to symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) from September 2020

As you know, it is the Government's plan that all children should attend school from September 2020 and everyone at our school is delighted to welcome back all our pupils. The Government has produced information for parents, which you can read by following the link at the end of this newsletter.

The scientific evidence shows that children are at a much lower risk of becoming severely ill from coronavirus (COVID-19) than adults, and there is no evidence that children transmit the disease any more than adults. Of course, there will still be risks while coronavirus (COVID-19) remains in the community, and that is why schools and colleges have been asked to put in place a range of protective measures.

Our school has completed a health and safety risk assessment and devised an operational re-opening plan as part of our plans to re-open our school this week – and this 141 page document is available to any parents/carers by request. *Please email head.haltonlodge@halton.gov.uk to request a copy.*

Halton Borough Council has also put in place a process to support schools in dealing with any suspected or confirmed cases of coronavirus in schools and this article outlines what steps parents, carers and families must take.

What to do if your child is unwell

The box below provides a summary of the common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). A test is needed for anyone who has **any one** of the most common symptoms of the virus.

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

A new continuous cough

A high temperature (fever)

A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Any one of the above symptoms gives reason for a high level of suspicion for COVID-19.

Please note: For fevers, the NHS advice is to look for a high temperature – ‘this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back; you do not need to measure your temperature’.

If your child becomes unwell at home in any way (or if anyone in your household is unwell with symptoms of coronavirus), they should not attend school. It is essential that you let the school know the reason for your child’s absence. **Your child (or other people in the household with symptoms) should then be tested for coronavirus (COVID-19). See the box below.**

Getting tested

If your child has symptoms or you have been asked to get them tested, you can arrange a test at:

A local test site (and get the results the next day)

By ordering a postal test kit (which will take a little longer)

To arrange a test:

Visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

Or call 119

If your child becomes unwell whilst in school

Your child will be isolated from all of the other children in school and we will contact you immediately – as your child will need to be sent home. Your child will be supervised by a member of our school staff (who is most likely to be wearing PPE) while he or she is waiting to go home, but they will be kept away from all other members of the school community. We would politely request that if you receive such a call, you get to school to collect your child as quickly as you can safely do so.

If your child has symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) they will need to be tested (see box above). **Your child must remain at home while awaiting the test and the result. Your child, and all members of your household, should not come into contact with other people outside of your household until you receive the results of your child’s test.** You must not go to a doctors, hospital or NHS facility during this time unless symptoms become serious.

What to do when you get the results of the coronavirus (COVID-19) test

Once you have got your child’s test results, or the test results of anyone else in your household, you must phone the school and inform them of the results. Even if the results are negative, you must still tell your child’s school. This is to protect the rest of the school community.

What to do if your child’s coronavirus (COVID-19) test is negative

You must inform your child’s school of this straight away. If your child’s result is negative and they are free of the symptoms for 48 hours and no longer feel unwell, they can return to school as long as they are not isolating due to being in contact of another symptomatic household member or positive case. Household members can also end their isolation, unless someone else is awaiting results of a coronavirus (COVID-19) test.

What to do if your child’s coronavirus (COVID-19) test is positive

You must inform your child’s school of this straight away. This is so they can inform Halton Borough Council so that next steps can be taken to protect others.

If your child attended school in the 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms and up to the point of testing, Halton Borough Council public health team will work with the school and your family to establish any contacts that may have been made with others in the community, both in and out of school. You may also be contacted by the NHS Test and Trace service.

After School Clubs AUTUMN TERM



Any **after school clubs** that we operate will need to involve children from one year group only. With this in mind, we will be offering a series of Physical Activity Clubs – hopefully starting next week.

In addition to a Forest Schools Club on a Wednesday (from the end of school until 4:15pm), we are hoping to have three different after school clubs on a Wednesday, a Thursday and a Friday (all from the end of school until 4:00pm).

We can only run these if we have a sufficient number of pupils taking part – and want to maximise our pupils' participation by offering these to the classes that WILL have the greatest number of children attending each week. Therefore, if your child would like to take part in an after school sports club – and you can arrange collection for them at these times – please complete the attached slip and return it to school on Monday.

Your child will need to self-isolate for at least 10 days. Advice on self-isolation will be available from the school nursing team or from the NHS (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/>)

Your household and any other contacts must isolate for 14 days and watch for symptoms. If these appear then they will need to be tested.

What to do if your child is sent home because another child in their bubble (eg class or year group) has tested positive

If the other child with a positive test result attended the school in the 48 hours prior to symptoms appearing, a decision may be made that your child's class or year group has to go home for isolation. This is to protect members of the school community and others.

If your child is sent home, your child's school will inform you of this and your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days and watch for symptoms. Your child will be offered a test if symptoms do appear. **Members of your household will not need to isolate, unless your own child develops symptoms.** However, all pupils in the year group bubble will need to isolate for 14 days even if your child has a negative test result during this time. *Additional information and advice will be provided by the public health team if this needs to happen.*

If children are sent home they will be provided with learning to complete at home during the period of isolation and we will keep in touch with you. This will be set using Seesaw (Year 1 to Year 6) or Tapestry (Reception) – so it is essential that you are signed up, and are able to access these.

Further information

For further information please follow the links below. Guidance for parents about early years providers, schools and colleges.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term#process-in-the-event-of-outbreaks>

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Expression of Interest Form

My child _____ (name)
in Year ____ would like to take part in one of the following after school clubs:

- Wednesday PE (until 4pm)
- Wednesday Forest Schools (until 4:15pm)
- Thursday PE (until 4pm)
- Friday PE (Until 4pm)

Please tick all that apply.

The physical activities that my child would most like to take part in are:

Please list suggestions of favourite sports and game.

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Signed: _____

It is our intention to offer each of these clubs free of charge – to encourage as many of our pupils as we can safely accommodate to take part and be physically active.

Clubs – provided we get a sufficient level of interest - will be allocated to those year groups with the greatest number of participants.