



HALTON LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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It is great to have all the children back in school – and to have started the new school year in such a positive way! The children look incredibly smart in their new school uniforms and we are extremely impressed by their positive attitude, excellent behaviour and the high level of respect that they have shown to each other; and the adults in school.

PE Days

The PE days for each class are as follows:

- Reception	Thursday
- Year 1	Wednesday
- The Fawns	Wednesday
- Year 2	Thursday
- Year 3	Monday
- Year 4	Friday
- Year 5	Tuesday
- Year 6	Friday



On these days, the children are asked to come to school dressed in their PE Kit. This should consist of black and/or white sports clothing – plus trainers.

It is most likely that the children will be outdoors for the majority of their PE lessons this half term – but, dependant on the weather and the type of PE they are doing, they may also be indoors (using the hall). Therefore, we strongly encourage them to wear a tracksuit, or jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt, in addition to a t-shirt on these days.

If your child comes to school wearing stud earrings or a wrist watch on these days, it is vital that THEY can remove and replace these themselves. If they can't, please ensure that they refrain from wearing jewellery on these days.

Key Changes

There have been many changes to how we now operate – with the children mixing much more as they come into school, during break and lunch times, and as they move more freely around the school. (We are no longer in bubbles or using the 'break out zones' that could only exclusively be used by the children from one particular class).



As a consequence of this – and the rapidly rising infection rate amongst the local community – we have chosen to be cautious in our approach to returning to how the school operated prior to the global pandemic. Therefore, for the next few weeks, assemblies (and our daily act of collective worship) will take place in the classrooms. Provided we do not see a spike in cases within the school over the next few weeks, we will then introduce phase and key stage assemblies (in the hall) and then whole school assemblies

(including our weekly family assembly) later in the school year.

By taking this approach, we feel that we will be able to invite parents and carers into the school more frequently – and not need to reintroduce bubbles, restrict access to the school or close the school to key year groups. *Our Outbreak Management Plan outlines the circumstances in which these measures would be considered – and they would only be introduced on the advice or instruction of the local authority and/or public health team; as a consequence of multiple cases of Covid-19 amongst the staff and/or pupils.*

We have already invited the parents/carers of our new Reception children into school for a 'Stay & Play session' – and have also invited these adults to our first Family Lunch next Thursday. *The children in all of our classes will be bringing home a letter at some point in the year to invite up to two adults from their family to join them for a school meal – so you will all get an invitation sometime soon.*



On Monday 20th September, the school photographer will be coming into school to take individual photographs of the children. If you have more than one child in our school, they will take family portraits too – and we are hoping to allow preschool age children to come into school, at the start of the school day, for any families who wish to have any younger children included in these photographs too.

Update On 'New' Adventure Playground

Even though over 50 alterations were made to the adventure playground equipment over the summer holidays – in an attempt to ensure that it was ready for the children to return as soon as they returned to school this week – an independent playground inspection carried out last week identified a few minor design and material issues that the installation team aim to resolve this weekend. Once the work is undertaken, we will need to have a new playground inspection – to ensure all of the equipment has been installed to the requisite standards and is safe to use – so the children will not be able to use the new equipment until it has been certified as being 'safe'.



Whilst I know that this has been extremely frustrating for the children, I hope you understand the reasons for the delay in opening this area of the school ground up for the children to use and explore.

Thank you to everyone who filled in the parent survey or questionnaire related to the school's proposed new PSHE & RSE policy (and curriculum) last term. We will share the outcome of these with you over the next few weeks!