

Friday, 4th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers



Welcome Back!

We are finally back in school! It has been lovely to welcome all the children back after such a long break. We are delighted to have our new Reception cohort with us, too! Our new starters look so smart in their school uniforms and everyone is quickly getting to grips with the new routines we have put into place. The staff are very excited to be back and I know they have got lots of wonderful things planned for the year ahead.

Social Distancing and Movement around the School Grounds

The current situation is a new one for us all and we are trialling a number of systems to help keep everyone as safe as possible. These will be reviewed regularly and I would welcome any feedback you have. We really do need your help at the start and end of the school day to ensure that the school grounds do not become overcrowded. You can help us with this in a number of ways:

- 1) **In order to reduce the number of people on site, only one adult per family should come to drop off and pick up.** This will help us to avoid the paths and grounds becoming congested.
- 2) **When waiting outside the external classroom doors, please use the coloured markers.** This enables the staff to see which children they need to get ready and will avoid parents collecting around the doors.
- 3) **Wherever possible, keep to the left on footpaths and walkways.** Please be considerate of other families as you walk through the school grounds and avoid congregating in groups.
- 4) **Please arrive on site at your allotted pick up/drop off times.** We need parents and carers to observe sensible social distancing practice. If you are ahead of schedule, please wait in your car before entering the school site. Once you have dropped off/picked up, please leave the site **as soon as possible**. Below is a reminder of the times for entering and leaving the school; please stick to these.

Groups	Pupils	Drop Off	Pick Up
Group 1	Pupils with surnames A-J	8.40 – 8.50 am	2.55 – 3.05 pm
Group 2	Pupils with surnames K-Y	8.50 – 9.00 am	3.05 – 3.15 pm

Letter from Halton Borough Council

Halton Borough Council has issued an information letter for parents regarding the response of schools should a pupil display coronavirus (Covid-19) symptoms. I would be grateful if you could read this letter and keep a copy somewhere safe in the event that it is needed in the future. Thank you.

National School Breakfast Programme and Changes to Snack

I am delighted to inform you that the school has successfully enrolled with the National School Breakfast Programme and this '[Magic Breakfast](#)' provision will begin next week. All pupils will be provided with breakfast bagels in their classrooms prior to the start of lessons. School will also provide a piece of fruit for every pupil during morning break. This new arrangement will replace the usual snack system that was in place last year; unfortunately, we need to keep all three 'bubbles' separate during snack time and we cannot find a safe way to enable pupils to prepare their own snacks in a communal area. The good news is that you will not be required to provide snack money or your own snacks from home for the foreseeable future!

Dinner Money and Free School Meals

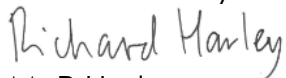
As we have all been out of our usual routines, it is worth reminding you about arrangements for the payment of school meals. All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a 'universal infant free school meal' so no payment is required. If your child is in Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6), school dinner money should be brought into school in a named, sealed envelope and handed to class teachers. The cost of a school dinner is **£2.50**; this should be paid in advance, ideally at the start of each half term (and no later than the start of each week). If you think your child may be eligible for a free school meal, please have a look at the [Free School Meals](#) information on the HBC website by clicking [here](#).

Faulty Phone Line

Thank you for your patience this week if you have attempted to telephone the school. Our landline has a fault and, as a result, we have not been able to receive your calls. While I appreciate that this may have been frustrating, I am hopeful that by the time you read this, our engineer has resolved the problem. If you are not able to get through to the school office, Mrs Fenlon can be contacted at sec.halebank@halton.gov.uk. Please mark your email as 'urgent' if you need a quick response. Thank you.

After only a few days back, the children now have a weekend to recover before their first full week in school. Have a good rest and I look forward to seeing you again on Monday.

Yours sincerely



Mr R Harley

Headteacher