



Haughton St Giles



Dream to Achieve



11th September 2020

Headteacher Welcome

Dear parents/carers

We are delighted to be back at school with all of our pupils after such a long time. Naturally, we were worried as to how children would react to the return and whether they would find it challenging to settle back into school life and learning. I'm sure as parents you felt the same!...

However, we could not be happier with the excitable and positive attitudes we have seen from all of our children. From the first day back, to the end of the second week, our pupils have worked hard; followed the new rules; embraced the changes; and most importantly, smiled, laughed and had fun!

Once again, we thank you for the effort in home-schooling, it really has made the difference to the children's confidence.

V.L. Hulme

Oak Academy

In the event of pupil absence from school, whether this be through general illness, Covid-19, or group isolation, we want our pupils to still have the opportunity to continue with their learning and avoid further delays in progressing their education. However, I am sure you can understand it would be very challenging for staff to prepare work and lessons in school and separate learning for those at home. Therefore, we would highly recommend that children working at home during periods of absence access Oak National Academy; lessons are tailored to specific year groups and subjects and have been created by teachers. Each lesson includes a quiz, a video and clear learning outcomes. Naturally, you may be unsure as to which areas of learning to focus on/select on the Oak National Academy website and therefore, we would be happy to advise if you contact the main office.



<https://www.thenational.academy/>

Reminder of drop off/pick times

A few reminders:

- Social distancing needs to be better at the start and end of the day around the office entrance and main school gate, to allow access for the designated year group



- Staggered timings:

Reception - 8:45am and 3:15pm via the main school playground gate

Year 1/2 - 8:50am and 3:20pm via the main school playground gate

Year 3/4 - 8:55am and 3:25pm via the main school playground gate

Year 5 - 8:55am and 3.25pm via the school office entrance

Year 6 - 8:45am and 3.15pm via the school office entrance

It is important to adhere to these times as pupils not at their allocated drop off point at the correct time will not be admitted via the main school office entrance due to the health and safety of other groups.

N.B. These are not 10 minute slots they are specific arrival times

- We are experiencing a surge of calls relating to pupils absence and parents asking for advice as to whether they should send their child in to school or not and whether their child should have a Covid test or not. This is not something that we can advise on and we ask parents to remember that the main symptoms are:

New, continuous cough

High temperature

Loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste

Please see the last page of the newsletter for more advice.

- If you feel your child is not well enough to come in to school, then please ensure you inform Mrs Kelly in the school office as soon as possible on the first day of absence. This can be as a phone call or email (01785 780511 or office@haughton.staffs.sch.uk)

Reading

Please keep a look out for a reading book in your child's bag. Due to current measures in place to keep everyone safe, it may take a little longer to change reading books in school, as we are keeping any returned books for 72 hours before they are returned to the shelves to be used again.

Please could you continue to record your child's daily reading in their Home-School Link Book as we will continue to check how often they are reading. If your child has read a book from home as opposed to their "school reading book", please could this be recorded in their Home-School Link Book as well. A quick signature is fine to indicate children have read and we would encourage this at least 3 times a week. We will assume children are not reading if their reading diaries are not signed.

Data Collection Sheets

From time to time, Staffordshire County Council request various pupil information from school, therefore, our pupil records have to be updated accordingly to comply with this requirement. Please can you check and confirm that the information on this report is correct and fill in any missing details. If any of the information has changed or there are other details about your child that you believe are relevant for us to know, please write the details on the report.

Occasionally, unexpected or emergency situations do occur and it is essential for us to be able to contact parents or, if they are unavailable, another responsible adult during school hours. It is important to note that:

- It is a legal requirement for us to keep a record of the name and address of every person known to be a parent and guardian of a pupil.
- We require full names (forename and surname) and priority order in which they should be contacted.
- Both landline and mobile numbers should be provided where possible.
- It is essential that the 'Parent Responsibility' status is correct for all contacts.

Please note that only the following have the right to claim Parental Responsibility: birth mother, married birth father, unmarried birth father who is registered on the child's birth certificate, adults with a legally granted Parental Responsibility Agreement, Parental Responsibility Order, Residence Order, Adoption Order, Emergency Protection Order, Special Guardianship Order, Care Order or Placement Order.

Please sign and return the Data Collection sheet to the school office by Monday 21st September 2020. If you need any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Clubs

Football Club for all pupils in Y1 - 6, will begin on Wednesday 16th September 3:30 -4:30pm (for 12 weeks) at a cost of £3.50 per week so a total of £42. Although the club will be provided by Progressive Sports, we are asking that you make the payment of £42 direct to us via your Parentpay account.

A recent email has gone out via Parentpay, so if you would like your child to attend the club then please complete the questionnaire and we will then add the payment to your Parentpay account.

We currently have 2 places left, so be quick!

Office Opening Hours

Reminder that the school office is open Monday to Thursday 8:30am - 4pm and on Fridays 8:30 - 3:30pm. Therefore if you call the school outside of these hours you will go through to answer phone, please feel free to leave a message or if you'd prefer you can email the office and we will get back to you at our earliest convenience.

As we are getting a high volume of calls first thing in the mornings, due to absence, you may feel it easier to send an email of your child's absence. Please remember to state the reason for the absence.

Snack Time

The free 'Fruit & Veg' scheme resumed this week for all pupils in KS1 and toast will be available to purchase at morning break from Monday 14th September at a cost of 20p per slice. If your child would like to purchase toast, then they will need to bring 20p into school each day and hand it to their class teacher in the morning when the register is taken. **From Monday, KS1 pupils will not be required to bring snack from home.**

Free milk is also available to all children in Reception Class under 5. Once they turn 5, you will need to pay. We will send a reminder letter and all you need to do is complete the reply slip to opt in or out and any payment will be allocated to your Parentpay account.

For children in Years 1-6, if your child would like milk, then please complete the questionnaire which was sent out earlier this week and we will order the milk to be delivered the following week.

Music

Music will resume fully on Friday 18th September, so all pupils in Y5 & 6 need to bring their instruments with them next week.

We currently have a few places left for pupils in KS2 (Y3 - 6) to take up a musical instrument in a small group session. They have the choice of learning to play Guitar, Violin, Flute or Cello. Music this year could be at a cost of £55 per term per pupil (£165) depending on numbers, but we will confirm the final cost once we have the numbers finalised.

Music lessons will start week beginning Monday 14th September, with flute on Thursday mornings (with Mrs Opatunde) and all other instrument lessons on Friday mornings (with Mr Parkes or Mr Omer).

If your child is in KS2 and would like to be signed up to play an instrument, then please can you complete the music questionnaire sent out via Parentpay by Monday 14th September at the latest.

There will currently be no choir or whole school singing, due to the current restrictions. However, we will keep you updated should anything to change.

Diary Dates

- Wednesday 16th September - Football Club (Please see the extra information under Clubs)
- Thursday 1st October - School Census (please see the Data Collection Information)
- **Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October - Half Term**
- **Monday 2nd November - School Reopens**
- Monday 23rd November - Whole School Flu Vaccinations (more info to follow)
- Wednesday 9th December - Last Football Club
- Monday 14th December - Last Swimming Session for Chestnut Class
- **Friday 18th December - Inset Day (No pupils)**
- **Monday 4th January - School Reopens**

Information for parents and carers on suspected COVID-19 (coronavirus) in a child

WHEN TO SUSPECT COVID-19 IN YOUR CHILD:

if they develop symptoms of a new continuous cough and/or high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Do not send your child to school or childcare setting. Inform the setting through absence reporting

If your child develops symptoms at the childcare setting, they will be separated from others, and will **be sent home**

If your child (or anyone in your household) has symptoms they must arrange a test **as soon as possible** and isolate at home for **10 days** from date of onset of symptoms (or until they receive a negative result). Everyone else in the household who does not have symptoms must isolate at home for 14 days (or until the symptomatic household member receives a negative result)

Arrange for a coronavirus test for anyone in your household with symptoms either online via www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or call NHS testing line on 119. The test must be done within **five days** of when symptoms start. Ensure you know who to contact with the results in the school/childcare setting if the results are received outside usual working hours

You will be offered a test at your closest drive-through centre. This is the quickest option. A parent or carer will need to perform the test on children under 12 years old. If you don't drive, you can request a home test kit. **Do not** get a taxi or public transport to the test centre

Result of test (you will receive this by email or text message)

NEGATIVE

Child/staff member can return to setting once well, unless they are a contact of a case, when they will need to complete 14 days self-isolation

If your child is identified as having been in contact with a confirmed case, they will need to self-isolate for 14 days, even if they have had a negative test result. If they develop symptoms, they should isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms, arrange testing and follow the flowchart above

For medical advice call NHS 111, or in an emergency call 999

POSITIVE

Inform the school or childcare setting as soon as possible even if outside opening hours. The child's close contacts within the school will be advised to self-isolate for 14 days

Ensure the child who has tested positive completes the **10 day** isolation period (from date of onset of symptom)*. Household members without symptoms should complete 14 days isolation

NHS Test & Trace will send you a text or email alert or call you with instructions of how to share details of people with whom you have had close, recent contact and places you have visited

*If the child is a confirmed case they can return to the childcare setting/school after 10 days. If they still have a temperature, diarrhoea or are being sick they should wait until 48 hours after these symptoms stop. If the child does not develop symptoms, but lives in a household with someone who has tested positive, they can return to setting after completing 14 days self-isolation at home