



# Haughton St Giles



*Dream to Achieve*



25th September 2020

## Our School Christian Values

Autumn Term 1 - Respect  
Autumn Term 2 - Resilience  
Spring Term 1 - Pride  
Spring Term 2 - Forgiveness  
Summer Term 1 - Trust  
Summer Term 2 - Faith

# RESPECT

*"Pay others the honour and respect you owe them."* Romans 13

In our school we believe everyone is special; everyone's opinion matters; everyone's contribution is important; everyone's feelings should be considered; everyone's faith is accepted. Christians recognise that respect needs to start with ourselves, we are all unique. Having self-respect means being able to celebrate our gifts and talents and looking after ourselves, but also means nurturing our talents so that we the best we can be and being confident about who we are.

Through Collective Worship we will explore...

- What respect means to us as individuals (both showing and recognising respect)
- Respect and current events - Covid-19
- Respect both in and out of school
- Respect as part of a community
- Respect in the wider world.

We are also delighted to be able to work with our new Reverend who is going to support us with learning about respect within the bible.

Want to help at home?

How about discuss with your child what they have learnt in school; help them to think about who/how people in their lives show them respect; and discuss how we can respect differences in culture and diversity.

As always, we will inform parents at the end of the half term about what our pupils have learnt.

## 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/>

## 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.

## Snack Time

The free 'Fruit & Veg' scheme is available for all pupils in KS1 and toast is available to purchase at morning break 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 or £1 for the week and hand it to their class teacher in the morning when the register is taken.

## School Dinners

We are noticing that a few children at lunchtimes are not understanding what the meal choices are and hence are choosing meals that they do not like and as such, there is a lot of food being wasted. Please can we ask that you go through the menu with your child and discuss the choices that are available to them, so they choose something that they'd like to eat. We have attached the current menus with this week's newsletter, but please be aware we are not currently offering 'blue options' and very occasionally (due to delivery) options may change slightly.

## Class Emails

Please can we remind parents that the class emails are not currently being monitored, (with the exception of Acorn Class) and are only used if a lockdown/isolation scenario was to occur. In this event parents will be notified of the procedure and correct class email addresses. If you need to contact your child's class teacher then please use the main school office email and Mrs Kelly will ensure that your concern has a prompt reply - we aim to reply within 3 days of receipt of any phone calls or emails.

## PTFA News

### PTFA - Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

The PTFA would like to invite all staff, parents, grandparents and friends to their 'Zoom' AGM on Tuesday 6th October at 8pm. Following this, there will be a discussion on how future events will look with the current Covid -19 restrictions. Please contact the school office if you would like to attend the zoom meeting or if you're interested in a specific role such as; Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Social Media guru or even if you'd just like to help out at future events or even to join the PTFA WhatsApp group.

We welcome all to the meeting but particularly any new parents to the school. This year since we cannot offer cheese & wine in person, we will be handing out goody bags containing some exciting items to eat & drink that you can enjoy in the comfort of your own home, during the evening. So keep an eye out on the morning of 6th October for members of the PTFA who will be distributing these to all new parents who sign up to join.

Already this year we have supported the Stone Age Day workshop, which took place on 7th October, for Birch Class. Plus art and D&T materials to support lessons across the whole school. Our aim as the PTFA, is to raise funds which will enhance the learning of all pupils at Haughton, whilst bringing together the wider school community with our events. Normally we would hold Christmas and Summer Fayres, discos, film nights, quizzes and run the Haughton Giant Challenge cycling event, but as always we are open to any new suggestions.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Zoom on Tuesday 6th October!

All NEW or existing parents that wish to be part of the PTFA then head over to our facebook page and request to join **Haughton St Giles PTFA**. Here you will find all the latest news on what we get upto.

## School Census

Our school census takes place on Thursday 1st October. The census is an electronic collection of pupil data, which is then used to allocate our budget and provide us with additional funding for our children, as such please can we request that as many pupils as possible in Acorn & Conker class, have a free school meal on 1st October.

## Academy Photography

Academy will be in school on Tuesday 13th October. Unfortunately, this year they are unable to do the family photos at the beginning of the day (which include younger pre school age siblings). However, siblings that are currently attending school will be able to have their photos taken together during the school day, as well as their own individual photo.

Little Seeds pre school children will also be having their photos taken at the same time and any siblings that are in school will be able to have their photos taken together.

## Diary Dates

- Friday 25th September - Bomark Studios in school filming promotional video
- Wednesday 30th September - Football Club begins (**FULL**)
- Thursday 1st October - School Census
- Tuesday 6th October - PTFA 'Zoom' AGM at 8pm
- Tuesday 13th October - Academy Photography in school (**No family photos this year**)
- **Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October - Half Term**
- **Monday 2nd November - School Reopens**
- Monday 23rd November - Whole School Flu Vaccinations (more info to follow)
- Thursday 26th November - Book Fair Delivery (orders will be online more info to follow)
- Monday 14th December - Last Swimming Session for Chestnut Class
- **Friday 18th December - Inset Day (No pupils)**
- **Monday 4th January - School Reopens**

## **Social Media**

We understand that in the current climate and particularly since Covid began there is an increase in children communicating with their friends outside of school via social media platforms - online games, Whatsapp and text messages etc. However due to this we have received an increase in friendship issues and parental concerns which are now beginning to spill into school. Whilst we cannot control what pupils are doing when they are at home, the impact on their well-being and learning due to these issues requires us to intervene. Therefore, could we ask that parents remain vigilant and monitor social media activity at home, solving some of these issues with other parents concerned and contacting the school only when these problems cannot be resolved otherwise.

In school we regularly teach and discuss online activity and health & wellbeing within computing and PSHE to support our pupils in dealing with cyber-bullying, internet safety and strategies to cope with self-management/preservation.

## **COVID Update**

We would like to make you aware that the current number of COVID-19 cases for Haughton & Gnosall currently stands at 15. Please be vigilant during these difficult times and familiarise yourself with the procedures outlined in the 'Information for Parents and Carers' on the next page and stay safe.

# 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](https://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