

Haydonleigh Newsletter

Welcome back to school and to our new children in foundation stage – a huge Haydonleigh hello! It has been amazing to see our youngest learners coming in with such enthusiasm and big smiles each day. Older children have too come back full of beans and for the most part setting a good example. All of us have taken a few days to remember routes, routines and protocols and I look forward to the next few weeks when we can teach, teach, teach!

I have chosen to be optimistic this term as it feels better. As ever, I have no crystal ball but I do know that my staff are working relentlessly to give each child the best experience possible while things are 'normal'. We review the situation in school all of the time, opening up previous experiences in a well-planned manner. PE, school meals, swimming lessons to name but a few activities have resumed and I look forward to further additions to this list over time.

Can I please remind parents to talk to their children about 'stranger danger' A year 7 child who was meeting younger siblings at our school was approached by an adult when the pedal came off her bicycle this week. He offered help but then went on to tell her to put her bicycle in his car. It may be that this was a genuine offer of help as it has been suggested the adult was also on his way to our school. Whilst I understand why another parent would offer to help, sadly, nowadays we do have to be so careful on both fronts. If you come across one of our pupils who may have become parted from their adult or appears in need of help the best thing you can do is call the school immediately. In the past, we have had cases, where a wandering child has been escorted home by a well-meaning Haydonleigh parent whilst the rest of us, have been frantically searching!

Mrs Billinge
Head Teacher

PARKING

Please ensure you;

- Park safely a short distance from the school eg Morrisons or the Orbital Centre car park
- DO NOT park, or WAIT on the yellow "Keep Clear" markings. They are there to keep children safe.
- DO NOT park or block drop kerbs.
- DO NOT make U-Turns in Haydon Court Drive.

The safety of the children is our priority.

Courteous parking includes not parking right up to the junction so people's view and access to leave junctions are left clear. PSCO's are now regularly patrolling all areas around the school.

Thank you to everyone that parks in a safe considerate fashion.



ATTENDANCE

School attendance is mandatory.

Public Health England and the Government's Chief Medical & Scientific Officers agree that there is a very low risk and rate of severe illness in children from COVID-19. School is the best place for your child to be. With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, children are now able to enjoy more freedom in their education. Being at school keeps children's education on track, so they can achieve their full potential, while also benefitting their mental and physical health and wellbeing. We are doing everything we can to ensure your child can continue to attend school.

What should I do if my child has COVID-19 symptoms?

If your child has any of the main COVID-19 symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste)

- They should not attend school and should stay at home.
- You should arrange for them to get a PCR test (an in-person test if possible not a postal test) and inform us of the result
- Your child should not attend school while you are waiting for test results, even if they are feeling better.
- If the test is negative, they should return to school as normal.
- If they test positive, they should continue to isolate and follow public health advice.

What happens if my child has been in contact with someone with COVID-19 symptoms?

If your child has been identified as a close contact by NHS Test and Trace, you will be advised that your child takes a PCR test. They will not have to self-isolate whilst they await the result of the PCR test unless they develop symptoms; they will need to isolate if a positive PCR test.

DROP OFF/PICK UP

A polite reminder that parents/carers should navigate clockwise around the school in the morning and afternoon. Pupils should not be playing on any equipment before and after school to allow a swift drop off and pick up.

ABSENCE

I will not be granting any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Any request for leave must be made in writing. A response will be returned indicating whether the leave is authorised. Any absence not authorised may be liable to a local authority penalty notice.

Good attendance is key to pupils making good progress and taking time out to go on holiday can significantly hamper progress. Therefore, we request that no child takes holiday during term time

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we do not have a lost property box in school, please ensure all uniform is clearly named so it can be easily reunited with your child.

VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to accompany our Year 4 classes to swimming. If you are interested, please email office@haydonleighschool.co.uk for more information.

SCHOOL OFFICE

A reminder that office staff will be unable to deliver forgotten items to class – please make sure your child has everything they need at the start of each day.



PTA NEWS

We have been members of Your School Lottery for several years and for as little as £1 per week, there is the chance of winning a weekly prize for someone within our school community. The more people that participate, the bigger this prize becomes and the more money raised for our school. On top of this, you will also be entered into a separate draw with a chance to win an amazing £25,000 EVERY WEEK! Your School Lottery is the first lottery organisation that provides both a guaranteed weekly prize AND a potentially life-changing win.

Copy and paste the link to sign up and support your PTA.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/haydonleigh-primary-school>



ALLERGIES

Does your child have any special dietary needs? Food allergies, intolerances and other dietary-related medical conditions are a growing concern for schools. If your child has an allergy or a food intolerance then please ensure you keep the school up to date with any changes by emailing office@haydonleighschool.co.uk

We do not need to know your child's food likes and dislikes or dietary/religious preferences and ask parents do their bit to help by choosing meals they know will not adversely affect any allergies their child suffers with.

DIARY DATES

23 Sept - Individual school photos

1 Oct - TD Day

16 Oct - Haydonleigh Open Day - 10am-1pm

21 - 29 Oct - Half Term

31 Oct - Secondary School Admissions closing date.

1 Nov - Flu Nasal Childhood vaccination - whole school

All TD Days are now available to view on our website - Parents/School Term tab

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS



Bradon Forest School

Open evening - 23 September 6-8pm

Open mornings - 27 September & 4 October - 9.15am-10.30am



GWA

Open evening - 16 September & 22 September - 5.30-7.30pm



Open evening - 14 & 15 September - 5-7.30pm

Open mornings - 29 & 30 September - 9.15am-11.15am



COMMONWEAL

Open evening - 15 September - 6-8pm

Open mornings - 22 & 23 September.



Open evening - 14 & 15 September - 5-7.30pm

Open mornings - 6 & 7 October - 9am



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Open evening - 16 September 6-8pm



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CE ACADEMY

Open evening - 16 September & 14 October - 6-8pm

These dates are for reference only, please check the individual school websites for more information.



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Download to order meals, book breakfast club, pay for trips, order PE bags etc.

email - admin@haydonleighschool.co.uk