

Highnam C of E Primary Academy



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CHILDREN WITH CONFIDENCE

SEPTEMBER 2020

Dear Parents

Welcome back, I trust you had a good summer break. We are looking forward to a brand new academic year and we are so pleased to have the whole school back. The best place to keep up to date with school events is through the monthly newsletter which is sent via email each month and the school website: www.highnam.gloucs.sch.uk. There is also a school app which can be downloaded; information on how to do this is on the website and there is the school twitter account @HighnamAcademy.



Covid-19 Planning — Arriving and picking up your child

The first day for pupils is Wednesday 2nd September. Each class will have their own start and pick up times. The classrooms will be their own bubble and entry door will be the outside classroom fire doors (for the infants) and the normal doors for Year 3-6. The one-way system will continue around the school. School uniform will be required as from September.

	Year 1 & 3	Year 2 & 5	Year 4 & 6	Reception
Drop off - am	8:40-8:50am	8:50-9am	9-9:10am	8:55am
Pick up — pm	3pm	3:10pm	3:30pm	3:15pm

Staff will be in attendance at the drop off and pick up points to ensure that parents can deliver and collect children safely. If there are more people waiting to get in, please leave at least a metre between you. If you have children in more than one class, please use the earlier drop off and later pick up slot for both/all children. This term parents will not be allowed in school and any communications with the office need to be via email or phone.

The **no-cars policy on Wetherleigh Drive** which begun on the 1st June has been an important part of our safe pick up process. It enables those picking up to socially distance and ensure the safety of our pupils. Your help with this has been appreciated. We are aware that for some this won't be possible due to health concerns but please ensure no cars come past the final cul-de-sac before school and between 3-3:20pm.

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Measures taken at school:

The classrooms will hopefully not look too different to normal, however, children will still need to keep together in their own bubble. They will not be able to mix with other classes during the day; separate lunchtimes and playground spaces will be allocated, along with a one-way system in school. There will be no collective worships in the hall although we may have some outside if the weather is suitable.

If we are concerned about any child with possible Covid19 symptoms, we will be isolating the child with an adult wearing PPE, then asking the parents to collect. Parents will need to arrange for the child to be tested in line with government policy. The results of this test must then be shown to the school staff to allow re-entry to school.

Lunch times:

At lunch time, all pupils will have packed lunches. For those pupils on Free School Meals and in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, these will be provided if required. For all others, or those in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who choose to, please bring a packed lunch. There will be no hot lunches available at this time and we will review this again by October half term.

Education:

The 'Reconnection Curriculum' will be implemented this term which will focus on our provision around a Personal, Social, Health Education curriculum supporting all pupils. We also plan to identify gaps in children's education in an empathic manner so that we can use monies allocated by the government to support areas of need. It is important that the pupils are compliant to the appendix of the behaviour policy regarding Coronavirus and if they are not able to do this, parents will be asked to collect their child immediately. We have to make the safety of all children a priority during these times.

Extra Curricular Clubs

Sadly, there will be a very reduced provision of clubs. There will be the **AR club** in the morning for pupils in Years 3-6 and more information about clubs will be shared in the first week back.

Mrs Tirel will support the groups Mon-Weds and Miss Coldrick on a Thursday morning.

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Monday	Tuesday	Weds	Thurs

Response to any infection will require us to:

- engage with the NHS Test and Trace process
- manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community
- contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice

We will continue to use hand sanitiser on entry to school. Please ensure we have your most up to date telephone numbers and that you answer any calls received from school during the day.

Regular handwashing, respiratory hygiene, bubble classes, playground zones and extensive cleaning will be some of the key measures employed by the academy to prevent virus transmission. This will follow the updated risk assessments, put in place for the 1st September.

FAQs

Further information can be found on the Primary QuEST website.

<https://www.primaryquest.co.uk/coronavirus-trust-updates/faqs-1>

What happens if there is a confirmed case of COVID of a pupil in my child's school?

What happens if there is a confirmed case of COVID of a staff member in my child's school?

Thank You

On behalf of all the staff and myself please can I pass on our thanks for the lovely cards and generous gifts received at the end of last term. We were overwhelmed by your kindness.



PE Uniform

Please can I remind parents that pupils need a **plain white T-shirt, navy shorts** and daps/trainers for PE. These should be named in a bag and in school all week.

Contact details and Pick up List

Please ensure your contact details are up to date, please email the school office with any changes of address or phone numbers.

In Key Stage One (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) only the people named on the contact list will be authorised to collect your child at the end of the school day. On the odd occasion another adult is due to pick up your child and is not on your completed form please inform the school office or via Class Dojo. Please remember one adult drop off and pick ups to reduce the number of adults around the school.

Home School Values

The Home School Values are available for parents and carers to download from the Academy website under the Links tab. This term in Collective Worship we start by looking at 'Thankfulness' and the PDFs provide follow up activities and discussion points. We trust your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the values together. You can also access the resources via the hyperlinks below.

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Term 1 [THANKFULNESS](#)

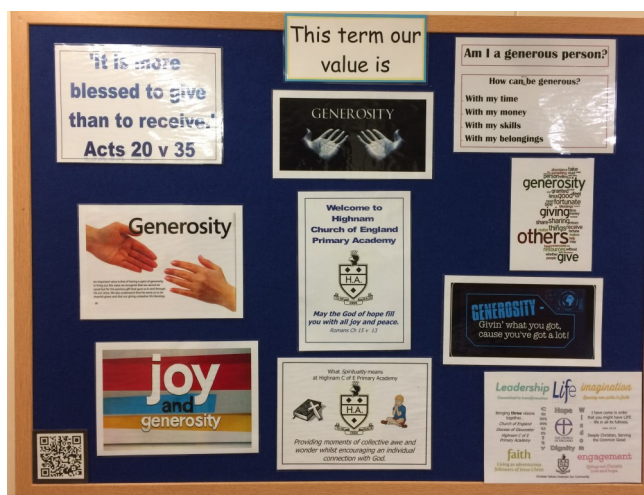
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Updates

Over the summer we have removed the drain section of the walkway along the far side of the school which often gets slippery and created an enclosed outside space for pupils in Year 2 to use. This will help the transition for pupils from Year 1 into Year 2 and enable more outside activities.



Calendar

A calendar for this academic term is available on the school website. The four remaining teacher training days, when the academy will be closed this year, are:

Thursday 22nd October

Monday 4th January

Monday 7th June

Friday 23rd July

And finally,

A warm welcome to our new parents. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your children this term. If you would like to contact school during this term please use:

admin@highnam.gloucs.sch.uk

Kind regards,

Stephen Dean, Headteacher