



Hawes Side Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

Following the government announcements, we are looking forward to welcoming your children back to the academy on Monday 8th March.

Please read the following information very carefully as there is a lot of information to take in about the measures we have put in place to protect you and your child's safety, as well as the health and safety of all our staff.

Protective measures in place to minimise spread of COVID-19

We have been working hard preparing for a wider opening, putting all the necessary steps into place including updating our risk assessment which is available to read on our website; the health and safety of all our school community is our top priority. We continually refer to the government's most recent guidance in order to implement and review our procedures and ensure safety is first. It is important that everyone plays their part in limiting the spread of this virus and, as such, we have reviewed and updated our Home School Agreement that outlines the steps we all need to take in readiness for a wider opening.

Any child attending an educational setting will have access to a test **if they display any of the COVID-19 symptoms**. The purpose of testing is to minimise disruption to the school provision and to get the child back to school as soon as possible, which will help prevent parents/carers from isolating longer than is necessary. **If your child tests positive, please notify the school as soon as possible so that we can follow procedures to protect other children and their families along with staff members in the academy.**

If your child is unwell, please do not send them into school but call the school office to let us know they will not be attending and share why. Please do not send your child to school if they have any of the COVID-19 symptoms and follow the government guidance about testing and isolation.

The academy will open on Monday 8th March as we did in September and with staggered start and finish times as below:

Arrival

Time slot 1 (8.40 – 8.50 a.m.) will be for pupils and their siblings.

Time slot 2 (8.50 – 9.00 a.m.) will be for non-siblings.

“Everyone Matters, Everyone Succeeds”

Departure

Time slot 1 (3.00 – 3.10 p.m.) will be for FS, Y1, Y2 pupils and their siblings.

Time slot 2 (3.10 – 3.20 p.m.) will be for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6.

Please arrive between your scheduled drop off times and try not to be late as this can cause increased mixing and contact. Social distancing must be adhered to, particularly between adults and we must insist that the one-way system is adhered to.

Due to the small entrance, please limit access to the office; staff are in place and ready to answer your calls and emails during academy hours. We are asking all parents to keep their access to the school premises brief so that we can minimise contact and mixing. We thank you for your support with this.

On entry to the building, the children will be asked to wash their hands. Internal classroom doors and windows will be opened regularly throughout the day to ensure that the building is well ventilated. The group 'bubbles' will also have their own zoned area outside to play and learn in; we will endeavour to use the outside space as much as possible so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

Whilst the children are in the academy, they will be using both the indoor and outdoor spaces. The children's health and wellbeing will be our main priority and so we will be giving them lots of opportunities to talk about their feelings and experiences, in addition to curriculum learning.

Lunch will continue to be taken in class and can be ordered through the school grid system (see our latest newsletter for more information).

We are aware that the children have been away from school for many weeks now and the procedures we have in place may be different from being at home. With this in mind, we ask that over the course of the week you begin to familiarise the children with the fact they will be expected to wash their hands regularly, use tissues to wipe their noses and keep their distance from others.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued engagement with our remote learning package, which we believe has been successful due to all the positive feedback we have received from families.

We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday the 8th March and making our school community complete once again.

Yours sincerely



Caroline Boothroyd
Principal