



Dear Parents and Carers

It has certainly been an interesting start to the new school year! I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your understanding whilst we follow what seems like forever changing guidance and advice. We appreciate the difficult situations many of you may find yourself in but are thankful you are working with us in our bid to reduce risk and break transmission chains for the Coronavirus.

The children have been a credit to you all and have settled back into school and the new routines so well. We are aware that they have returned to school with many different experiences and so we are working with them all to make their return a safe and happy one.

By now you should have received information about our parent meetings that we will be holding soon; this is an important part of our transition back into school and so we will work with you to find a time that is beneficial to all. If you have not seen our messages about this then please contact the school office; the staff there will be more than happy to help you.

Take care and be safe everyone

Mrs Boothroyd

Keeping Informed

The academy has its very own APP to keep you up to date with all of our latest information. It is really easy to find and download –see instructions below

Information about coronavirus symptoms and testing - Blackpool Schools

Thank you for ensuring that your child does not attend the academy if they are displaying COVID19 symptoms and for all your support and understanding in the cases where we have had to send pupils home to obtain a test or isolate since our return to the academy.

We never like to send children home from school however, all your support during this time is very much appreciated. We have recently received and shared further guidance from Blackpool Council and our director of Public Health as to the list of symptoms which, require testing and/or isolation.

The list of symptoms is the same as that published by the World Health Organisation and is wide in order to try and keep the transmission of the virus at a low level. The letter from the Local Authority and Director of Public Health, along with the list of symptoms, is below for you to read.

As you may be aware, the government has delegated power to local authorities and Public Health Blackpool to manage testing in their own local areas and to introduce measures and any restrictions relevant to their local context. Our local authority and Public Health Office is working hard to keep transmission rates low which is why we are operating a low threshold which encompasses a variety of symptoms which prompt testing and/or isolation. We appreciate this may seem frustrating as attendance in the academy is important in order for learning to take place however, we must follow the current advice and guidance in our area. We understand that both the local authority and Public Health Office will keep this under review and we will in turn keep you updated of any changes to the threshold and list of symptoms.

Coronavirus update

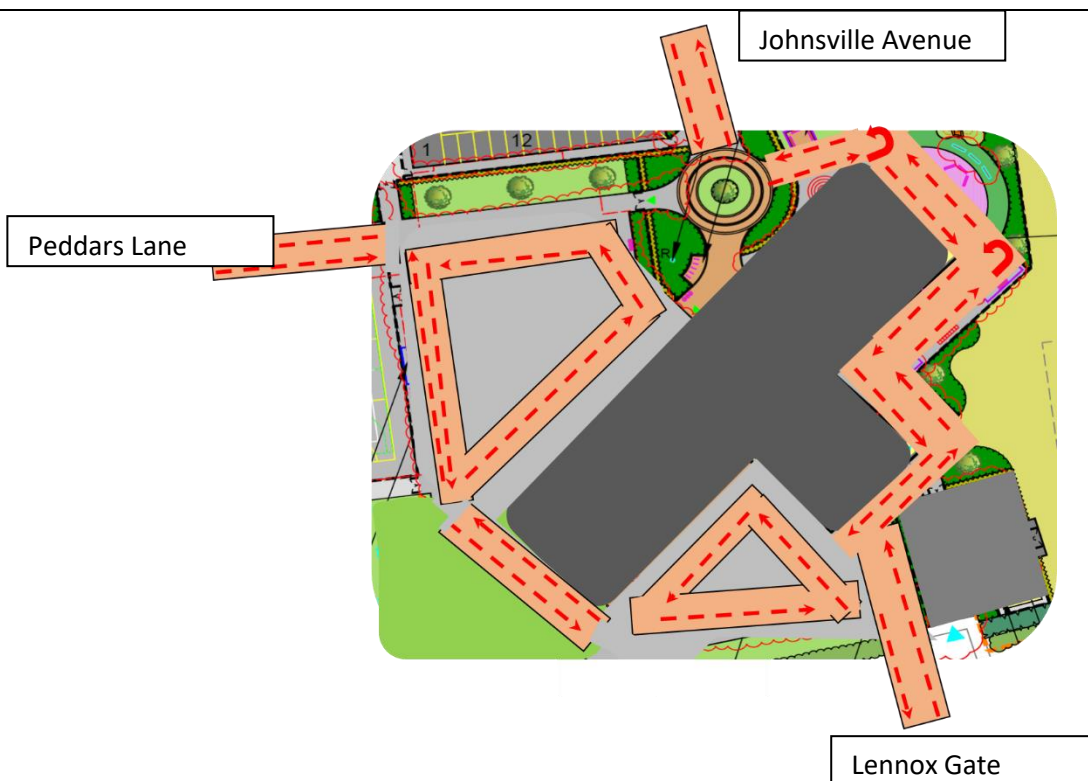
As you may be aware the government have this week announced restrictions to be implemented from Monday 14th September (see <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>)

This new guidance does not change academy operations at this time however, we do ask that you continue to observe our request to use the one way system, maintain your social distance and do not stand or wait in the grounds during drop off and pick up to reduce the possibility of virus transmission. Your support with this is very much appreciated and will help us all remain as safe as possible.



One Way System

As we welcome our new Foundation Stage pupils to the academy more fully we have revised our one-way system very slightly to include the routes. Please see below



PE Days

Please see the PE days below:

Class 1H Mrs Black - PE on a Wednesday and Friday

Class 1S Mr Minns - PE on a Monday and Friday

Class 1A Mrs Harrop - PE on Monday and Friday

Class 2H Miss Lee - PE on a Wednesday and Friday

Class 2S Miss Ward - PE on a Tuesday and Thursday

Class 2A Mrs Garratt - PE in Wednesday and Friday

Class 3H Mrs Movice - PE on a Tuesday and Thursday

Class 3S Mr Chanter - PE on a Monday and Friday

Class 3A Miss Hayden - PE on a Tuesday and Thursday

Class 4H Miss Heald - PE on a Wednesday and Friday

Class 4S Mr Dawson - PE on a Wednesday and Thursday

Class 4A Mr Smith - PE on an Monday and Friday

Class 5H Miss Cartwright - PE on a Thursday and Friday

Class 5S Miss Johnstone - PE on a Thursday and Friday

Class 5A Mrs Wiseman - PE on a Thursday and Friday

Class 6H Mrs Wright - PE on a Monday and Wednesday

Class 6S Mrs Randles - PE on a Tuesday and Wednesday

Class 6A Miss Lillie - PE on a Monday and Tuesday

Lunches – Whilst we would love to offer a more varied menu, we feel that at this stage we must continue with the packed-lunch provision that has been available since 2nd September. We will keep this under review and let you know if and when we can implement a new menu.

Hawes Side Academy Website – Do not forget to visit our website to see all of our latest news. Just click on www.hawes-side.co.uk/news

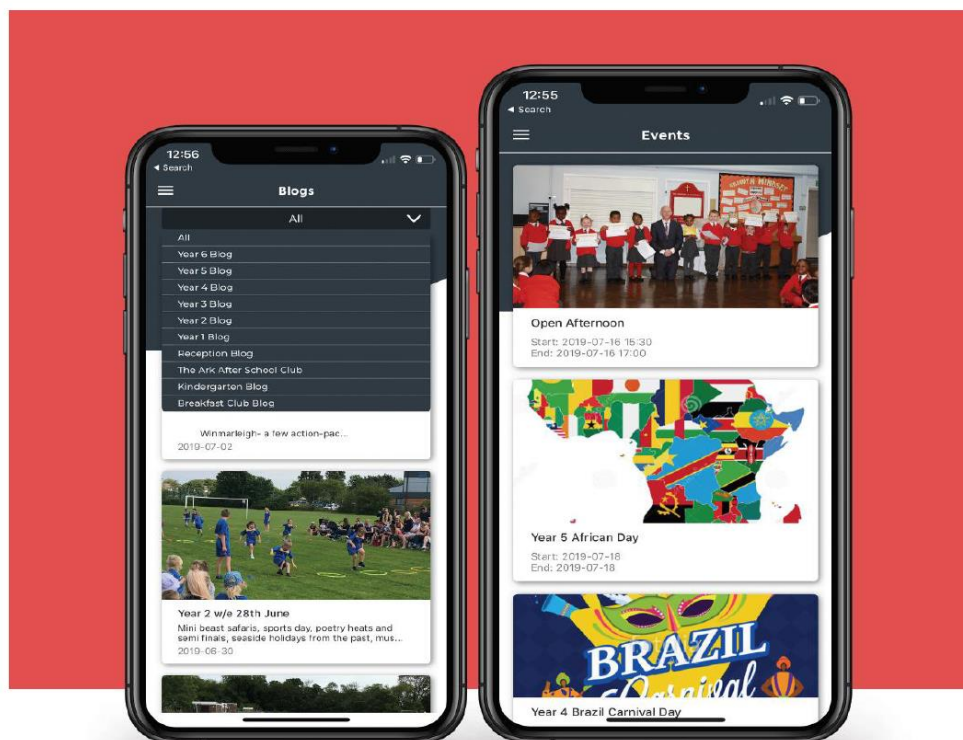
Hawes Side Academy – Term Dates – 2020/2021 – We would like to draw your attention to the INSET day on Friday 2nd October which was published on the newsletters last year. School will be closed to children on this day to support staff training.

Hawes Side Academy

Term Dates – 2020/2021

	School Closes	School Opens (8.50 am)
Autumn Terms 2020 starts		Wednesday 2 September 2020
Inset Day	Thursday 1 October 2020	Monday 5 October 2020
Autumn Half Term 2020	Friday 23 October 2020 <i>(Foundation, Yrs 1 & 2 @ 3.15 pm)</i> <i>(Yrs 3, 4, 5, & 6 @ 3.20 pm)</i>	Monday 2 November 2020
Christmas 2020	Thursday 17 December 2020 <i>(Whole school @ 2.00 pm)</i>	Monday 4 January 2021
Spring Half Term 2021	Friday 12 February 2021 <i>(Foundation, Yrs 1 & 2 @ 3.15pm)</i> <i>(Yrs 3, 4, 5, & 6 @ 3.20 pm)</i>	Monday 22 February 2021
Easter Break 2021	Friday 26 March 2021 <i>(Whole school @ 2.00 pm)</i>	Wednesday 7 April 2021
May Day 2021	Friday 30 April 2021 <i>(Foundation, Yrs 1 & 2 @ 3.15 pm)</i> <i>(Yrs 3, 4, 5, & 6 @ 3.20 pm)</i>	Tuesday 4 May 2021
Summer Half Term 2021	Friday 21 May 2021 <i>(Foundation, Yrs 1 & 2 @ 3.15 pm)</i> <i>(Yrs 3, 4, 5, & 6 @ 3.20 pm)</i>	Monday 7 June 2021
Summer 2021	Tuesday 20 July 2021 <i>(Whole school @ 2.00 pm)</i>	

Introducing our new App...



Here at Hawes Side Academy we now have our very own App! This can be downloaded on both apple and android devices and is a great way to keep up to date with everything going on at school.

Through the app you can access the school calendar, latest news and announcements, which will come to your device as notifications. All of which we hope will help to support communication with our school community and keep everyone up to date!

The App is free to download and easy to use. Simply search for 'Hawes Side Academy' in the App Store or Play Store and download to get started. That's it you are ready to go!

We hope you find the new app useful.



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Dear Colleagues

I write to reiterate the advice of our Public Health Director in relation to symptomatic children and school attendance.

As you are aware we are proposing a low threshold, learning from the successful approach we have taken as a local authority in our care homes.

I appreciate that this advice broadens the scope and need for testing. The current issues in testing and laboratory capacity are exacerbating the situation. The testing and laboratory capacity has been raised as a critical issue and plans are underway to address and improve swift access, which will support school attendance.

Our Public Health Director's advice, which I support, is that we follow the World Health Organisations list of symptoms to support keeping transmission low and keep our children, young people and staff team's as safe as we possibly can (symptoms referenced below).

I appreciate that this is a challenging time for all schools and our community, but our approach I feel is the most appropriate to take.

Yours sincerely



Diane Booth
Director of Children's Services



Dr Arif Rajpura
Director of Public Health

WHO list of symptoms

Most common symptoms:

- fever

- dry cough
- tiredness

Less common symptoms:

- aches and pains
- sore throat
- diarrhoea
- conjunctivitis
- headache
- loss of taste or smell
- a rash on skin, or discolouration of fingers or toes

Serious symptoms:

- difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- chest pain or pressure
- loss of speech or movement



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