



Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another lovely week as we settle more into school routines and it has been great to see the children outside enjoying PE and physical activity. We are excited that our Foundation Stage children will be with us full time as from next week; we have been so impressed with how well they have settled into their new environment and started to make new friendships.

Teachers report that the parent/carer consultations taking place are extremely valuable and it is helping them to gain a greater understanding of the children and further develop their relationships with them. If you do not have an appointment arranged the teachers will be contacting you over the coming weeks as it is so important that you get the chance to talk together.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

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.

## SCHOOL ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2021

### PRIMARY APPLICATIONS

If your child was born between **1st September 2016** and **31st August 2017**, you must apply for a Primary School Reception place for September 2021. **(Applications are required for all children with a 4th birthday between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021).**

### SECONDARY APPLICATIONS

If your child is in the final year of primary education (Year 6), you must apply for a Secondary School Year 7 place for September 2021. **(Applications are required for all children who are in their final year at a primary school).**

If you live in Blackpool (pay council tax to Blackpool) –

**APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE ON-LINE AT:**  
**[www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions)**

Before you complete and submit your application you are advised to read Blackpool Council's guide for parents at: [www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

The on-line system offers a quick and secure means of applying for places.

Paper applications and information booklets are available from [schoolaccess@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:schoolaccess@blackpool.gov.uk) or telephone **01253476637**.

### CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

**PRIMARY APPLICATIONS – BY 15TH JANUARY 2021**

**SECONDARY APPLICATIONS – BY 31ST OCTOBER 2020**

Applications received after the closing dates will be processed after all those which are received on time. If you apply late this may reduce your chances of an offer for one of your preferred schools.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!**

*If you pay your council tax to Wyre or Fylde then you will need to access Lancashire's on-line application system at [www.lancashire.gov.uk](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk). You can still express preferences for Blackpool schools on Lancashire's application system.*

[www.blackpool.gov.uk](http://www.blackpool.gov.uk)

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### Hawes Side Academy – Term Dates – 2020/2021

As stated on previous newsletters please note that we have an INSET day on 2nd October for Staff Training and to complete our Parental Consultations.

	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 (Foundation, Yrs 1 & 2 @ 3.15 pm) (Yrs 3, 4, 5, & 6 @ 3.20 pm)	Monday 2 November 2020
Christmas 2020	Thursday 17 December 2020 (Whole school @ 2.00 pm)	Monday 4 January 2021
Spring Half Term 2021	Friday 12 February 2021 (Foundation, Yrs 1 & 2 @ 3.15pm) (Yrs 3, 4, 5, & 6 @ 3.20 pm)	Monday 22 February 2021
Easter Break 2021	Friday 26 March 2021 (Whole school @ 2.00 pm)	Wednesday 7 April 2021
May Day 2021	Friday 30 April 2021 (Foundation, Yrs 1 & 2 @ 3.15 pm) (Yrs 3, 4, 5, & 6 @ 3.20 pm)	Tuesday 4 May 2021
Summer Half Term 2021	Friday 21 May 2021 (Foundation, Yrs 1 & 2 @ 3.15 pm) (Yrs 3, 4, 5, & 6 @ 3.20 pm)	Monday 7 June 2021
Summer 2021	Tuesday 20 July 2021 (Whole school @ 2.00 pm)	

#### **A Plea For Safer Parking**

Keep us all safe, please park safely!

Please do park sensibly and safely when dropping off or collecting your children from school.

Please do not park on the double yellow lines that are around all of our school entrances.

We have concerns, our families have raised concerns and our neighbours have expressed concerns that a small number of people are not parking safely.

If you can, please park away from school and walk in, this helps us to social distance and keeps us safe from coronavirus and also keeps the area around school traffic free and safer for your children.

Thank you for considering everyone and parking safely.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.hawes-side.co.uk/news)

### **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**

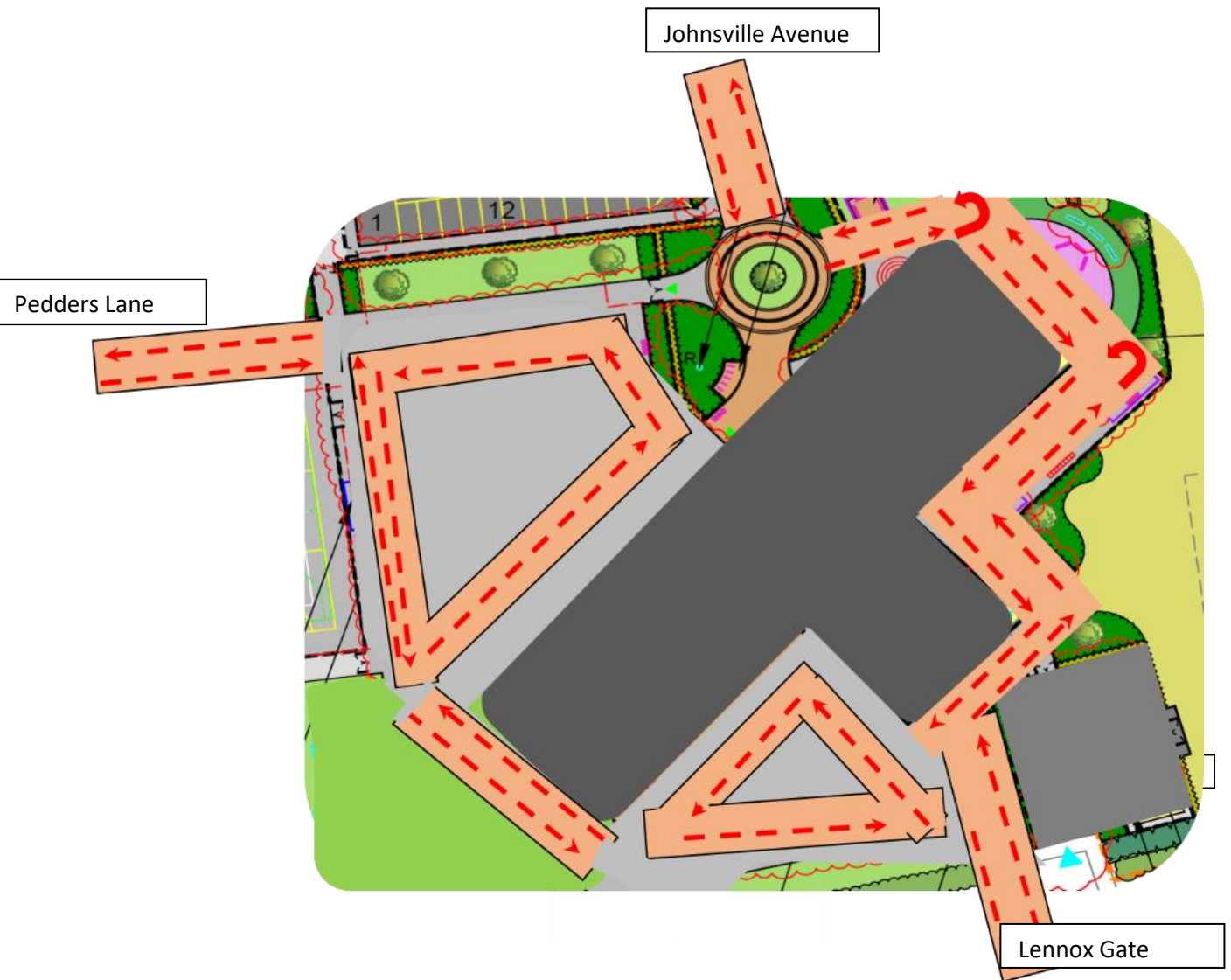
As you may be aware the government have this week announced restrictions to be implemented from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September (see <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>)

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.

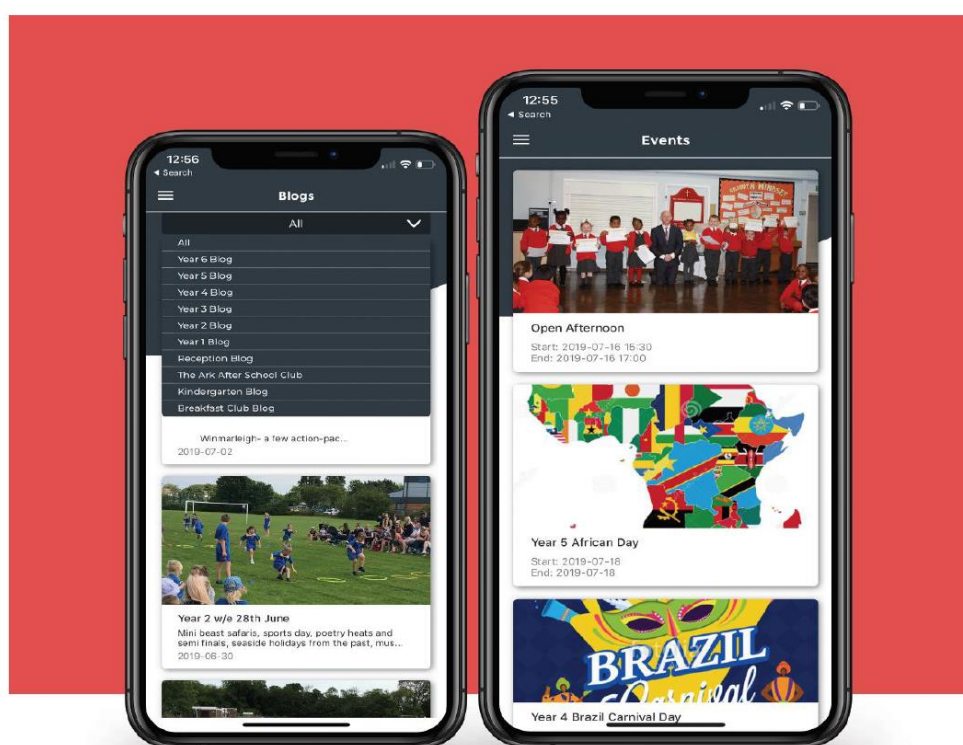


### One Way System

Please continue to use the one way system at the start abd end of the day. We please ask in order to keep everyone safe that we keep moving and observe social distancing at all times. Thank you.



# 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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