



# Hawes Side Academy

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Newsletter No. 14

12th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a wonderful week back in the academy, it is amazing how spirits can be lifted by just being back together again.

The children are a credit to you all, they have shown great resilience and settled so well back into school routines. It has been a pleasure listening to them chatting to friends and staff, smiling, laughing and talking enthusiastically about their learning.

Thank you for all your support on our return to school, we appreciate you following the guidance we have set out using the one-way systems and staggered start and finish times. We are doing our best as a community, both inside and outside the school building, to minimise contact and mixing in a bid to prevent transmission of the virus - together we can keep our community as safe as we possibly can!

If you would like to refresh your understanding of arrangements regarding arrival to and departure from school, please click on the following link: <https://www.hawes-side.co.uk/september-2020>. This information can also be found near to the end of this newsletter.

Guidance for returning to school can be accessed by following this link: <https://www.hawes-side.co.uk/our-parents/coronavirus>. Again, this information can be found near to the end of this newsletter.

I have also included in this newsletter a copy of a letter we have received for Parents and Carers from the Assistant Director of Children's Services (School Improvement & Special Educational Needs).

Take care and be safe everyone and I will see you on Monday,

Mrs Boothroyd

*Relationships*

*Respect*

*Resilience*

*Reflection*

*Responsibility*



**Out of School Clubs** - We are pleased to announce that as from 8<sup>th</sup> March, Out of School Clubs resume as follows:

Breakfast Club - 8.00 - 8.50 a.m. (£2)  
After School Club - 3.20 - 4.30 p.m. (£3.50)

Although, at this moment in time, we cannot accommodate an earlier opening or a later closing time we hope to review the situation after Easter to see if we can extend. In the meantime, the clubs will continue to run in Year group bubbles. We will confirm places by 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021. If you have not already completed the link provided by text to enquire about a place, please contact us by email ([admin@hawes-side.co.uk](mailto:admin@hawes-side.co.uk)) and we will try our best to accommodate where we can.

Once again, we thank you for your patience and understanding.

**PE Days**— Please see the PE days below:

<u>Year 1</u>	Class 1H Mrs Black - Wednesday and Friday Class 1S Mr Minns - Monday and Friday Class 1A Mrs Harrop - Monday and Friday
<u>Year 2</u>	Class 2H Miss Lee - Wednesday and Friday Class 2S Miss Ward - Tuesday and Thursday Class 2A Mrs Garratt - Wednesday and Friday
<u>Year 3</u>	Class 3H Mrs Merville - Tuesday and Thursday Class 3S Mr Chanter - Monday and Friday Class 3A Miss Hayden - Tuesday and Thursday
<u>Year 4</u>	Class 4H Miss Heald - Wednesday and Friday Class 4S Mr Dawson - Wednesday and Thursday Class 4A Mr Smith - Monday and Thursday (no PE on Monday 8th March 2021)
<u>Year 5</u>	Class 5H Miss Cartwright - Wednesday and Friday Class 5S Miss Johnstone - Wednesday and Friday Class 5A Mrs Wiseman - Wednesday and Friday
<u>Year 6</u>	Class 6H Mrs Wright - Monday and Wednesday Class 6S Mrs Randles - Tuesday and Wednesday Class 6A Miss Lillie - Monday and Tuesday



**School Meals** - Please remember, if **your child has a school meal you will need to use this system to order their lunch** and, if you pay for meals, set up your preferred payment method. If you are having problems logging in, please do get in touch with us so that we can help.

Go to <https://www.live-kitchen.co.uk/> to login.

The system is easy to use and once you are in you can order meals in advance to the end of the term.

**Late Arrivals** - Please note if your child arrives after 9:15am and usually has a school dinner but you haven't ordered it on-line, then unfortunately with our new system a lunch cannot be ordered, therefore, you will need to supply them with a packed lunch.

**Hawes Side Academy App** - If you haven't already done so, we would like to recommend that all parents and carers download our Hawes Side Academy 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!

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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 @ 3.00 pm) (Yrs 3, 4, 5, & 6 @ 3.10 pm)	Monday 2 November 2020
Christmas 2020	Thursday 17 December 2020 (Foundation, Yrs 1 & 2 @ 3.00 pm) (Yrs 3, 4, 5, & 6 @ 3.10 pm)	Monday 4 January 2021
Spring Half Term 2021	Friday 12 February 2021 (Foundation, Yrs 1 & 2 @ 3.00pm) (Yrs 3, 4, 5, & 6 @ 3.10 pm)	Monday 22 February 2021
Easter Break 2021	Friday 26 March 2021 (Foundation, Yrs 1 & 2 @ 3.00 pm) (Yrs 3, 4, 5, & 6 @ 3.10 pm)	Wednesday 7 April 2021
May Day 2021	Friday 30 April 2021 (Foundation, Yrs 1 & 2 @ 3.00 pm) (Yrs 3, 4, 5, & 6 @ 3.10 pm)	Tuesday 4 May 2021
Summer Half Term 2021	Friday 21 May 2021 (Foundation, Yrs 1 & 2 @ 3.00 pm) (Yrs 3, 4, 5, & 6 @ 3.10 pm)	Monday 7 June 2021
Summer 2021	Tuesday 20 July 2021 (Foundation, Yrs 1 & 2 @ 3.00 pm) (Yrs 3, 4, 5, & 6 @ 3.10 pm)	

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Easter Break 2022	Friday 1 April 2022	Tuesday 19 April 2022
May Day 2022 (Monday 2 May 2022)	Friday 29 April 2022	Tuesday 3 May 2022
Summer Half Term 2022	Friday 27 May 2022	Tuesday 7 June 2022
Summer 2022	Thursday 21 July 2022	

**Arrival to and departure from school** - Only one parent/carer is asked to accompany/collect pupils to/from school and parents/carers are asked not to loiter on the school grounds. In/out access points and a one way system (see map below) will be employed to support a steady flow of traffic. When on school grounds we ask that you follow social distancing guidelines. The systems for drop off and collection are in place to limit mixing and spread of the virus, we ask parents/carers to please drop off and collect children on time. All arrangements will be reviewed regularly and may be altered according to need and latest guidance. Staff will be supporting you in the safe and smooth arrival and collection of pupils.

**Arrival** - We will welcome pupils into the academy in 2 time slots.

- **Time slot 1 (8.40 – 8.50 a.m.) will be for pupils and their siblings** (this also includes a families working as a support bubble)
- **Time slot 2 (8.50 – 9.00 a.m.) will be for children without siblings at Hawes Side Academy.**

In order to maximise the use of all gates we ask parents to use the gate nearest their pupil entrance point (see map) wherever possible i.e.

- **Foundation Stage: Johnsville Avenue**
- **Year 2 and Year 3: Lennox Gate**
- **Year 1 and Year 4: Johnsville Avenue**
- **Year 5 and Year 6: Pedders Lane**

**Time slot 1 (8.40-8.50am) - Siblings. (Arrival)**

Parents/carers of all pupils who have siblings will enter the playground using their favoured gate and drop off their children at their allocated entrance points using the one-way system (see map below)

**Time slot 2 (8.50-9.00am) - Non-Siblings. (Arrival)**

Parents/carers of all pupils who do not have siblings at Hawes Side Academy will enter the playground using their favoured gate and drop off their child at their allocated entrance point using the one-way system (see map below)

**Departing** - We will dismiss pupils from the academy in 2 time slots.

- **Time slot 1 (3.00 – 3.10 p.m.)** will be for FS, Y1, Y2 pupils and their siblings from across the school
- **Time slot 2 (3.10 – 3.20 p.m.)** will be for remaining pupils in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6.

**Time slot 1 (3.00 – 3.10pm) - FS, Y1 and Y2 pupils and their siblings.**

Parents/carers of FS, Y1 and Y2 pupils and their siblings will enter the playground using their favoured gate and pick up pupils at their entrance point using the one-way system (see map below).

**Time slot 2 (3.10 – 3.20pm) - Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6**

Parents of Y3-Y6 pupils will enter the playground using their favoured gate and pick up pupils at their entrance point using the one-way system (see map overleaf)

**One-Way-System** - We would appreciate your continued co-operation in following our one-way-system. Please see diagram below.



**Guidance for returning to school** - Following the recent Government announcements please read the information below:

**Frequently asked questions:**

**1. Return to school 8th March 2021**

Hawes Side Academy will reopen as normal on Monday 8th March. As always, we will ensure our ways of working follow the government guidance to support safe working. The systems we have in place for arrival and departure remain and we ask that you continue to support as you have been doing by following the one-way system and maintaining your distance from others. Please can we ask that only one adult accompany children to school to reduce the number of people on site at the designated time. We also ask that adults do not stay on site any longer than you need to.

**2. Systems to stay safe**

We will continue to operate our enhanced regimes to support safety.

Use of Masks - There is no requirement for children or adults to wear masks in school. However, we will be asking that, in line with latest guidance and our Risk Assessment, some staff do so due to the work they are undertaking. Whilst not compulsory for children we will support parental decisions in relation to this.

Social distancing - We will continue to operate in bubbles maintaining as much distance as is possible and limiting the use of shared items. Lunch will continue to be taken in class.

Cleanliness - We will continue our enhanced cleaning regimes and are well stocked with soap and sanitiser to ensure pupils can continue to keep their hands clean.



## **Guidance for returning to school** - Continued

**Respiratory Hygiene** - Children will continue to be encouraged to follow the catch it, bin it, kill it approach

**Uniform** - please continue to send your children in full uniform with extra layers to keep warm where windows are kept open. We also ask that pupils do not bring in large bags and additional items that are not necessary in school.

**Ventilation** - rooms will be well ventilated throughout the day.

### **3. Mass Testing**

At this stage we have not been advised that we will be expected to carry out mass testing in our school. We will of course keep you informed should this requirement change.

### **4. Isolation and testing**

Whilst we are in national lockdown it is more important than ever that the guidance with regard to isolation and testing is followed.

Please can you ensure that:

- If your child displays symptoms they remain at home until a test has been carried out. Please keep us informed if a test result is positive so that we can act quickly.
- If your child has been in contact with someone who has symptoms or who has tested positive they must stay at home and self-isolate.
- Government guidance is followed in relation to travel abroad.

We will continue to be vigilant in school in letting you know of the onset of any symptoms during the school day.

### **5. Bubble closure/online learning**

Many of you may be worried about the prospect of school closure and the impact upon learning. Whilst it is not expected that we will close fully the probability of bubble closures remains high. In either case, please be reassured that we have undertaken a lot of work to develop our remote learning offer, which has been very well received by families who have already experienced bubble closure.

### **6. Out of School Clubs**

The current guidance allows us to continue running our out of school clubs (Breakfast and After School Club). As such, the offer will remain the same as in the Autumn Term.

Thank you for helping us keep our community safe, we look forward to seeing you on the 8th March 2021.

As an academy we are continuing to monitor the advice provided by the Government regarding Coronavirus on a daily basis and are implementing action as required e.g. enhanced cleaning regimes, opportunities for hand washing, access to sanitiser etc.

Some academy policies have been added to in light of the Coronavirus outbreak, these can be found, along with our current Risk Assessment and links to the latest guidance, on our website under the headings

Our current Risk Assessment is available [here](#).

Links to the latest guidance can be found [here](#).

Please read our latest home school agreement [here](#)

**Letter received from the Assistant Director of Children's Services (School Improvement & Special Educational Needs)**

Dear Parents/Carers

I'm sure most of you will have seen or heard about the government announcement for schools to fully reopen on the 8th March. Whilst I'm sure this is welcomed news for some there will be some of you who are anxious about your child returning to school.

The past 12 months have been tough for all of us, the demands of this pandemic have also brought out the very best in a great many people and I'm particularly in awe of the way you as parents, carers and guardians of children have risen to the unique challenges with which you have been faced.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers and support staff in our schools for their engaging and supportive teaching. They really have gone over and above every day to ensure children receive the best education they can.

I want to reassure you about the measures the Local Authority and Schools have taken to ensure your children can be safe. Schools are reviewing their covid Risk Assessments and ensuring, as much as possible, that pupils can remain in their bubbles. Staff in all our primary schools are being tested twice a week and they will continue to follow public health advice.

It is vital your child attends school to minimise, as far as possible, the longer-term impact of the pandemic on their education, wellbeing and wider development. The usual rules on school attendance will apply from the 8th March including:

- Parents' duty to secure their child's regular attendance at school (where the child is a registered pupil at school, and they are of compulsory school age)
- The ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct

Pupils who are self-isolating because they are following public health advice should not attend school. Those pupils who are clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) are also currently advised not to attend whilst shielding remains in place. Any pupils or students not attending their setting should receive remote education.

Thank you for taking the time to read the letter and if you require any further help or advice about your child's return please contact their school directly.

Paul Turner

Assistant Director of Children's Services (School Improvement & Special Educational Needs)



## Blackpool SEND Service Newsletter



Supporting children, young people, families and schools with young people within the area of Special Educational Needs.

Spring Term  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021



If you would like any advice or support with any aspect of your child's learning, please contact your child's teacher. Your child's school is always there to help. Further information can be found on the Blackpool SEND Local Offer page on Facebook.

<https://www.fyidirectory.co.uk/kb5/blackpool/directory/localoffer.page?directorychannel=2&district=blackpool>

### Useful Websites

<https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Residents/Health-and-social-care/HeadStart-Blackpool/HeadStart-Blackpool.aspx>  
<https://blackpoolbetterstart.org.uk/>

### Blackpool SENDIASS (@BpoolSendiass)

Do you have a child, young person with SEN (Special Educational Needs), or do you feel that your child/young person is struggling with their education? Do you have questions about how your child should be supported in nursery, school or college? If so, why not come along to one of our informal SENDIASS virtual Skype tea and talk information sessions to see how we can help?

Just contact us via email at [sendiass@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:sendiass@blackpool.gov.uk) to let us know which date you would like to come along and we will send you an invitation, it could not be easier! Session numbers are limited so register early to secure your preferred date. We look forward to seeing and chatting with you!

Session dates are listed below, times for each are 10.30am to 11.30am

- Tuesday 12 January 2021
- Tuesday 9 February 2021
- Tuesday 9 March 2021
- Tuesday 13 April 2021
- Tuesday 11 May 2021
- Tuesday 8 June 2021
- Tuesday 13 July 2021



### Webinars for parents

Webinars for parents of SEND children and young people who have extreme or violent behavioural challenges. Scheduled webinar topics and dates. Presented by Yvonne Newbold of Newbold Hope. If you would like more information about the webinars, please click on this link

<https://yvonnewbold.com/webinars-workshops-courses-and-books/>



### Useful learning websites

[Home - BBC Bitesize](#) – BBC are running daily lessons and offering daily programmes, they have a great parents section full of helpful tips and ideas.  
[Primary Games, Videos and Audiobooks - Twinkl Go](#) are offering free access during lockdown.

[Oak National Academy Online Classroom \(thenational.academy\)](https://www.thenational.academy/) – Here you can find Nearly 10,000 free video lessons, resources and activities, covering most subjects, from Reception to Year 11

For virtual resources to help children and young people understand maths - cubes, tens frames, number lines, bead strings, and many more!

<https://www.didax.com/math/virtual-manipulatives.html>

### Adult and Family Learning

The Adult and Family Learning Team are hosting an online Pirate Adventure, join them on either Saturday 30 January 10.30-12 or

Wednesday 10 February 3.00-4.30

Families will have lots of fun joining in with their pirate themed activities, games, stories and songs. They will send you everything you need for the workshop.

Families can sign up to the workshop by completing the form at <http://bit.ly/FLPirateAdventure>



### Big Schools' Birdwatch

As well as taking the learning into nature with Big Schools' Birdwatch, you can also connect with the natural world at home in the Big Garden Birdwatch. Anyone can take part in their garden or local green space and it will run from 29 – 31 January 2021.

For more information, visit our Big Garden Birdwatch page. <https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-teachers/schools-birdwatch>



### Social, Emotional and Mental Health

ELSA Support are offering free resources to support your child's social and emotional learning. [Free Resources Archives - ELSA Support \(elsa-support.co.uk\)](https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/)

Resources aimed at autistic pupils, but could be used with others to support change, particularly around COVID 19. <https://managing-change.middletonautism.com/>

For a selection of games to play to build children's social and emotional awareness.

<https://www.understood.org/en/school-learning/learning-at-home/games/skillbuilders/social-emotional-activities-for-children>