



Hawes Side Academy

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Newsletter No. 15

19th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a lovely day celebrating Red Nose Day, the children have certainly succeeded in their mission to make us smile. Thank you for all your time and effort in helping create the wonderful hairstyles we have seen today along with some outrageous outfits. I have shared some photographs that will no doubt bring a smile to your face too! I would also like to thank you for any donations made to this worthy cause.

Just a reminder that the academy closes for Easter next Friday 26th March at 3.00/3.10pm. As always when we break up for Easter, the children can come in non-uniform on that day. The academy will re-open for the children on Wednesday 7th April.

Have a restful weekend everyone and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Take care

Mrs Boothroyd

Relationships

Respect

Resilience

Reflection

Responsibility



School Meals - Please remember, if **your child has a school meal you will need to use the School Grid 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.



For access to the School Grid system please go to login.



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

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. In this case, you will need to supply your child with a packed lunch.

Year 1 - **NHS** **Vision screening**

Vision screening is an integral part of the universal delivery of the national Healthy Child Programme, and meets the criteria laid down by the National Screening Committee, which recommends that all children should be screened for visual impairment between four and five years of age.

Visual acuity, eye alignment and binocular vision continually develop from birth up to the age of seven. This is why it is important to test, detect early and begin any treatment of defects that may occur. The test also reduces the risk of defects developing into visual impairments if left untreated.

Children in Year 1 been invited to take part in this programme at school. The test will be carried out by staff from Blackpool Teaching Hospitals Orthoptic Department during normal school hours. This is a non-invasive test that should take no longer than a few minutes. To be able to screen the orthoptist will need to access the name, date of birth and contact details of your child from the school. This will enable us to send a letter to you, usually within two weeks of the initial visit, to inform you of your child's results. Please be aware that this information will only be used by the vision screening service and any sharing is done under appropriate legal gateways.

If you **DO NOT** want your child to take part, please ask your child's class teacher for a form which needs to be completed and returned to school before Tuesday 13th April. If you are happy for your child to be tested you do not need to do anything.

Foundation Stage and Year 6 - Heights and Weights - Parents of our Foundation Stage and Year 6 children received a letter regarding our school nurses coming into school to carry out heights and weights of our Foundation Stage and Year 6 children. I would like to confirm that they will be in school to carry this out on Monday 19th April 2021.

LETS LOCALISE: We are delighted to announce a new school partnership with an exciting new social initiative, LetsLocalise. This platform will build a community of committed business and individual supporters, including parents, to aid fundraising activities, and offer expert time and assistance to enhance every pupil's opportunity at school.

Why LetsLocalise?

LetsLocalise provides a solution to the challenge of financial cuts in schools. The platform builds and fosters long-term, meaningful partnerships between members of the community and their local schools. Schools can share details of upcoming events, fundraising drives and requests for volunteers or work experience placements. That way, individuals and companies can see how and where they can offer their help, time and money in ways that are productive, meaningful and enjoyable. This application is FREE for schools and their parent groups. You can find out more about LetsLocalise at www.letslocalise.co.uk.

We would like to ask you to:

- 1) Sign up with LetsLocalise and follow our school (www.letslocalise.co.uk/school/hawes-side-academy/sch121400/campaigns/).
- 2) Did you attend our school yourself? Please identify yourself as an alumnus in the profile.
- 3) Look out for our fun online events and join in.
- 4) Offer support in ways that are convenient for you.
- 5) Share this platform with friends and family. This is a great way for grandparents and others to feel connected, and to be able to support your children in their education.
- 6) Share with local businesses and also your employers. Businesses have budgets to support local communities that is often not utilised. Let's work together and show them how they can benefit our school, our children and their future.

We will post all events on our LetsLocalise page, along with requests for help which our budget will not cater for, therefore adding value to students' education and social benefits to the wider community. We may potentially ask for funds, for resources or for volunteers.

The support of our parent community is invaluable to us, and we would like to thank you in advance for taking time to join, and we look forward to seeing you there, and at one of our future events.... watch this space for more information!

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Term Dates - 2020/2021

	School Closes	School Opens
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 & Siblings @ 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 & Siblings @ 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 & Siblings @ 3.00 pm) (Yrs 3, 4, 5, & 6 @ 3.10 pm)	Monday 22 February 2021
Easter Break 2021	Friday 26 March 2021 (Foundation, Yrs 1,2 & Siblings @ 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 & Siblings @ 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 & Siblings @ 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 & Siblings @ 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](#)



Blackpool SEND Service Newsletter

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

Spring Term
Tuesday 12th 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 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://yvonnenebold.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) – 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>