



# Hawes Side Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

We eagerly await further government guidance over the coming weeks to see if their roadmap out of lock down is on track. Usually during this term, we enjoy sharing all the things we have planned such as sports days and events to celebrate our wonderful Year 6 and their time with us. We have not forgotten these things but are planning how they may go ahead depending upon circumstances; as soon as we can we will share these details with you.

In the meantime, enjoy the bank holiday weekend. Let's hope the sun keeps shining and I look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday.

Take care

Mrs Boothroyd

*Relationships*

*Respect*

*Resilience*

*Reflection*

*Responsibility*

**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!

**Message from Blackpool FC Community Trust** - Please find a link for the Blackpool Beach Patrol Water Safety Education Video. After recent tragedies in and around local shores, this is a fantastic tool to share with the local children of Blackpool. [RLSS WATER SAFETY VIDEO - YouTube](#)

**LETSLOCALISE:** 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](http://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/](http://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!

### Hawes Side Academy

### Term Dates – 2020/2021

	<b>School Closes</b> <i>Foundation Stage, Yrs 1,2 &amp; Siblings @ 3.00 pm and Yrs 3, 4, 5, &amp; 6 @ 3.10 pm</i>	<b>School Opens</b> <i>8.40-8.50am – Siblings and 8.50-9.00am – Rest of School</i>
<b>Autumn Terms 2020 starts</b>		<b>Wednesday 2 September 2020</b>
<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Thursday 1 October 2020</b>	<b>Monday 5 October 2020</b>
<b>Autumn Half Term 2020</b>	<b>Friday 23 October 2020</b>	<b>Monday 2 November 2020</b>
<b>Christmas 2020</b>	<b>Thursday 17 December 2020</b>	<b>Monday 4 January 2021</b>
<b>Spring Half Term 2021</b>	<b>Friday 12 February 2021</b>	<b>Monday 22 February 2021</b>
<b>Easter Break 2021</b>	<b>Friday 26 March 2021</b>	<b>Wednesday 7 April 2021</b>
<b>May Day 2021 (Monday 3 May)</b>	<b>Friday 30 April 2021</b>	<b>Tuesday 4 May 2021</b>
<b>Summer Half Term 2021</b>	<b>Friday 21 May 2021</b>	<b>Monday 7 June 2021</b>
<b>Summer 2021</b>	<b>Tuesday 20 July 2021</b>	

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Autumn Terms 2021 starts			Thursday	2 September 2021
Inset Day (Friday 1 October)	Thursday	30 September 2021	Monday	4 October 2021
Autumn Half Term 2021	Friday	22 October 2021	Monday	1 November 2021
Christmas 2021	Friday	17 December 2021	Wednesday	5 January 2022
Spring Half Term 2022	Friday	11 February 2022	Monday	21 February 2022
Easter Break 2022	Friday	1 April 2022	Tuesday	19 April 2022
May Day 2022 (Monday 2 May)	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		



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**Blackpool Council's Local Offer**

Giving children and young people and families with special educational needs or disabilities information and support services within their local area.

## **Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Blackpool**

### **Quarterly Newsletter 4 – April 2021**

#### **Parents Forum:**

The Parents Forum are working hard to create a core following of active parents who engage with their own group, with the Local Offer Consultation Group and co-production work with Blackpool Council. As you may already be aware, Blackpool Council take great pride in working with and listening to parents. If you wish to become more involved in The Parents Forum – please email [blackpoolparentforum@outlook.com](mailto:blackpoolparentforum@outlook.com)

#### **Short Breaks update:**

As many of you know, the Short Breaks Package that is offered by Blackpool Council, underwent a significant review last year. Thanks to your feedback and involvement, the following information summarises our revised short breaks package below:

#### **Holiday and weekend clubs for children and young people with complex needs**

PIP have been awarded the contract to deliver this provision. They will be delivering holiday club provision to children and young people aged between 4 and 18 throughout all school holidays (summer, October, Christmas, February, Easter and May). Access to this provision will only be possible via a referral from a social worker and the child must meet one or more of the following criteria:

A severe or profound learning disability

A severe physical disability.

A substantial degree of visual impairment/moderate and severe hearing loss.

A complex Autistic Spectrum Condition with a learning difficulty.

A complex medical health condition, including: Cancer, Multiple Sclerosis, HIV/AIDS or severe disfigurement

#### **Integrated Holiday and Weekend Clubs for children with mild/moderate SEND**

Leisure Services have been awarded the contract to deliver this provision. They will be delivering holiday clubs throughout the summer, October, Christmas, February, Easter and May school holidays to children aged between 4 and 18. There will be a wide variety of activities available. The clubs will be open to all children in Blackpool, whether they have SEND or not. The clubs will be run inclusively so that all children, no matter what physical, emotional or learning difficulties they may have, will be able to fully engage with the activities. A timetable of the sessions will be released soon – watch out for more information on Facebook and the Local Offer website.

### Annual Reviews for Phase Transfers

We are asking all our schools to organise Year 6 annual reviews in September, October and November 2021. This is to allow the SEND Assessment Team plenty of time to ensure that your children with an EHC plan to have a confirmed place at the secondary school that they wish to attend in September 2022.

We are asking all our schools to organise Year 11 annual reviews in November and December 2021 and January 2022, to ensure that your children with an EHC plan who are moving to college in September 2022 have a confirmed place.

Thank you in advance for your help and support in arranging these meeting within these time frames. Please prepare in advance for your annual review and ensure that any new information that school or the SEND Assessment Team need to be aware of is communicated to your School Senco.

### SEN Funding Consultation

We are shortly sending out a consultation to schools and stakeholders on how we fund SEN Provision in Blackpool. More details will follow so please keep an eye out for the consultation and we would welcome as many responses as possible to the survey. The survey and consultation will be published on the council website and will be sent to schools.

### SEND Strategy

The council are working towards refreshing the SEN Strategy for the area and will publish a new strategy by September 2021. We will be including parent focus groups in the process and will require help from our representatives on the Local Offer consultation group as described below.

### And Finally.....

As ever, thank you for all your support. I would encourage all parents and young people to become more involved in the Local Offer Consultation Group by completing the form <https://bit.ly/31QISEp> or by contacting [send@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:send@blackpool.gov.uk). This would involve minimum time and effort on your part, but we would be ensuring that your voice is heard. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

**Phil Thompson**  
Head of SEND