



Hawes Side Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all keeping safe and well as we enter our fourth week of school closure. Staff are all still finding things very strange as I am sure you are too.

I usually write about all the lovely things that have happened in school but it is trickier to do this at the moment and so need your help. I would really like to celebrate the things that the children are doing at home and so please, if you have any photographs that you would like to share and that you are happy for us to put on our website, then please send them to our homelearning address homelearning@hawes-side.co.uk. It may be activities linked to our home learning topics or it could be something completely different, we just really want to know about all the exciting things that you and your children are getting up to. In my house, we have really enjoyed learning to play new games and it has been lovely to have the time to do this. Please let us know what you have been doing and we can share your ideas for others try out too.

Take care and be safe



Mrs Boothroyd

Keeping safe – We hope that everyone in our community is keeping safe and well. This week we welcomed a visit from our local police to collect pictures made by the children to decorate vehicles whilst they are on duty helping us stay safe.

Well done everyone!



Virtual Office



**Please note that the Academy's office will only be open for planned visitors
This includes key worker parents whose children are in school
and wish to collect them early**

**Please ring 01253 402541 to inform us of the time you plan to arrive so
that we can arrange for someone in school to meet you at Reception**

Thank you

Take care everyone and please stay safe



Homework – Alongside the work and activities we have set please see below:

FREE CELEBRITY CLASSES FOR KIDS IN LOCKDOWN

9:00	PE WITH JOE WICKS YOUTUBE.COM/THEBODYCOACH
10:00	MUSIC WITH MYLEENE KLASS YOUTUBE/MYLEENESMUSICKLASS
11:00	SCIENCE WITH MADDIE MOATE YOUTUBE.COM/MADDIEMOATE
11:30	DANCE WITH OTI MABUSE YOUTUBE.COM/OTIMABUSEOFFICIAL
13:00	MATHS WITH CAROL VORDERMAN THEMATHSFACOR.COM
14:00	HISTORY WITH DAN SNOW TV.HISTORYHIT.COM
15:00	ENGLISH WITH DAVID WALLIAMS WORLD.OF.DAVID.WALLIAMS.COM
17:30	FOOD TECH WITH JAMIE OLIVER CHANNEL4.COM/KEEPCOOKINGANDCARRYON



WWW.KIDADL.COM



If you have any questions about homework please either email or ring the office on 01253 402541 between 9.00am and 3.00pm.

Lunches – We have now have the government guidance with regard to the national voucher scheme. This is only available where a catering provision is not available. As we have a catering provision, we will continue to provide the grab and go system on a 3-day cycle to limit the need of collection. Collections can be undertaken on a Monday from 11.30 – 12.30 p.m. and Thursday 11.30 – 12.30 p.m.

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 and useful information.



CORONAVIRUS: PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus.

You can help too.

Germs can live on some surfaces for hours.

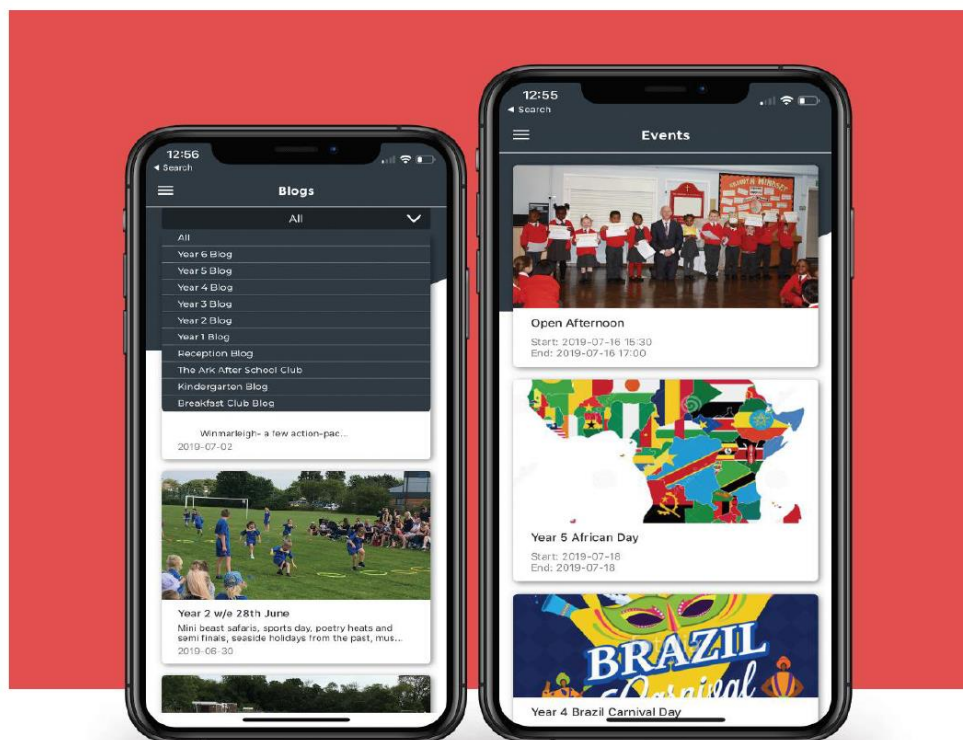
To protect yourself and others:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue, and to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.
- If you have arrived back from China within 14 days follow the specific advice for returning travellers.

This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus.

Find out more at [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

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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Email: send@blackpool.gov.uk

Call: 01253 476602

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 2 – April 2020

As promised, this is the second of our now quarterly SEND Newsletters. Back in January, when we started these, I never imagined that I would be writing about the impact of a global pandemic. There is lots of information to share.

Firstly, may I say thank you to all the parents, carers and providers who supported Blackpool Parents Forum at their event on 11th March, at Blackpool Football Ground. There were some interesting speakers and lots of information shared. Thank you to Colin Earnshaw and Hilary Ainge for all the work they do to co-ordinate our joint work with parents. We managed some interesting data gathering on the day using a mobile app for online voting. Thank you for your views. We are taking note of these and continually working on improving what we do. It was heart-warming to meet so many motivated people whose common goal was to support families impacted by special educational needs. Thank you.

Now to the most important aspect of this newsletter: Coronavirus - Covid19 and how it has changed how we are working:

Corona Kindness

Blackpool Council have set up a [Corona Kindness](#) team who have received several hundred emails either asking for help or offering help. The team has now started to roll out a range of services including food shopping, provision of medical supplies and dog-walking.

The 12 community hubs established last week are each looking to produce a list of local shops that are willing to provide home delivery services and the team is working with private sector operators to develop delivery rounds for essential items such as milk, cheese and eggs.

More than 70,000 leaflets promoting the Corona Kindness helpline are being delivered to every household in Blackpool.

It is anticipated that the distribution team will have completed the deliveries over the next few days.

Those who can offer support or in need of help can use one of two email addresses: helpneeded@blackpool.gov.uk or helpoffered@blackpool.gov.uk. Those in need of help can also call a dedicated hotline on 0808 196 3080. Please do not feel alone at this time.



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Education Health and Care Plans - until further notice, we are continuing with the statutory timescales as usual. This means that all assessments currently underway will be handled within the 20 weeks as planned (staff illness and virus complications permitting). We will continue to work with parents, settings and schools who submit a request for assessment, however, the use of technology will be encouraged wherever possible to maintain social distancing. You are still able to contact the team by email: send@blackpool.gov.uk or by phone on: 01253 476602. Please get in contact if you wish to know more about your child's case. Over the next few days, you may receive (or have already received) a contact call from one of the SEND Officers at Blackpool.

Advisory Teachers for Early Years and School Age Children: The Coronavirus outbreak means that parents and carers of young people with SEND are facing uncertainty. We know settings/schools are on the front line and are playing a hugely important role in keeping communities going in these challenging times. If your child is not able to attend their setting/school, we want to be able to support you with some practical home learning advice, hints and suggestions. The Advisory Teachers are working remotely but are still contactable by settings/schools. They are also working to find helpful resources for children and settings/schools during the current crisis and are keen to be engaged with you should you require help in anyway. Please contact them by email: inclusions.team@blackpool.gov.uk.

Blackpool Local Offer - the website is being updated regularly with useful information. However, following feedback and a request by parents, the main area of up to date news and information is being posted on Facebook - please follow Blackpool Local Offer - for useful resources, information and links to useful websites. The Local Offer website is: www.blackpoollocaloffer.co.uk. Again, should you require a resource on a particular area, you are able to message the Local Offer website or Facebook page and the Advisory teachers will create a link to a website or resource and help you.

The FYI directory in Blackpool - www.fyidirectory.co.uk has a link to all local shops, including food suppliers, who are delivering within the local community. This should help everyone minimise journeys out of the house.

I am very concerned about everyone's health and welfare during this very difficult time and Diane Booth (Director of Children's Services) and I are keen to communicate our desire to reach out and support all of our Blackpool families - particularly those who are impacted with special educational needs or disabilities - and to let them know we are here and are ready to support you - whilst obviously also following the rules of social distancing.

I can't stress enough that, especially as the warmer weather approaches, we all need to continue with the Government's advice of "stay at home, protect the NHS, save lives." Hand hygiene continues to be a priority too - so please keep washing your hands.

Whilst there is lots to concern all of us, I recognise that many parents are using this as an opportunity to help their children. I have been delighted to hear of so many inspirational parents who are home educating to the highest of standards. You are doing an amazing job! Thank you for everything you are doing.

Please stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely

Phil Thompson
Head of SEND



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