



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for the responses to the survey we sent out; your feedback is invaluable in helping us meet the needs of your children. We are spending time looking through your comments and hope to address the points you have raised. Please remember that you can pick up paper copies of the home learning each week from the office. We also have a 'work book' for your child to record their written work in at the office too if you have not already received it. We hope to increase the amount of teacher/pupil contact over the coming weeks because, like you, we believe this to be important too.

I know some families are worried about the amount of home learning being done. We value all activities being done at home as we appreciate that all family situations are different and everyone has access to different levels of IT equipment and internet usage. This is a challenging situation we are going through at the moment and everyone is doing a great job – it is your feedback that will help us in supporting you.

Following on from the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday, I am hoping that we receive further information from the government soon so that I share further details with you. Our priority will always be how to keep our children and the Hawes Side community safe. This is a difficult time for us all and I do appreciate that the current lack of clear guidance merely adds to the challenges we face.

In the short term, nothing has changed but I will provide you with further information in the coming days and weeks once I am able to do so.

My best wishes to you all.

Take care and be safe everyone



Mrs Boothroyd

Homework – This week is week 7 of our home learning projects! All the information you need is located on our school website. We have some hard copies available at the school office for collection if this suits you better. Please call school on 01253 402541 if you plan to collect a hard copy so that the office can be staffed. Hope you are all well and keeping safe

[Learning Projects Week 7 – Celebrations](#)

If haven't already seen our VE day activities see.

https://files.schudio.com/hawes-side-academy/files/homelearning/VE_Day_ideas.pdf



Please send us a picture of you celebrating, maybe from VE day or the 'clap for carers' or a picture of you at a party so that we can share it with all your friends and teachers and hopefully make everyone smile. Mail to: homelearning@hawes-side.co.uk

Remember to try our '[Just for fun The HSA Challenge - We Challenge you!](#)'

If you have any questions please email:

homelearning@hawes-side.co.uk

Alternatively, use this email to keep us updated by sending in pictures of your work for us to display on our website.

Returning to school

Following the announcement by the Prime Minister on Sunday 10th May, we have had a number of enquiries for places at the academy.

At this stage, the guidance about which children are entitled to a place in school during this period of school closure has not changed. Your child **can only attend school if you work in an identified Critical Key Worker Role** - we may require written proof of this role from your employer. This advice is taken directly from Government guidance states that:

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined below. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home and every child who can be safely cared for at home must be.

Please, therefore, follow these key principles:

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they must be.
2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
4. Parents must also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They must observe the same social distancing principles as adults.
5. Residential special schools, boarding schools and special settings continue to care for children wherever possible.

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed below, and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for education provision:

Health and social care

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach

Key public services

This includes:

- those essential to the running of the justice system
- religious staff
- charities and workers delivering key frontline services
- those responsible for the management of the deceased
- journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

Local and national government

This only includes:

- those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response
- or delivering essential public services, such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arms length bodies

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food:

- production
- processing
- distribution
- sale and delivery
- as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

Public safety and national security

This includes:

- police and support staff
- Ministry of Defence civilians
- contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic)
- fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)
- National Crime Agency staff
- those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

Transport

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes:

- staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)
- the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage)
- information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response
- key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)
- postal services and delivery
- payments providers
- waste disposal sectors

If workers think they fall within the critical categories above, they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.

Digital devices - On Sunday 19 April, the Government announced support for remote education to help schools and families who are having to adapt and work in different ways during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. This scheme is only available in specific cases as detailed in the guidance at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-help-with-technology-for-remote-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19#who-is-eligible-to-receive-digital-devices-and-internet-access>

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



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, now, on a 5-day cycle to limit the need of collection. Collections can be undertaken on a Monday from 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.



HM Government



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.

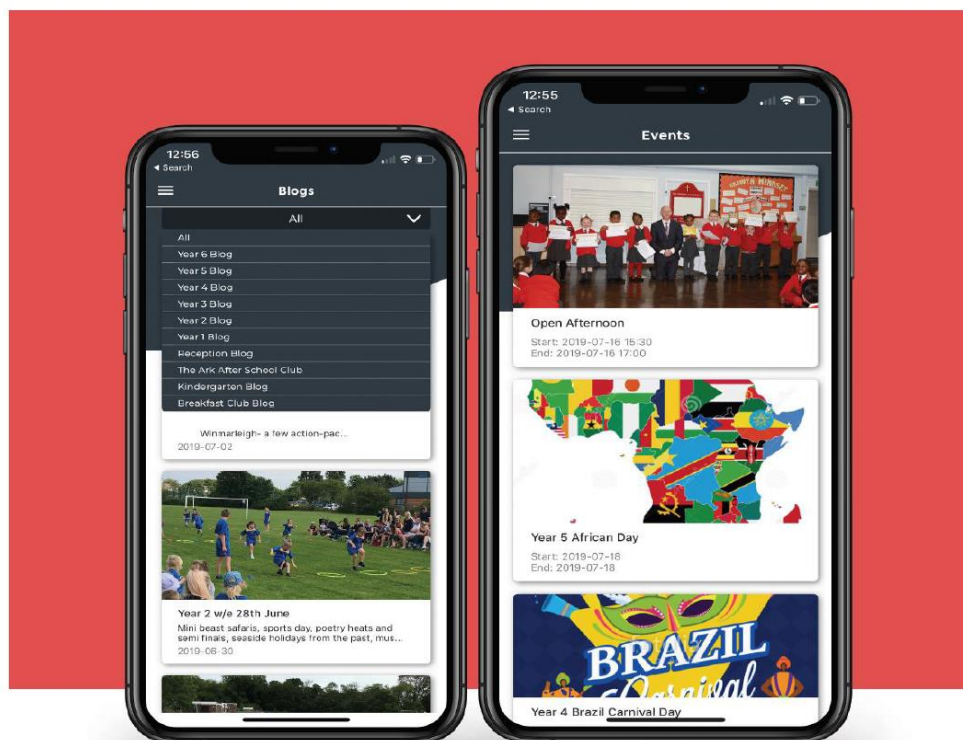
To protect yourself and others:

- 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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