

Higher Walton CE Primary School

Autumn term 1
2nd October 2020

WEEKLY UPDATE

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REMINDERS AND UPDATES

REPORTING COVID TESTING AND RESULTS

We now have a dedicated email address for you to use to let us know if you, your child or a household member have been tested and the outcome of those tests. Please use covid@walton.lancs.sch.uk.

ABSENCES

Please report absences as soon as possible on the day using ParentMail, **and update for each day of absence**, giving the full reason for the absence, especially where this is illness related.

COMMUNICATING WITH STAFF

To keep everyone safe, all communication between staff and parents should be telephoned or emailed via the school office. Please do not visit the office unless absolutely necessary or you have been requested to do so. If you have to visit, we would ask that face coverings be worn.

PARKING AND ROAD SAFETY

This week the Police visited school to discuss with us the complaints we have been receiving about parking and speeding on Rosewood Avenue. They will be monitoring the situation, however they have asked us to forward this link to parents and residents to report any issues directly to the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership - www.lancsroadsafety.co.uk. Once on the website, click on 'enforcement' to report your concerns.

We would ask you to park respectfully and in accordance with the Highway Code when parking on Rosewood Avenue. Please do not block driveways - several of our neighbours require immediate access to and from their driveways for emergency reasons.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Photograph proofs have been sent home today. **Please return your orders by 9am on Friday 16th October** so these can be sent off before the half term break.

HARVEST APPEAL 2020

We are looking to support the charity Tearfund and are asking classes to bring in/donate silver coins (5p, 10p, 20p and 50p) to make a big school water droplet which will then be counted and sent to the charity. We will be collecting up until half term.

The charity uses donations to help build wells in developing countries so that people don't have to walk for ten hours to get clean water. You can find more information from their website - www.tearfund.org.

2021 NURSERY/PRIMARY/HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

For Lancashire resident families who will require a primary school place in September 2021 (children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017) or a secondary school place, the means of application is via Lancashire's on-line system at:- www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools. This is now live, is quick and easy to use and offers an e-mail receipt of all submitted applications. Please ensure that you hit the "submit" button when you are ready to send in your completed on-line application.

If you have submitted and received an email acknowledgement of an on-line application you can log back onto the system during the application period to view this. If, however, you go back into your original application this may have been over written (it definitely will if you make any changes). It will then no longer be valid. This applies for all changes, even very minor ones e.g. hyphens, apostrophes and typo corrections. To ensure that your on-line application remains valid you are therefore strongly advised to press the re-submit button if you re-visit the system at any time during the application period (whether or not changes were made). You should then receive a further confirmation email.

You must apply even if you already have siblings at your preferred school or academy and even if your child is already in nursery. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your on-line application. Booklets and paper application forms are no longer being issued, however if you do not have computer access, please speak to the school office about alternative arrangements.

The closing dates for applications are:-

Secondary school applications – 11-59 pm on 31st October 2020

Primary school applications – 11-59 pm on 15th January 2020

APPLYING FOR NURSERY PLACES FOR JANUARY 2021

Children born between 1st September 2017 and 31st December 2017 become eligible for places for our January intake.

We have limited availability for both the 15 free hours Government entitlement and 30 hour free childcare places for eligible families. Please call the school office if you require any further information or to register your child for a place.