

Higher Walton CE Primary School

Autumn term 1
9th October 2020

WEEKLY UPDATE

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UPDATES

REMOTE LEARNING

Where a class, group or a small number of pupils need to self-isolate, or local restrictions require pupils to remain at home, the Department for Education requires schools to provide immediate remote education. Parents must understand that engagement in home learning in these instances is compulsory. The Government expects schools to provide a similar amount of home learning as the children would have accessed in school, covering lessons across the curriculum. Our daily timetable will include: Maths, Phonics/Spelling, Reading, English and at least one foundation subject lesson.

We have now produced our Remote Learning Plan which you can find on our website. Click on this link <https://www.walton.lancs.sch.uk/key-information/Care-and-Support/coronavirus-recovery-plan-and-risk-assessment> or from the home page on our website go to key information, care and support, Covid-19 related information, remote learning.

MUDDY PATH

Several parents have raised concerns about the muddy path near the greenhouse. This was identified as a potential problem when we were planning the one way system and our consultants at Lancashire County Council were consulted at that time. Plans were made for a gate to be installed in the fence leading on to the flags and it is anticipated this will be installed this weekend.

REMINDERS

ONE WAY SYSTEM

Please can we remind everyone to follow the one-way system around school which is designed to keep parents from different classes separate. Please also remember to keep to the social distancing guidelines.

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.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

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.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENING INFORMATION



We also have a limited number of information booklets from Brownedge St Mary's High School and Lostock Hall Academy. If you would like a copy, please contact Mrs Rourke.