



# Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## Important Dates

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September</li><li>• Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October</li><li>• Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• International Day of Peace</li><li>• Governors meeting</li><li>• Half term</li></ul> |
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## School Notice

CONTINUE TO CHECK SCHOOL GATEWAY AND SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR REGULAR UPDATES

### Coronavirus (COVID-19)

#### Protection against COVID-19

You will be aware that cases of coronavirus have started to rise again both nationally and locally. We would like to encourage pupils to wear a mask as they move around school buildings or in communal areas, when not in use pupils should store their mask in a sealable plastic bag. They must be put on and taken off correctly with clean hands. Masks do not need to be worn outside or in lessons. **They should not be worn in PE.**

#### Do not send your daughter into school if she displays the following symptoms:

The NHS guidance indicates that the main symptoms of Covid-19 include:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you have noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Please remember to:

- Keep your distance if you go out (2 metres apart where possible)
- Wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds with running water, soap and sanitiser.
- Do not leave home if you or anyone in your household has symptoms.
- Follow the guidance on safer travelling on public transport and remember to wear your face mask.

Government guidance updates: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>



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## School Information

- **Have your contact details changed?**
- **Have your daughter's medical or dietary information changed?**
- **If your circumstances have changed and you think your daughter may now be eligible for Free School Meals, please apply on the school website or contact Reception if you need any support with this process.**

## School Office:

In the interests of adhering to social distancing you should only visit the school office if it is absolutely necessary. Please be aware that only one person of the family will be allowed in at any time. We ask that all queries are emailed to [enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk) or you can call on 0121 464 3094.

**Reminder for Parents/Carers:** Pupils should arrive promptly at their allocated time. Supervision of pupils only starts when pupils are on school site at their bubble start time. School staff are unable to intervene off the school site and, therefore, request that parents and pupils adhere to social distancing on the journey to school.

**Parent Pay:** Parent Pay accounts will need to be topped up online as we are unable to accept money in school at this time. Please remember to activate your Parent Pay account.

**School Leavers:** For ex-pupils who have not collected their certificates could you please arrange a time with the Examination Officer to collect your certificates via email. If you currently have siblings at Hodge Hill Girls' School can you give consent via email. [n.qureshi@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:n.qureshi@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk)

## Subject Information

- **Value of the month – 'Respect'** Please discuss this value with your daughter. To support please use the following links. [Poster link](#), [Book marks](#) and [Respect game](#).
- **Thought for the week: 'Laughter' (200th T4tW)** see [PowerPoint presentation](#) and [video](#).

**Message to all Pupils:** If you are contacting a member of staff via email can you please include your Year and Registration group this will they are e-mailing staff, could they ensure that they include their year group & class so staff can respond more easily.

**Art Department:** Birmingham Hippodrome is set to host the UK premiere of Van Gogh Alive, a multi-sensory arts and entertainment experience for the whole family to enjoy.



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Opening 8<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020, Van Gogh Alive, has inspired over 6 million people across 50 cities around the world and is now set to transform Birmingham Hippodrome's auditorium to display Van Gogh's work in a spectacular immersive experience. This multi-sensory experience provides visitors with the unique opportunity to immerse themselves in Van Gogh's artistry and truly venture into his world through beautifully curated projections accompanied by a stunning classical soundscape.

- [Van Gogh Alive](#)

**Year 8 pupils** are continuing to work on a project considering sustainability & the environment within their Art lessons. As part of this project they will be recycling envelopes to create their own sketchbooks. Please support your daughter by saving envelopes received without any personal details on them and bring them into school with her on the day she is timetabled to have Art. Thank you.

**World Food Day 16<sup>th</sup> October:** Art and Food have joined together for a cross-curricula project to create a piece of art highlighting the amount of food that is wasted and thinking about ways to reduce it. Ask your Food or Art teacher for more information. Deadline is 27<sup>th</sup> November.

**Pearson Business School:** Would like to invite you to attend their next [Online Undergraduate Taster Day](#)! In a virtual, interactive seminar-style class you can attend a subject session of your choice where you'll get to explore one of the following: Law, Business Management, Accounting and Marketing. Click on the link: [Information](#)

## **Safeguarding and Wellbeing**

We are aware that this may be a worrying time for adults and children. We have therefore extended the resources on our website around Safeguarding and Wellbeing.

Your emotional and physical well-being is very important to us. Take the time to look at these links as a family and we hope you are able to make use of any suggestions made.

Additional ideas and guidance can be obtained from:

- <https://www.mindkit.org.uk/5-ways-to-wellbeing/>
- <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/for-children-and-young-people/coronavirus/supporting-your-teens-wellbeing-during-coronavirus/>

**Birmingham Wellbeing Youth Forum:** Calling all Birmingham Young People who are Passionate about wellbeing. We have received information about the Birmingham Wellbeing Youth Forum which your daughter may wish to become involved with. Please see the following links for further details [Poster](#), [additional information parents](#) and [information and invite](#).



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- Children and young people can find online information on COVID-19 and mental health on the Young Minds website: <https://youngminds.org.uk>
- The [Think Ninja](#) app educates 10-18 year olds about mental health, emotional wellbeing and provide skills young people can use to build resilience and stay well.

## Staying Safe Online:

All parents/carers need to be aware of what their daughter/s are accessing when online. Young people often access sites that are not appropriate for their age.

- Parents and carers may wish to visit <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/presentations-for-parents/> for videos and further ideas on how to keep children safe online.
- **Childnet:** offers a toolkit to support parents and carers of children of any age to start discussions about their online life, to set boundaries around online behaviour and technology use, and to find out where to get more help and support. <https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>
- **Internet Matters:** provides age-specific online safety checklists, guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices, and a host of practical tips to help children get the most out of their digital world. <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/11-13/>

Further guidance on staying safe online can be found on our website at this link <https://www.hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk/parents/online-safety>

Thank you for your continued support through these challenging times.