



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

4th September 2020

Important Dates

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday 14th SeptemberMonday 26th – 30th October | <ul style="list-style-type: none">FGB meetingHalf term |
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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

CONTINUE TO CHECK SCHOOL GATEWAY AND SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR REGULAR UPDATES

- **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.**

Please let us know if there have been any recent changes. Email us on enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk or phone the school reception on the main number to let us know. We will contact you if we require further information on this.

Welcome back to school

It has been lovely to see our pupils back in school over the last two days. There have been many changes in school as we adapt and adopt to the latest government guidance during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please take the time over the weekend to ensure that your daughter understands the guidance as set out in the parent/pupil handbook. It is important that they follow the procedures that have been put in place.

Please click on the following link to view the start times for pupils that can be found on the school website. [September start date and times letter.](#)

We would ask that parents ensure that pupils walk into school, maintaining social distancing. Parents and siblings should **NOT** accompany their daughters for dropping off and picking up at the bottom of the school drive as this will increase the number of people near to the school site.



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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.

The Bromford Road is very busy please be considerate and follow traffic regulations. Pupils should use the crossing and be vigilant when crossing the road.

Parent Pay: Parent Pay accounts will need to be topped up online as we are unable to accept money in school at this time. There has been a problem with Parent Pay for our Year 7 pupils, however Parent Pay have assured us that this has been rectified.

PE: On days when pupils have a PE lesson, they must wear their school PE kit to school. This is to remove the need to change in the changing rooms, thus ensuring that pupils are not in close proximity in crowded changing rooms.

Please ensure that school uniform and PE kit are washed regularly.

- **Value of the month – 'Respect'** Please discuss this value with your daughter. To support please use the following link. [Poster link](#).
- **Thought for the week: 'Excellence'** see [PowerPoint presentation](#) and [video](#).

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/>

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

As you will be aware through news coverage the Government is frequently updating their response to the global issue of Coronavirus. Keep up to date and follow the latest guidance during this period at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

- 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.



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- 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.
- keeping your distance when you travel, where possible.

Staying Safe Online:

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.

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