



# Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

## Important Dates

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October</li><li>• Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October</li><li>• Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October</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>• Black History Month</li><li>• World Mental Health Day</li><li>• World Food Day</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**

### **PROTECT OTHERS BY KEEPING YOUR DAUGHTER AT HOME IF DISPLAYING ANY COVID-19 SYMPTOMS**

#### **Face Masks**

Your daughter **MUST** wear a face mask to school every day, plus a spare mask if using a single use mask. These will need to be stored in a sealable plastic bag. Masks must be worn as pupils move around the school building and in communal areas. Please inform us if your daughter is exempt from the existing face covering obligations, due to an underlying health condition, if so, she will continue to be exempt from these new obligations.

Please remember:

- **HANDS** - Wash your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds with running water, soap and sanitiser.
- **FACE** - Cover your face in enclosed spaces, especially where social distancing may be difficult and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet.
- **SPACE** - Stay 2 metres apart where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place.

If your child develops symptoms associated with COVID-19 whilst at home, please keep them at home and follow the process outlined below.

If your child develops symptoms associated with COVID-19 whilst at school, we will isolate them immediately. We will contact you and require that you collect them immediately from school. Please take them straight home and follow the same process outlined below.



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## Step One: CONTACT

the NHS and request a COVID-19 Test from them online or by calling 119. Do not visit your GP, pharmacy, hospital or other healthcare provider. Call 999 if emergency care is needed.

## Step Two: ISOLATE

Your child should isolate for 10 days after symptoms appear and other people in your household should isolate for 14-days.

## Step Three: TEST

Get a test. Keep your child at home until she gets her results.

## Step Four: RESULTS

You should receive your results within 72 hours. If the test is negative, your daughter and household may stop isolating although they must not return to school until they are well. **Please inform us of a negative test result immediately.**

## Step Five: A POSITIVE TEST RESULT

If your child tests positive for Coronavirus, contact tracers will contact you to inform you of the isolation regulations you will need to follow. **Please inform us of a positive test result immediately.**

**Local Lockdown – HELPING TO KEEP BIRMINGHAM SAFE**



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Please familiarise yourself with the local lockdown requirements for Birmingham.

**Information on local restrictions** <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/birmingham-sandwell-and-solihull-local-restrictions>

## **Affected local areas:**

- Birmingham (city council area)
- Sandwell (metropolitan borough council area)
- Solihull (metropolitan borough council area)
- Wolverhampton (city council area), from Tuesday 22 September

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

## **School Information**

### **IMPORTANT: Survey Link for Parents/Carers**

The parent survey was launched on School Gateway on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September. If you have not had to chance to complete, then please click on the following link which needs to be completed by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October. [Survey Link](#)

### **Free School Meals:**

If your daughter is in receipt of Free School Meals, she is credited with £2 to spend on food at lunchtime. Pupils should take care to make sure they are not overspending; if they do overspend, parents/carers will need to add additional funds to their ParentPay account to cover costs above £2. If pupils are not sure about the cost of items, they should check the displays carefully where food is served or ask a member of staff.

### **School Office:**

In the interests of adhering to social distancing you should only visit the school office if it is absolutely necessary. We are trying to limit the number of visitors by asking our parents/carers to ensure that their daughter is fully equipped for the school day (lunch, school equipment, face mask etc.) 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.

## **Subject Information**

**Citizenship:** School has acquired funding to be able to use the eportal section of the 'Shout Out UK' programme. Shout Out encourages students to study about political literacy and lots of other things such as media and the government.



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It is a great resource and results in students getting a certificate every time they complete a course. If students are interested in looking at the information and gaining some extra certificates then please speak to or email [s.barron@hodgehqs.bham.sch.uk](mailto:s.barron@hodgehqs.bham.sch.uk), to gain a log in and password for the website. For more information check out the website below.

<https://www.shoutoutuk.org/>

## **Post-16: How to apply for college or sixth form**

Click on the links to gather advice on how to apply to college or sixth form.

Also use them to find out about college's and sixth forms near you.

- [Post-16 choices](#)
- [Choosing where to train or study](#)
- [Get the right school](#)
- [Cadbury Sixth Form College](#)

## **Post-16 websites:**

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice/career-choices-at-16>

<https://www.ucas.com/further-education/post-16-qualifications>

<https://www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk/parents/school-leaver-options/post-16-options>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z6ws47h>

<https://www.findyourfuture.org.uk/choices-at-16>

<https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/advice/post-16-options>

## **Learning Performance Workshop for Year 8 and Year 9 Parents: Supporting Your Daughter with Her Learning**

You may remember that last year we welcomed a presenter from Learning Performance into school to deliver an early evening workshop demonstrating some of the ways in which parents and carers can support their daughters with their learning at home. Due to the current situation with COVID-19, we are unable to hold a similar event in-person; however, this will be offered as a virtual opportunity this year.

We will send a link to all parents in Year 8 and 9 via School Gateway week commencing 12th October; the link will have a 3-week expiry date on it. Please take advantage of this opportunity to develop some new strategies to further help your daughter with her learning. Please note that you do not need to have attended last year's workshop to benefit from this year's event. We have planned similar events for other year groups later in the academic year; please keep checking the bulletin for further details of how and when these will be held.



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**Message for Year 7 Parents/Carers and pupils:** All Year 7 pupils **MUST** bring their headphones into school every day week commencing **Monday 5th October**.

**GCSE Pod:** 585 pods have been watched or downloaded in the last week with English Language, History and Combined Science the most accessed subjects across the whole school. As a school, we have hit the 1000 pods since the start of the academic year mark on Tuesday.

**Individual year group figures are as follows:**

<b>Year 7</b>	<b>13%</b>	14 pods watched; Combined Science, History and Keeping Fit and Healthy are the most accessed.
<b>Year 8</b>	<b>83%</b>	36 pods; Chemistry, Biology and Keeping Fit and Healthy
<b>Year 9</b>	<b>92%</b>	20 pods; Achieve Maths, English Literature, Maths
<b>Year 10</b>	<b>96%</b>	176 pods; History, French, Combined Science
<b>Year 11</b>	<b>99%</b>	338 pods; English Language, History, Biology

- **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: 'Ethics'** see [PowerPoint](#) presentation and [video](#).

## Wellbeing

**Do you as a parent/carer feel that you need someone to talk to about your child during the return to school phase?**

Birmingham Educational Psychology Service is providing a telephone helpline for any parents or carers of children in Birmingham, who feel they would benefit from a consultation with a psychologist to support them with any concerns arising at this time, for them or their families. [See link](#)



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## FREE FOOD FOR HOMELESS AND VULNERABLE



making a difference to the lives of the most vulnerable in our community.

FEEDO NEEDO Arabica Cafe, Digbeth, Birmingham, B5 6BS 0300

Click on the link for more details. [Feedo Needo](#)



**Free Support Programme for parents of children aged between 11 – 16.**

For further details click on the following link.

[Poster link](#)