



## Hall Green School

### An Academy

22 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been wonderful to have pupils return to site over the last two weeks. It has been an absolute pleasure for myself, personally, to meet the pupils after all this time but I also know how happy the return has made staff and pupils. Pupils have returned with a positive, focused attitude towards learning alongside continuing to look after others by following our safety measures. I must, in particular, congratulate Year 11 who have impressed with the level of maturity and responsibility they have shown. Many are now remaining in school after period 5 to continue work both independently and supported by staff. Every effort they make now will pay off for them.

#### **Testing programme**

As you will be aware, we are still under national lockdown and need to continue to be vigilant in terms of the virus. Our testing programme has been very successfully and safely implemented thanks to the dedicated staff volunteer team. I am sure you can imagine, the last few weeks have been logistically challenging for us as a school and I thank you all for your patience in ensuring we return pupils safely and the appropriate levels of support. Enclosed with this communication from myself is a letter from Justin Varney, Birmingham's Director of Public Health.

#### **Emergencies**

There may still be a need for some pupils to isolate and at times will need to be sent home during the school day. Parents will receive a text home if this is the case. Likewise, if there is ever an emergency in school whereby we have to take the decision to close during the school day e.g. a flood, we would text parents before dismissing pupils. In these circumstances we always try to give parents as much notice as possible.

**If you would want us to keep your child in school until we have spoken with you or you want to collect your child, please do inform us of this via email ([enquiry@hallgreen.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@hallgreen.bham.sch.uk)) or telephone.**

Those that come on school transport would be supervised in school until transport is arranged and contact is made home.

#### **Free school meals**

Birmingham local authority are supplying food vouchers for the Easter holiday. Those that are eligible will receive these over the next week. If your circumstances have changed and you believe you may be eligible, please visit our website for details on how to apply <https://www.hallgreen.bham.sch.uk/covid-19-updates-and-support/>.

#### **Easter holiday**

We break up on Thursday 1 April for the Easter holiday, returning on Monday 19 April at the normal start times. The day will be a charity non-uniform day – more details to follow. Dismissal on Thursday 1 April will be at the following times:

Years 7 and 8: 12.00 pm  
Year 9 and 10: 12.10 pm  
Year 11: 12.20 pm

And finally, I would like to say how proud I am of the whole school community for the positive, responsible way everyone has coped over the last two months. It really does feel like things are starting to get back to normal when we can resume our full academic and enrichment programmes in school.

Yours faithfully



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