

23 April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

It has been a pleasure to welcome pupils back to school for the summer term. As life begins to return to some level of normality, we hope to begin to do the same at school with the return of a wider range of enrichment activities during this term such as clubs and trips, and hopefully welcoming visitors to site. Whilst there are still restrictions in place, we will continue to follow all Public Health and Department for Education guidance.

Face masks

Guidance remains that face masks need to be worn indoors at school where social distancing cannot be maintained.

Uniform

You will be aware that there have been some adjustments to our uniform policy over the last year due to the pandemic. High uniform standards are important in a successful school and so as lockdown restrictions are eased, we will begin to implement our usual expectations. From Monday 10 May, we expect the following:

- Full school uniform to be worn, including black school shoes;
- Full school PE kit to be worn on PE days only;
- Coats may still be worn indoors if needed due to the need for ventilated classrooms;
- No hooded jumpers to be worn at any time on school site.

Our uniform code can be found on our website: https://www.hallgreen.bham.sch.uk/parents-home/. Please do contact the Welfare Team via main reception if you need assistance with purchasing uniform.

Ramadan and Eid ul-Fitr

Many families within our community will currently be observing Ramadan; a month of fasting, prayer, and reflection. Looking ahead to Eid ul-Fitr, may I take this opportunity to remind you that one day of authorised absence is permitted for religious holidays which looks most likely as being either Thursday 13 or Friday 14 May. Please do ensure you inform us via our attendance team on 0121 325 6904 if your child is absent; a message can be left at any time on the answer phone.

Southam Road

If you drop your child off or pick them up from school, may I implore you not to drive into Southam Road. This road becomes incredibly congested with hundreds of pupils arriving or leaving school at the same time and a congested road means their safety is at risk. Please do consider the most appropriate road prior to driving into Southam Road to drop your child if they have no mobility issues. I am aware of many parents raising this issue with both us as a school and our local council. It is imperative that our children's safety is put first and I will continue to do everything I can to ensure this.

Windows

As part of our school building improvements, the first phase of the windows project is now complete with new windows and doors having been fitted in the reception area over the Easter break. The work will

continue across the whole site throughout this term to be fully finished for September. We are proud of our well maintained site and building but new windows will be a very welcome improvement!

Key date - Advanced notice

In order to comply with the regulations and ensure a thorough, rigorous, and fair process is in place for our Year 11 exam outcomes this year, it is necessary to close school early on **Wednesday 9 June.** School will finish at the end of Period 3 with a staggered dismissal for year groups:

Year 7 and 8 12.05 pm Year 9 and 10 12.15 pm Year 11 12.25 pm

Whilst I understand the disruption this can cause families and the small amount of lost learning, it is vital that we have time for staff to complete the extensive marking and moderation processes needed.

Many thanks for the continued support we receive; the close partnership between school and home is paramount in building on our successes at Hall Green School.

Yours faithfully

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