



## Hall Green School

### An Academy

11 October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Although we are only a short way into the school year, we already have so much to celebrate. Extra-curricular clubs have re-started with good attendance to our before school, lunchtime, and after school activities.

Some of you may have seen our pupils featuring on the BBC programme last week covering the start of the Commonwealth Games baton relay. A number of our pupils were selected to represent Birmingham, alongside just 3 other schools, at the ceremony with the Queen at Buckingham Palace. Not only was it an honour and a wonderful opportunity for our pupils, but it was recognition of the wonderful work of our Sports Partnership that focuses on increasing participation in sport and physical activity amongst our local primary and secondary schools, as well as at Hall Green.

#### **Year 11 mock exams**

These have begun today with a very positive mind-set from Year 11. The mock exams will familiarise pupils with the exam protocols that will be in place next summer in addition to enabling teachers to fully understand where pupils are at in terms of knowledge and understanding in exam conditions. Good luck to Year 11 in the rest of the exams.

#### **Uniform**

We are proud of our uniform standards at Hall Green as we believe the way we present ourselves is an important part of our success as individuals and as a school. We have introduced the uniform card, now called the 'Ready, Respectful, Safe' card, which will help to reward those pupils who are always smart. Those with blank cards at the end of term will receive 50 praise points on Class Charts. For those pupils whose uniform, or behaviour standards outside of lessons, is not as we would expect, a mark is made on their card as a reminder of our expectations. Consequences are in place for multiple signatures.

#### **International 'Walk to School Month'**

More information can be found at: <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/iwtsm>.

If it is necessary for pupils to travel by car, please do ensure you don't drive down Southam Road but arrange to drop off/pick up your child from a nearby road. The congestion on Southam Road endangers those pupils walking and causes huge congestion and disruption for our pupils with disabilities and local residents. Please do also take care not to block driveways of local residents.

#### **Communication**

Please note that the majority of our communication with parents/carers is now via email and text. If your contact details change at any point during the school year, please do let the school office know. It is also worth checking the letters section of the website regularly in case you do miss the email.

#### **Year 5 & 6 Open Events**

Our open events have been incredibly popular and over-subscribed this month; it is always a pleasure to welcome prospective parents/carers and pupils to see our work. If you have been unable to visit us, please

do visit the section on our website with our welcome video and contact the school office if you wish to receive a copy of our prospectus.

The deadline for Year 6 secondary school choices to the local authority is 31 October. Being heavily over-subscribed, it is essential the deadline is not missed for those wanting to apply for a place at Hall Green School.

### **Covid**

Pupils and staff should continue to test twice a week using the lateral flow devices issued by school. Thank you to those that continue to observe these important measures to keep our community safe.

Vaccinations will take place on 2 November for all pupils aged 12-15 years who have consented. All these pupils have received information leaflets and consent forms last week and should return them as soon as possible. If you believe you should have received them and have not, please contact the school office.

### **Key dates**

Friday 22 October – Break up at 3.15 pm for half term\*

Tuesday 16 November – Year 11 Parents' Evening

Monday 29 November – Inset Day, school closed to pupils

Friday 17 December – End of Term for the Christmas break

\*Our term dates can be found on our website: <https://www.hallgreen.bham.sch.uk/term-dates/>

Following very positive feedback, the return of the video version of my letter is imminent – these are shared on our website (<https://www.hallgreen.bham.sch.uk/>) and on Twitter (@HallGreenSch).

Yours faithfully



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