



Hall Green School

An Academy

7 September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

We welcomed our new Year 7 to school today and look forward to welcoming all other year groups tomorrow, **Thursday 8 September at 8.40 am**. Whilst we are very excited about the new academic year, I would like to take a moment to congratulate the Class of 2022 for securing a fantastic set of exam results. Not only are we proud of the fact they secured the best results in the history of the school, but also of the people they became during their five years at Hall Green School.

Southam Road and safety

May I please take this opportunity to remind parent/carers to avoid dropping pupils off and picking pupils up on Southam Road, close to school. It causes immense congestion and poses a danger to our school community with so many cars. Some of our pupils' needs require dropping off and picking up in the school car park and it is essential these parents/carers and our school transport are able to do this safely.

Vertical tutor groups

This academic year we are reverting to the vertical tutor system that was in place prior to the pandemic. Your child should be able to access their timetable on ClassCharts and view their form group as well as their teaching groups. They will need to know their form group, and ideally form room, for when they arrive on Thursday.

We have made a number of changes to pupils' teaching groups and T groups following an end of year review of pupil data. This is something we do at the start of every school year to ensure pupils are taught in the most appropriate groups.

High standards

In order for all pupils to achieve their potential, it is important for us to maintain high standards at all times.

Our three basic rules at school are: 'Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe'. In order to 'Be Ready', our pupils are expected to attend school in full uniform. The expectation is that all pupils are dressed according to the [Dress Code](#) from September in dark grey trousers/skirts and white shirts. Please also note it is important that your child is in black school shoes and not black trainers. Many companies now try and exploit pupils wanting to wear trainers and try to make black trainers look as much like shoes as they can. School shoes must not have any labels or branding and must not be, or look like, trainers.

If families need any support with purchasing uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

As a reminder:

- Outer clothing must be worn over the top of the blazer and not underneath.

- Woolly hats and sun hats may be worn when appropriate.
- No excessive make-up; it must be subtle and natural looking. No nail polish or nail accessories.
- Hair accessories must be plain black/navy/grey.
- Head coverings worn for religious observance must be plain black/navy/grey.
- Haircuts should be appropriate for school e.g. logos or messages shaved into a haircut would not be acceptable.
- Hair colouring must be of a natural colour.
- Ties must be worn at the top of the shirt, with top buttons done up.

Pupils are also expected to be fully equipped every day. Equipment should include:

- A suitable school bag that will both carry and protect exercise books.
- Pencil case - containing pens (one black, one blue and one green), a pencil, a ruler, a rubber, a sharpener, coloured pens/highlighters and a glue stick. Pupils can discuss with their teacher whether they need to purchase specialist equipment for their subject (e.g. calculators or protractors).
- Reading book.

Items worn for religious observance should be discreet in size and not visible. Further guidance is available for those wishing to request authorisation to wear a Kirpan in school.

Attendance and punctuality

As part of our 'Be Ready, Be Respectful, and Be Safe' philosophy, we place a huge emphasis on being in school every day and being punctual. Our 2022 exam results demonstrated the importance of this as pupils with good attendance (above 95%) achieved significantly better than those with lower attendance. This direct correlation is no surprise. Put simply, if pupils are not in, they fall behind their peers. Whilst we understand pupils are very occasionally ill or have medical appointments that cannot be arranged outside of school time, we urge all parents/carers to encourage and support the school's mission to achieve 100% attendance. If your child is absent from school for any reason, it is vital you contact the attendance team on 0121 325 6904 or via the main school office with your child's name, reason for absence, and likely return date before 9.30 am.

Term dates

Please find below the key dates for this half term. A full list of term dates (including staff training days) and the school calendar can be found on our school website. Half Term: Monday 24 October 2022 to Friday 28 October 2022 and Term Ends: Friday 16 December 2022.

I very much look forward to working with you all to provide your children the best opportunities in school to help them achieve their potential.

Yours faithfully



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