



Hall Green School An Academy

17 April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week, we welcome pupils back for the summer term. This term clearly holds particular importance for our Year 11 cohort who will be sitting exams in a few weeks. We have been impressed by their commitment to their studies and wish them all the very best over this period. We will continue to put additional support in place for their wellbeing to ensure they achieve their full potential.

Kindness to others

We are proud of our rich diversity at Hall Green School and look forward to celebrating this on our Cultural Day on Friday 5 May. This will be a non-uniform day with pupils encouraged to wear clothes that represent and celebrate who they are.

Cultural understanding and acceptance of differences is an important element of school life and we intend to have a focus upon this moving forward. Our Cultural Day emphasises the message that as a school we show care and respect for others, and we value living in a multi-cultural society in which any form of discrimination is not tolerated.

Ramadan

A reminder that for those pupils observing Ramadan, please be aware that the canteen can provide lunch to be taken home and eaten later in the day. Furthermore, the increased provision of prayer facilities will continue this week up until the end of Ramadan.

For all those celebrating I would like to take this opportunity to wish you an "Eid Mubarak". A reminder that if Eid falls on a school day, pupils celebrating may take one day to celebrate. Please note, however, that you must inform the school that your child is absent for religious observance. Without this information, we have to record the absence as unauthorised.

Industrial action

Please be aware that there is potential for further strikes this term. I will write with further information once we have confirmation but rest assured, we will continue to attempt to be open for as many pupils as is safe on strike days.

Phone policy

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers of our phone policy. Whilst pupils are allowed to bring them to school, they must be turned off and in bags throughout the day, including at 3.15 pm until pupils have left school site. If phones are seen or heard, they are confiscated and only returned once a 20-minute detention has been completed on the same day. The only exception is that music may be listened to using in ear earphones at break and lunchtime when outside of the school building.

If pupils repeatedly fail to follow these rules, they will be required to hand their phone in at the start of each day.

Road works

We have been informed by the Highways Agency of upcoming roadworks that will affect roads surrounding school between 27 April and 11 May 2023. Please see the attached leaflet for further information.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers of the importance of not dropping off and picking up children immediately outside of school. This creates a serious hazard for others. Due to the fact we have some pupils with mobility needs, it is essential that cars and minibuses have clear access and other cars stopping or parking on the T junction outside school is problematic. I urge parents/carers who drop off and pick up pupils to consider places outside the immediate vicinity of school.

Key Dates

Monday 24 April – Year 8 Parents’ Evening

Monday 1 May – May Day Bank Holiday, school closed

Monday 8 May – Kings Coronation Bank Holiday, school closed

Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June – Half Term holiday, school closed

Monday 10 July – Year 7 Parents’ Evening

Friday 21 July – term ends for Summer holidays

I continue to look forward to meeting as many parents/carers as possible at the upcoming events.

Yours faithfully

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