



Hall Green School An Academy

4 July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Evacuation drill

You should have received a text message this morning informing you we were running through an evacuation drill. It is obviously important for us to have rehearsals of all of our emergency drills, including a full site evacuation to Sarehole Mill, where pupils are escorted to during unforeseen circumstances such as a bomb threat. It is also vital that we ensure we rehearse as close to the real circumstances as possible thus not giving full notice to the school community. I am pleased to say the drill was carried out safely as per our evacuation policy with pupils demonstrating excellent behaviour and conduct throughout. If you did not receive a text message, it may be we have the wrong contact details for you. Do please contact the school office as a matter of urgency to check the emergency contact details we have on record.

During drills and evacuations for real events, it is vital that our communication channels remain open and so we ask parents/carers not to contact school for updates. Parents/carers also should never contact pupils via mobile phones during the school day, particularly including during an evacuation. Please do ensure the full guidance is followed during a real evacuation:

- *Do not contact the school as calling the school could tie up telephone lines that are needed for contacting emergency service providers;*
- *Do not come to the school as you could interfere with access by emergency service providers and may even put yourselves and others in danger*
- *Wait for the school to contact you about when it is safe to come to collect your child, and where this will be from.*

Through this academic year we have conducted the following safety procedures in line with our 'Fire Safety and Evacuation Instructions' policy. Rehearsing these things helps to ensure the safety of all the school community.

Industrial action

As per my previous communication, a reminder that school is disrupted this week due to industrial action. <https://www.hallgreen.bham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Parent-Carer-Letter-Industrial-Action-July2023.pdf>

Whilst we appreciate there has been a lot of disruption for various reasons these past few years, I would to remind parents/carers that attendance is compulsory for the days that school is open to your child's year group.

Last week of term (July 17-21)

There are a number of exciting activities planned for the last week of term. These will culminate on the last day with a prize draw for the pupils who have exchanged praise points for the X-Box! Furthermore, all pupils will be 'rewarded' with the opportunity to throw a wet sponge at the Senior Leadership Team! On Friday 21 July, pupils may wear non-school uniform if they so wish, and will be dismissed at 12.05 pm.

Key Dates

Monday 10 July – Year 7 Academic tutorial evening (Parents' Evening)

Wednesday 12 July – Year 6 induction day. **Please note this is a change to the previously published date.**

Friday 21 July – Break up 12.05 pm for summer holiday

Tuesday 5 September – Year 7 begin school

Wednesday 6 September – Years 8 – 11 return to school.

And finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a safe and enjoyable summer break when we break up on **Friday 21 July at 12.05 pm.**

Yours faithfully



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