



Hall Green School An Academy

9 February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we head to the half-way point of the academic year, I would like to thank you for your support in prioritising punctuality. It is really pleasing to see improvements in pupils' punctuality to school and to lessons. We will continue to focus on this priority to ensure no learning time is lost.

Compassion

Thank you to those that donated to our recent drive to raise funds for the British Red Cross: Hurricane Jamaica appeal. We raised a total of £135.

Ramadan

Many of our community will be observing Ramadan from mid-February. Please note the following will be in place:

- We will be reducing lunchtimes by 10 minutes from Monday 23 Feb until Friday 20 March. This means school will finish 10 minutes earlier each day between these dates:
Mondays 3.15 pm
Tuesdays – Thursdays 3.05 pm
Fridays 2.35 pm

Any pupils needing to remain in school until the usual dismissal time are welcome to do so - please contact the school office to inform us of your child's name and form and tell your child to wait in the canteen. If you wish for this arrangement to be put in place.

Period 6 and after school activities will continue as normal unless authorised informed.

- Prayer facilities are always available for pupils but during the next month, we will review the level of provision and aim to increase spaces if needed.
- All staff will be sensitive to the fact that pupils may be tired due to fasting. In particular, PE lessons will be adapted where necessary, in line with the appropriate guidance. You may well remember that we were involved in a project last year with Dr Irfan Khawaja at Birmingham City University around inclusion with a focus on PE and Ramadan where we featured on Sky News: <https://youtu.be/WNFnlimiCo>. More information specific to PE lessons can be found on our website: [Ramadan Guidance for PE | Hall Green Secondary School - An Academy](#)
- Pupils are able to buy food (sandwiches etc) they can take home to eat later. We would encourage all with entitlement to free school meals to take this up.
- Our annual Iftar event will take place on Friday 27 February. This event is now fully booked.
- Throughout Ramadan, we will be raising funds for the following charity: UNICEF: Children for Gaza. Payments can be made via ParentPay.

Gate protocols

The following protocols are in place to ensure our site remains safe at all times:

- Anyone entering site must have authorisation. Pedestrians and drivers should press the buzzer to speak with a member of the reception team before entering site. Please never follow someone through the gate or enter our site without authorisation.
- If you are given authorisation to enter site, please ensure the gate closes behind you, and ensure no-one 'tail gates' you in through either the pedestrian or vehicle gate. If anyone does, please report this to reception immediately.
- We allow a small number of parents/carers to drive onto site to pick up their child due to specific needs. If you feel your child needs this arrangement, please contact Mr Ellis-Breakwell, SENDCo, or your child's Head of Year.
- No vehicles will be allowed to enter or exit during the 10 minute peak time of our dismissal.

A reminder that there should be no parking on the bridge, even temporarily, as this would block access to the school site for emergency vehicles. And my usual plea to all road users to be considerate to our neighbours and not block driveways and to be courteous. Please do not pick up/drop off your child in the immediate vicinity of school as this adds danger for our pupils and staff. In particular, the T junction at the end of the drive should be avoided. Thank you for your cooperation.

Achievements

- We have recently received the platinum School Games Mark for the sixth consecutive year. This is a measure of our success in ensuring all pupils have access to 60 minutes of high-quality PE and school sport and a wide variety of extra-curricular opportunities. We are proud of the fact we are one of a handful of Birmingham schools that has consistently achieved this award.
- We are incredibly proud to have won the FA Award for 'Outstanding contribution to diversity' for our work on the Football project aiming to increase girls' participation. We also recently took part in a conference led by the FA on exploring how to increase Muslim girls' participation in football. Our girls were commended on the day for their engagement in the conference.
- We were nominated for 'Secondary School of the Year' by the cricket 'Chance to Shine' programme. Although we didn't win, we were one of two nominated schools to receive a mention for our work.
- We received recognition for our work on training pupils in first aid. All pupils have been trained in basic CPR as part a national campaign. The British heart Foundation recognised this as significant and presented us with a bag of resources to continue the good work.

I look to share more positive news with you in my next letter. In the meantime, please do continue to ensure you take up all the opportunities for engaging in your child's education through parent/carer evenings, parent/carer workshops, and ClassCharts monitoring.

Yours faithfully



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