



A member of the Harlington and Sundon Academy Trust

SUMMER TERM 2020 NEWSLETTER

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Our May Value is Co-Operation

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Dear Parents and Carers I hope you and your families are continuing to keeping well and safe during this time. I am sure many of you were celebrating VE Day last Friday, 8th May and remembering Soldiers who fought in the Second World War. It was great to see the community celebrate safety and decorate homes with flags and bunting. It is important for us to continue to 'live our Values' during this lockdown showing care and compassion. We continue to thank all the amazing people within the NHS, Care workers and all the keyworkers who are continuing to care for others and keep us safe.

We all hope that we can return to school as soon as possible, however there are lots of things that we have to think about before that is possible. Staff and Trustees, recognise that this has been a challenging time for your children and families and we are greatly looking forward to children returning to school when this can happen safely. The school will be following government guidance, as it is released, to enable this. Following Boris Johnson's announcement yesterday evening regarding partial school reopening, there will be decision making and planning from the Local Authority, within the HAST Cluster and at a local level, myself, Trustees and Senior Leaders within the Academy Trust will be working as quickly as possible to make the arrangements and to ensure compliance. To support the school in enabling this work, please try not to contact the school about reopening arrangements unless it is an urgent matter. **Please be assured that we will communicate with you as soon as we can.**

We also recognise that some of you may not be working at the moment due to the situation that we find ourselves in and may therefore be entitled to apply for FSM. We are currently providing a £15 voucher for families entitled to FSM to spend at a supermarket of their choice.

During the COVID-19 emergency, if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and is not attending school, you may be able to apply for a free school meal until schools return to normal opening. Families with children in Years 3 and 4 may be eligible to apply as well. If you think you meet the free school meals eligibility criteria, please call on 0300 300 8306. When you call to apply for free school meals, please have the following information ready:

- National Insurance numbers and dates of birth for you and your partner, dates of birth for your children
- if you receive support from the National Asylum Support Service, your NASS number

Schools receive extra funding called the pupil premium for children from families who receive a qualifying benefit for free school meals.

The qualifying benefits to receive free school meals are:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and your annual gross income does not exceed £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (during the initial roll-out of this benefit)

Teachers have continued to enjoy hearing about all the hard work and activities that children have been involved in. Please continue to communicate through your class teacher email system.

Take care and stay safe,

Mrs C White

Head Teacher