



A member of the Harlington and Sundon Academy Trust
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Friday 10th September 2021

Our September Value is Respect

Dear Parent / Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year!

I am delighted to welcome you and your child/children, back to school for a new academic year. I hope you all enjoyed spending quality family time over the summer holidays. We also welcome any new children and parents who are joining our Academy across some year groups as well as our Early Years children.

In the coming academic year, we are excited to return to the many routines of school life that we enjoyed before the pandemic. However, we must remain realistic and continue to respond to the challenges related to Coronavirus. The safety and well-being of all our children, staff and families remains our top priority and we will endeavour to respond to any government and public health guidance in a measured and timely manner. We will of course communicate any changes promptly and keep you updated as necessary.

We recognise that there is much work to be done to ensure every child achieves their full potential and flourishes in all areas of their development both academically and pastorally. Our teaching team is fully committed to delivering a recovery curriculum that builds on the hard work from last year. Gaps in children's education caused by interruptions to schooling and lockdown will be addressed during the school year. We will continue to support and work in partnership with parents and carers to ensure that children continue to enjoy, achieve and learn throughout the year whatever it brings.

My best wishes for the year ahead.

Mrs C White

Head Teacher

Arrival and Departure

The gate opens for children's arrival at 8.45am and closes at 9.00am. Please be punctual so your child is not late into class.

Reception parents can escort their child to the courtyard outside Oak class where a member of staff will greet your child into class

Reception children will be dismissed at 3.25pm. Parents can collect their child/children from their classroom using the courtyard area.

School finishes at 3.30pm. Children will exit via their classrooms and teachers will escort onto the playground where parents can collect their child/children.

Please email the school office by 12.00 o'clock if you have arranged for anyone other than yourselves to collect your child. Children will not be released to any other adult unless the school has received prior notification.

Attendance

We believe that every day at school counts towards your child's education and therefore impacts their future. We put great value on attendance and continue to monitor this rigorously. If your child is absent from school it is very important that you let us know the reason for the absence as soon as possible. Please inform the school office by email on the morning of absence.

Staff Parking Only

In order to keep children safe, please note that the Car park is for staff ONLY and not to be used by parents. Please continue to walk to school where possible. We also kindly remind parents when parking near to school to park legally and courteously so that our local residents are not inconvenienced.

Pre School

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If you have children at Harlington Village Pre School please use the far gate and path to access The Conifers and do not walk across the carpark. This is to keep your child safe and prevent an accident.

Living the Values

To begin the new school year our first value is "Respect". We will start by having a whole school assembly thinking about how to show respect to people, animals and objects in and out of school. We will remind children to 'treat others how you would like to be treated'. If your child shows an outstanding display of respect out of school please write a short note to your child's class teacher so that it can be celebrated in class. In school we will continue to reward children who live any of our values with a values leaf. At the end of the month the class with the most values leaves will be given a suitable reward!

Parent Group Meetings - Year 1-4 only

We would like to invite you into school so that you can meet your child's teacher face to face. The teachers will share their expectations for the year, topics to be covered,

classroom routines, special events, homework, reading, behaviour and rewards. This is an opportunity for you to ask questions about your child's coming year in school.

Please see diary dates below for your child's class date and time.

If you are unable to make the meeting the Class Teacher will send the meeting notes home with your child.

Chestnut	Year 1	9.00am Monday 13th September In the School Hall
Hawthorn	Year 2	9.00am Tuesday 14th September In the School Hall
Rowan	Year 3	9.00am Wednesday 15th September In the School Hall
Beech	Year 4	9.00am Thursday 16th September In the School Hall

Children's Birthdays

At Harlington Lower School we pride ourselves in being a healthy school. We continually promote and encourage the children to lead happy, healthy lifestyles in and out of school. Therefore, we have made the decision across HASAT that children do not bring in sweets and treats for their birthday. We will continue to celebrate each child's birthday in class with singing and discussions about their special day. We would like to thank you for your continued support.

Hand Hygiene

In school this week we have reminded children that washing your hands is one of the simplest but most important things you can do to protect your health. Good hand hygiene helps prevent the spread of disease, including the coronavirus. As we continue to encourage good hand washing in school we also understand that if you are out and about and can't get to a sink, then a hand sanitiser will work just as well. In partnership with 'Lifebuoy' we have new hand hygiene posters in class, stickers for the children and on Friday each child will bring home their own bottle of hand sanitiser to keep.

Packed lunches

We all know and understand the importance of a healthy diet. At Harlington Lower School we encourage parents and carers to provide children with packed lunches that promote healthy eating. There are plenty of hints and tips on what your child's lunchbox should contain as well as lots of easy-to-prepare ideas your children will

love from the Change for Life website (link below). We appreciate your continued support. [Lunchbox Ideas | Recipes | Change4Life \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Friends (FHLSA) Annual AGM

The FRIENDS AGM will be held in the Conifers Pre School Unit on Thursday 30th September at 6.15pm. Everyone welcome!!

Friends (FHLSA) 100 Club

The 100 Club is back this year! You can support the school and be in with a chance of winning a prize draw each month. To purchase a number (or two) please fill in the form attached and return to fhlsa99@gmail.com before the 30th September.

Bags 2 School 17th September

Having a clear out of clothing? Friends of Harlington Lower School (FHLSA) are currently running a Bag2School collection. Filled bags can be dropped off on the 17th September only, up to 9.15am at Harlington Lower School. The more that we collect, the more money we raise for the school. The drop off point is between the pre-school gate and the car park entrance. Please see the attached poster for further information.

Coronavirus Safety

We continue to follow the latest guidance given to us by the Department for Education and information will be shared as necessary. Our control measures from now on include:

- ❖ Ensuring good hygiene for everyone (children will be asked to wash hands regularly)
- ❖ Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes
- ❖ Keep occupied spaces well ventilated
- ❖ Follow public health advice

Children and adults still must NOT attend school if they are showing any of the three main Coronavirus symptoms:

- ❖ Temperature
- ❖ Loss of smell or taste
- ❖ New, continuous cough

It is hoped that parents and carers will agree that pupil with symptoms should not attend school, given the potential risk to others. However, if a parent or carer insists on a pupil attending our school, the decision to refuse the pupil will be made if, in the Headteacher's reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with Covid 19. This decision would be carefully considered in light of all the circumstances and current public health advice. Schools continue to follow DfE Contingency Framework: Education and childcare setting (August 2021) and will adhere to thresholds taking action as outlined.

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with Covid-19, or are a close contact of someone with Covid 19, and any of the following apply:

- ❖ They are fully vaccinated
- ❖ They are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- ❖ They have taken part in or currently part of an approved Covid 19 trial
- ❖ They are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Class bubbles will no longer close as a result of a positive case. Instead, they will be contacted by the NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

Thank you for your support and commitment to keeping our school and community safe.

Diary Dates for September

Mon	6th	September	Return to School
Thur	9th	September	Group 1 Reception Pupils Intake Start
Fri	10th	September	Class Newsletters to Parents
Mon	13th	September	Group 2 Reception Pupils Intake Start
Mon	13th	September	Chestnut Year 1 Parents Meeting - 9.00am
Tue	14th	September	Hawthorn Year 2 Parents Meeting - 9.00am
Tue	14th	September	Trustees Board Meeting 7.00pm
Wed	15th	September	Group 3 Reception Pupils Intake Start
Wed	15th	September	Rowan Year 3 Parents Meeting - 9.00am
Thur	16th	September	Beech Year 4 Parents Meeting - 9.00am
Fri	17th	September	Bags 2 Schools Collection 9.00am
Wed	22nd	September	School Photographs Individuals & Families
Thur	23rd	September	Parents Early Years Sounds Write Meeting 9.00 - 10.00am
Tue	28th	September	Proposed Flu Vaccination Day
Tue	28th	September	Trustees Board Meeting 7.00pm
Thur	30 th	September	FHLSA AGM 6.15pm Conifers Pre School

Netball

Westoning are looking to recruit Year 4 netballers, please see the attached poster for further information.

Football Club

Please see information attached

Vacancies

Teaching Assistant Harlington Upper School

Details can be found on their vacancies page: <https://www.harlington.org/our-school/vacancies>.

Parkfields Operations and Data Manager Vacancy Booklet

Attachments

100 Club Registration Form

100 Club Poster

Bags 2 Schools Poster

Westoning Netball Team Poster

Harlington & Sundon Football Club Information

Code of Conduct Football Club Form