



Hague Bar Primary Newsletter



19th July 2021

July 19th CV-19 Restriction Changes

We will not be changing any of our practice for the last week of term. This includes the expectation of mask wearing at the gate/walking onto site.

Promoting the School

From the parental feedback we've had recently, I am reassured that parents are mostly happy with school which is wonderful. However, in order to maintain our staffing levels and continue developing, we would like to increase our numbers overall. Birth rates are on a downward trajectory currently and there are many schools locally, so it is highly competitive. We have a parent governor, Jess (George's mum), who is leading a multi-platform campaign for us. If you would like to help her please contact info@haguebar.derbyshire.sch.uk and we will forward on your offer of support.

September: Start & End of the School Day

If we move to loosened restrictions as planned, then the following will be the new arrangements for the start/end of school.

Entry will be through the single pedestrian entry gate. There will be no staff member at the gate. Parents can escort their child to their classroom door if they wish and exit through the same gate. We will keep the relaxed start to the school day with children permitted to arrive on site between 8.40 and 9am. The feedback we've had has been very positive in that it helped parents have a calmer less pressured morning and it helps with parking.

Hometime will be 3pm for Haddon children and 3.15pm for KS2 children. If this is difficult for parents with children in both Key Stages, please discuss a compromise with both class teachers. Parents can come onto site for collection. Entry for parents will be through the single pedestrian gate and exit will be through the double gates at hometime (one-way system). We hope that parents will resume the Walking Bus. If you would like to volunteer for this for one afternoon a week please contact info@haguebar.derbyshire.sch.uk and Mrs Wagstaff will forward on your message.

However, if we do return to tighter restrictions, then we will likely revert to our system as it is now.

I will keep myself informed of DfE and National guidance over the summer and make a decision on the 3rd September with any important/essential messages sent to you via text or email then.

Free Holiday Activities at NMLC

New Mills Leisure Centre are running Koala Club during the summer holidays for child care. It is open for all children. £20 for a day or free if eligible for Free School Meals. Info & book here: <https://koalaklubs.net/>

September: During the Day

Again, if restrictions loosen, we plan to return to a no-bubble structure during the school day, meaning we will return to some mixed class playtimes and mixed class lunch sittings. It will also mean we can return to delivery of shared interventions, no separation of classes in Breakfast Club and indoor whole school assembly. Once school has reacclimatised to these changes and I am reassured that we are keeping a healthy school then I will look to increase parent invitations to events.

School Dinners

All Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 (unless parents qualify for Free School Meals through means testing) pay for school dinners. If your child is currently in Year 2 this will be a change. ParentPay is the only way to pay for school dinners – please ensure you can log into your account. From September school dinner prices are increasing to £2.30 per day (or £11.50 weekly).

Breakfast Club

This will be available from Monday September 6th from 7.30am to start of school each day. The price in September will be £3.50 per child/per morning which includes breakfast and drink. If two siblings attend together, then the price is £6 per morning. This is all payable by ParentPay.

Summer

I am looking forward to the last few days in school with our Hassop Leavers Assembly tomorrow and exciting activities on our last day, which is Thursday. I wish you all a wonderful summer and will see most of you back on Monday September 6th. For those I will not see, thank you for being supportive parents and choosing to send your child to Hague Bar Primary. Y6 have been a wonderful year group. I, and all the Hague Bar team, wish each one a great start at High School and hope they will still say hello when they bump into us when they are Y7s!



Mrs Rachel Parry, Headteacher



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