



NEWSLETTER 2024/5

Week Ending Friday, 6th September 2024



Dear All

It has been great to see all the children back in school this week. Welcome also to our new families, we know your children will love it here at Hogarth. All the classes have settled back really responsibly and have been eager to show their new teaching team how keen they are to learn. A few general reminders as we start the academic year.

Uniform

- All uniform is available with or without the school logo from Just school wear Arnold or myclothing.com.
- Black trousers and tops also available from Tesco stores, ASDA, John Lewis, Matalan, M&S and Aldi
- **All clothing and footwear should be named please.**
- Earrings should be plain, gold studs which lie flat to the ear.
- Watches can be worn if the children can use them.
- All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons.

Water Bottles

Every child should bring a water bottle filled with WATER ONLY as a hydrated brain is a healthy brain. The water bottle does not need to be too big. Thank you

Punctuality

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time, 8.45am for all year groups in school, however nursery starts at 8.30am this year. All our youngest children should be escorted AND collected by their parents/ carers please, not older siblings for safety reasons.

End of School collecting children

Children cannot be collected from school by anyone under 16 year of age and if someone different is collecting your child, you must inform the office before 3.15pm to ensure the message gets to the class teaching in a timely manner. Our priority, as always is your children's safety.

Harvest Festival

Friday 20th September 2024 is our harvest festival assembly. We would love your child to bring just **ONE** tinned item to put on our display, Friday morning and it will go to the St Anne's Foodbank that support families locally. We would like to invite all our new reception class parents along to this event, as their children have a starring role in the assembly at 9.00am.



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Planners

Your child will be bringing home their new school planner today and they are so excited to have their own reading record and school planner. Please see the video posted by Miss Cooper as to how the pages can be completed by the parents and our expectations for keeping them safe!

Attendance

Thank you to those parents who are bringing their children on time, every day. We really want to ensure all our children are in school every day and will be monitoring this as the term moves on. Our attendance this week is 93.5% The national average last year was 93% . Well done to Year 4 who had the best attendance this week out of all our classes!

NEW FINES for non-attendance.

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are changing

The government is introducing a new National Framework for Penalty Notices

5 days of unauthorised absence

Penalty Notice fines may be issued for any term-time absences that are unauthorised (for example, a 5-day term-time holiday) - whether these absences are taken consecutively or cumulatively over a rolling period of 10 school weeks

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in any 10-week period

Penalty Notice fines will also be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in any rolling period of 10 school weeks

A school day has 2 sessions:

1 morning and 1 afternoon session per day

A **school week** means any week in which there is at least one school session. The threshold can be met with any combination of unauthorised absence (e.g. 6 sessions of holiday plus 4 sessions of arriving late after the register closes all within 10 school weeks). These sessions can be consecutive (e.g. 10 sessions of holiday in one week) or not (e.g. 6 sessions of unauthorised absence taken in 1 week and 1 per week for the next 4 weeks). The period of 10 school weeks can also span different terms or school years (e.g. 2 sessions of unauthorised absence in the Summer Term and a further 8 within the Autumn Term).

What is a Penalty Notice?

A penalty notice is an out of court settlement which is intended to change behaviour without the need for criminal prosecution. If repeated penalty notices are being issued and they are not working to change behaviour they are unlikely to be most appropriate tool. Therefore, from August 2024, only 2 penalty notices can be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within a 3 year rolling period and any second notice within that period is charged at a higher rate. Any further offences will result in criminal prosecution.

The law will be clear that where a Penalty Notice threshold met – in each individual case, the school **must** consider if a Penalty Notice is appropriate

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term-Time Leave of Absence or irregular attendance, the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child (if paid within 28 days)

Reduced to: **£80** per parent, per child if paid within 21 days

Second Offence (in a 3-year rolling period)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term-Time Leave of Absence or irregular attendance to the **same parent** for the **same child** the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child (if paid within 28 days)

There is no reduction in the amount.

Third Offence or Any Further Offences (in a 3-year rolling period)

The third time an offence is committed for a Term-Time Leave of Absence or irregular attendance by the **same parent** for the **same child** (including those by other Local Authorities) a Penalty Notice will **NOT** be issued but will be referred to Bristol City Council's Education Welfare service for **Prosecution** which may result in fines of upto **£2,500** per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in a Magistrate's Court can show on a parent's future DBS certificate.

Bristol City Council have the discretion to issue Penalty Notice fines before the above threshold is met in cases where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the threshold, or for repeated absences for birthdays or other family events.

Unchanged

Penalty Notice fines are issued **Per Parent, Per child**. This means that fines are issued to each parent, for each child who is absent. **For example:** If 2 siblings are absent for a term-time holiday this will result in each parent receiving 2 separate fines.



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Lime Trees

We have partnered with Lime Trees to provide before school (breakfast club) and after school childcare for children at Hogarth Academy, starting in September. If you would like any further information about prices and times of sessions, please click on the link below and or call them on 0115 9313562 <https://thelimetrees.co.uk/>

We will no longer be providing this service; any bookings must be made with Lime Trees directly.

SEND Drop in sessions

If you would like to discuss your child's needs with our SENDCO, Mr Stewart, he has a parent drop-in session every week. You can either book in via the office or just pop down to school at the time below.

SENDCO DROP-IN SESSIONS EVERY THURSDAY AT 3.00pm.

Class Newsletters

The class teachers will be posting the newsletters on our website and on Dojo next week – look out for what we are learning about this term.

Diary Dates for this half term

20 th Sept	Harvest Festival day – please send your child with a donation to the food bank e.g. a tinned item or a packet of dried foods / biscuits.
27 th Sept	Cake Sale after school – please donate cakes and bring in the morning and we will sell them back to you at the end of the day to raise money for Macmillan Cancer care- all welcome
Thursday 17 th October	School closes for half term at the end of the school day
6 th Nov	School reopens for Autumn Term 2 Parents Evening 3.30-6.00pm – sign-up sheets will be available the week before half term

And finally

We would welcome parents to help in school as a volunteer to hear children read and help support learning. If you are interested, we would first need to complete the DBS check with you. Please come to the school office to find out more.

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