



## **Hogarth Academy -School Opening to ALL Pupils September 2020**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

We have put together a list of some FAQs to help support you and your child in readiness for September, its not exhaustive so please contact school if you are unsure about anything,

#### **When will my child start back to school?**

Children starting Reception class have had a separate letter outlining their start date. If your child is in Y1- Y6 in September, they will all start back on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**. ALL children are expected to return to school on this day, as per the government's expectations. We are really looking forward to seeing everyone. We will be having staggered start and finish times for each year groups and you will get a personalised letter outlining what time you will need to drop your child off at the bottom of the school drive.

To reduce congregating or having to 'hang around' on the path , we have decided to continue to use the approach we are using now which has been working well- please check out the video on the website that shows how this works.

**ONLY ONE ADULT** should bring children to school and pick up. This is to reduce the number of people on site over this period-of-time. We understand that some of you may have other children that you will need to bring along with you.

#### **Does my child have to come back to school?**

Yes. The government has stated that it is safe for ALL children to return to school in September, following the national guidance. We have put all those measures in place and so expect all children to return to school. If you think your child 's health would put them in the critically vulnerable group and you have a letter from your child's GP /consultant , please contact school to discuss this with myself.

#### **Does my child have to wear uniform?**

Children will be expected to wear the academy uniform, information about how to order online was sent out on a newsletter last month, [www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com). The black and white uniform can be purchased at many of the local supermarkets. Children will not be changing into their PE kit for the first few weeks, under current guidance to minimize the risk of transmission, so they do not need to bring this into school, just a pair of trainers on a Tuesday ONLY.

#### **What else does my child have to bring to school?**

Children only need to bring their packed lunch in a plastic bag or dinner money in an envelope, a coat and a water bottle with water only in it please, their reading book and reading record in a plastic bag not a book bag. Children cannot bring in anything else from home to show their teacher or class friends at the moment.

#### **Does my child need to wear a mask or bring their own hand sanitiser?**

Children do not need to wear a mask in school, if they come to school in one, they will pop it into a plastic bag on arrival and keep in their tray until home time. Children do not need bring their own hand sanitiser, as a school we have plenty of hand sanitiser in all classrooms as well as stations around the school. Children will also be told to wash their hands throughout the day as part of our classroom routines.

#### **Breakfast Club Provision**

Breakfast club will start Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 7.45am to allow us to get everyone back in first. Please contact Mrs Robinson school if your child will require this provision before the end of term, as places are limited.

## **National Breakfast Programme**

Our school has signed up to receive **free healthy breakfast food** as part of the Covid response offer, under the National School Breakfast Programme (NSBP), which is being delivered by the charities Family Action and Magic Breakfast. We will start the provision **week beginning 14th September**. We will be providing **ALL pupils** with **bagels** each morning in their classroom if they would like one. The benefits of a healthy breakfast include children being settled and ready to learn at the start of the day.

### **What about medication?**

If your child requires regular medication at school e.g. an inhaler, please complete a form at the gate with Miss Cooper or myself on the first day back. Please ensure the medication has the pharmacy label on it and is in date. The medication should also be in a plastic bag, clearly labelled.

### **What about school dinners and dinner money?**

School dinners will be served from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September onwards, children will be eating in their classroom. A hot meal will be served with pudding and a carton of juice. We have been doing this since July and it is working well. (There will be no choice of jacket potato at the moment)

Reception, Y1 and Y2 children have universal free school meals. If you pay for a school meal, please ensure the money is in an envelope clearly labelled and given to either Miss Cooper or myself on arrival or is with your child. It will be collected from the classroom by the office team. If your child has sandwiches, their packed lunch must be brought in a plastic bag, not a lunchbox/bag and clearly labelled.

### **Visitors / Parents / Carers in School**

**No visitors, parents / carers** will be able to come into school without a **prior appointment**. This is in line with the DfE / Trust Guidance. If you need to speak to a member of staff, please call the main office. **Thank you for your patience in this matter.**

### **Marvellous ME APP**

This has been a key element in communication with parents during lockdown, please ensure you have it on your phone , contact the office for the information to get up and running for September

### **Behaviour Policy**

As we welcome pupils back, we have reviewed and made changes to our behaviour policy in light of COVID 19..A copy of the policy can be found on the academy's website under 'Important Information' and 'Policies'.

### **Contact Numbers**

Please make sure we have your up-to-date contact numbers. If they have changed over the closure period, please phone the main office.

### **Engage with the NHS Test and trace process.**

Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-for-coronavirus/>), or ordered by telephone via NHS119 for those without access to the internet.

Other members of the household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.

School must be informed immediately of the results of a test.

Finally, If your question hasn't been answered through the above , please do not hesitate to contact us , we are here to help

Ms Sarah Lee

Headteacher