



# Hogarth Academy

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Dear Parents,

## **A great start !**

Well that was a quick month! We have been busy working away in class for four weeks now and all the systems and structures we have put in place to keep everyone safe are working and seem like the new norm. The staggered start is working well, as is the staggered finish so well done and thank you everyone. The children are working hard in class and their books are good evidence to this; their behaviour is fantastic at both break and lunchtimes. We are making sure homework is sent out regularly, school dinners are working well with a bigger portion control and most parents are signed up to MarvellousMe!

## **Parents Evening - Safety of All**

Thank you to everyone who has returned the slip to book in for parents evening. However, given the current climate and the increasing R rate across the city, I have taken the decision to make these conversations a telephone one instead of a face to face meeting. The class teacher will ring you at the time you have already booked in for from the school phone on the main number we have on our system.

As there is no catch up for the year group that day, the class teacher may be available earlier. If you need to amend your time, please call Mrs Townend in the office as soon as possible. If there is anything specific the teacher needs to share with you about the way your child learns or needs support as a result of the telephone conversation, we will arrange to talk this through with you after school one day, keeping social distanced of course. Please call and book your conversation if you haven't done so already, there is lots of great work to share with everyone!

## **Home learning if we must close a class or the school during the pandemic**

As you know, during lockdown last term, the teachers provided home learning on J2E, our online learning platform. For younger children, home learning packs were sent out to families. If we must close a year group due to an outbreak, we will be providing remote home learning again. Reception children will be provided with home learning packs that must be completed and the team will collect at the end of the week to mark and provide further learning if needed. Children in Y1 upwards will have work uploaded daily onto J2E for the child to complete, including videos from the teaching on how to complete the piece of work, especially if it's a new concept. The teaching team from your child's class will ring you and your child **daily** to talk about the work and support your child's learning. The expectation is that ALL children WILL complete the work daily as if they were in school. We will send out our FAQ help sheet to access J2E as well as posting it again on the website, should the need arise !

We are also aware that some families struggled to access J2E work over the lockdown for a variety of reasons, so we need to know from everyone what provision there is at home for your child to access work online. Please can you ring the office with your answers to the following questions? Miss Cooper and I will also be catching parents at the gate to complete our survey so we can support you, support your child's learning in the event of a local lockdown.

## **Accessing work online Survey – please ring the office with your answer to the following ...**

The home has safe internet access via a tablet / laptop/iPad or PC. Yes or No

My child can access j2E independently and safely. Yes or No

If no – please explain what would be needed to enable this to happen.

Thank you everyone

Sarah Lee

Headteacher