

Welcome Back

It was good to see all the children back in school last week and this week. They have all settled back in to their new classes really responsibly and have been eager to show their new teaching team how keen they are to learn. They have made a great start with their learning too, having looked in their books today. Well done everyone!

As usual, a few general reminders as we start the academic year ...

Uniform

For Girls Black pinafore dress White blouse/shirt Black & White gingham dress Black Logo sweatshirt, jumper Black skirt or trousers (not leggings, jeans, or track suit bottoms) Black or white socks/tights Black shoes – NOT Black Trainers

For Boys Black trousers/shorts White shirt, with collar Black Logo sweatshirt, jumper Black or White socks Black shoes – NOT Black Trainers

PE uniform is: Blue or white logo T shirt black shorts/jogging trousers black cycle shorts Footwear for PE and games: plimsolls, trainers or football boots.

- 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

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 collect 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.

Only parents /carers with a blue badge are allowed to come down the drive in a car, this must be agreed with the Headteacher as the safety of our children is paramount.

Diary Dates – this half term

Friday 1 st October	Harvest Festival Children will be asked to bring 1 tinned item to school to take to our local food bank to help others less fortunate than ourselves
15 th October	School closes for half term
2 nd November	School reopens
4 th November	Diwali Party Day
Week beg 8 th November	Parents Evenings for all classes

Covid Information – latest guidance for schools.

Thank you for your patience in the organisation of the arrival and collection of children at home time.

Whilst we no longer have to have bubbles in school, we are being prudent with keeping year groups distanced within school at break and lunchtimes to continue to keep everyone safe.

The latest guidance for schools and children from www.gov.uk is as follows...

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 are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a [PCR test](#). We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. Staff who do not need to isolate, and children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend school, and have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend school as normal. They do not need to wear a face covering within the school, but it is expected and recommended that these are worn when travelling on public or dedicated transport.

Latest Guidance for a Covid-19 at School

- 1) If a child or staff member develops covid-19 like symptoms they should be sent home asap and advised to take a PCR test.
- 2) If the test comes back positive the pupil/staff member will be required to engage with the NHS Track and Trace Service in order to identify close contact. Regular communication from parents/staff member with school admin will be required to keep us informed of the positive case and members of school community who have been identified as close contacts.
- 3) If it is a pupil who is positive then they will be required to isolate at home for 10 days. During this time if they are well enough the parents should contact the school so home learning can be provided.
- 4) Any pupils who are identified as close contacts will no longer need to isolate but they will be strongly advised to take a PCR test (if this is then positive they will need to isolate and inform the school of the result). All staff members who have been identified as a close contact and have been double vaccinated will not be required to isolate but to take a PCR test (if positive result then school notified and isolation will be required)

PTFA Update

Miss Cooper will be communicating with parents this term to start a Hogarth Parent Teacher Association. If you are interested in being part of this group, please speak with Miss Cooper directly.

After School clubs

We are now able to host afterschool clubs (3.30-4.00pm) and further information about these will be sent out next week when finalized. It will be good to offer lots of other activities to our all our children.

And finally The Virtual London Marathon team!

Mrs. Robinson and I will be taking part in the virtual London Marathon on Sunday 3rd October. We will let you know our 26.2 route and finish, nearer the time and you will be welcome to cheer us on to get us over the finish line!

Ms S Lee
Headteacher