



# Highfields Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are approaching the end of another half term; where does time go to? As you know, school breaks up tomorrow and re-opens again on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

Earlier this week I met with our parent governors and we discussed the Covid-19 risk assessment that is currently in place. We have been ensuring that we have kept up to date with all of the latest guidance and also with the current picture regarding cases of Covid-19 in the local area.

We have agreed that we will be making one change to our current risk assessment when we return on the 8<sup>th</sup>. The current one-way gate system will be removed. This means that from the 8<sup>th</sup> you will be able to enter and leave through either the Cumberland Avenue or Whitehouse Lane gate. We will be keeping the gate at the end of the car park open but we hope that the number of parents/children needing to go through the car park will be significantly reduced.

Whilst the one-way system has been in place we have given permission for some parents to use the school car park when dropping off and collecting their children. If you have been doing this and feel that this will still be necessary moving forward please speak to me about this.

We are concerned that the area between preschool and the reception outdoor area could potentially become a bottleneck so from the 8<sup>th</sup> June our reception children will be entering and leaving school through the door by the red railings on the Key Stage 2 playground. This will enable parents to space out more on the playground.

For now all other parts of the risk assessment are going to remain in place. This includes the staggered start and finish times, the class bubbles, cleaning routines, expectation of parents to socially distance on school grounds etc. We would request that parents continue to wear face coverings whilst on the school grounds.

We are going to review the risk assessment again once we return after the holiday and feel that we need to warn parents that if local data or government guidance indicates concern we may have to re-introduce measures at very short notice – hopefully that will not happen.



Could I please remind you all of the importance of informing the school if your child tests positive for Covid-19 during the school holidays. It is essential that we know this so we can ensure that track and trace procedures are adhered to. During holiday periods you can contact me via email:

[head@highfieldsnantwich.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@highfieldsnantwich.cheshire.sch.uk) but please be aware that this email is not accessed at all times. The better way to contact me is to ring the school mobile phone: 07899 040876. If your call is not answered please leave a voice mail and/or a text message. This phone will be accessed daily.

As always I would like to thank you for your continued support and I wish you all a very happy and enjoyable half term break.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Dyson  
Principal