



# Highfields Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are all well and have had a good week. As you will be well aware, many of the protective measures that have been in place since the start of the pandemic are due to be removed on Monday. Because this falls so close to the end of term we will not be making any changes to our current risk assessment until the end of term so next week things will remain as they have been.

From September we are planning to make changes and hopefully school will begin to get back to normality, with some changes that have worked well over the last year implemented. The main changes are outlined in this letter but one thing that the last 16 months has taught us is that nothing is guaranteed so we all have to be prepared for things to change with very little notice. I would ask you to check your emails over the holiday period in case we need to send you any updated information.

Kidspace:

Kidspace will return to the library area. Children will be dropped off and collected from the old Kidspace door; this is the one by the red railings on the KS2 playground.

Coming into school:

You will still be able to use both gates to enter and leave the school site. However, the red gate between the car park and the Key Stage 1 playground will no longer be open. Access to for Y1 and Y2 will be via the KS2 playground and then past the Y5 and Y6 classrooms.

Entrances:

All classes will use the same entrance that they are currently using with the exception of the reception class. This class will enter the school through the reception outdoor area.

Start times:

We will be returning to our old start times from September. For all classes the doors will open at 8.50 and registration will take place promptly at 8.55am. Registration will close at 9.00am so late marks will be applied from that time onwards.

Home times:

Reception children and Year 1 children will finish at 3.25pm. Children in Years 2 – 6 will finish at 3.30pm.

### Breaktimes and Lunchtimes:

Morning break: 10.15am – 10.30am for all classes

Lunchtimes: Reception: 11.45am – 12.30pm  
Year 1 and Year 2: 12.00pm – 12.45pm  
Year 3 and Year 4: 12.15pm – 1.00pm  
Year 5 and Year 6: 12.30pm – 1.15pm

All children will eat in the dining hall.

Afternoon break: Reception – Year 4: 2.00pm – 2.15pm  
Year 5 and Year 6: 2.15pm – 2.30pm

Morning snack: We will continue with the system of ordering snack in the classroom first thing and delivering these to the classrooms at break time.

Assemblies: Assemblies will start again in September. On a Friday we will be having our celebration assembly and parents will be invited into school if your child is being celebrated. These will take place at 9.00am

### PE:

Since the start of the pandemic we have allowed children to come into school in their PE kits on the days that they have PE. I know that many parents like this and want this to continue. We are going to continue with this but with two caveats in place:

- This will only apply to pupils in Year 2 onwards. Pupils in Reception and Year 1 will still be expected to come into school every day in school uniform. The reason behind this decision is that we believe that getting changed into kit and back into uniform independently is a very important part of learning.
- The school uniform policy on PE kit will be strictly adhered to. We will expect all pupils/parents to adhere to this, just like we expect them to adhere to the uniform policy on other days. Over the last 16 months we have been quite relaxed regarding uniform but we feel from September it is time to reintroduce this fully.

The policy is available at

<http://www.highfieldsacademytrust.co.uk/page/policies/2145>

NB: This does not apply to days when children are taking part in Forest School Activities and there may be certain days (eg school photo days) when this will not apply.

### Year 2 parent's evening phone calls:

I apologise for having to cancel the arranged phone calls for Year 2 parents on Tuesday and Wednesday but unfortunately it couldn't be helped. Miss Addis is back in school now and parents will have the opportunity to arrange a phone call with her on either Monday afternoon from 1pm – 4pm or on Tuesday from 9.30am – 3.30pm. Please do not feel that you are expected to arrange this; it is not like our regular parents' evenings. However, we feel that it is important to give you this opportunity so if you would like to arrange a phone call with Miss Addis please email her directly at [a.addis@highfieldsnantwich.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:a.addis@highfieldsnantwich.cheshire.sch.uk) and she will arrange a time with you. Calls will be limited to 10 minute time slots as per the original arrangements.

### Staff:

At the end of this year we will be saying goodbye to four members of staff. Mrs Dobbie, Mrs Moss and Mrs Needham, who all work in our preschool, will be retiring next week. I wish to thank them all for their fantastic commitment and hard work over the years and I wish you all a very happy retirement. Miss Greatbanks, who works mainly in Kidspace but also at lunchtimes will be leaving us on 20<sup>th</sup> August to take on an exciting opportunity in another school. Again, I wish to thank her for everything she has done and I wish her all the very best.

Finally, congratulations are in order for one member of staff. Miss Garner will be getting married on Thursday. We all wish her a wonderful day and a long and happy future as Mrs Cooper.

Have a lovely weekend everyone, enjoy the sunshine. Thank you as always for your support.

Simon Dyson  
Principal