



Old Hall Drive Academy

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3rd November 2020

Dear Parent / Carers,

It gives us great pleasure to be able to welcome you all back to school.

As outlined by the Government we are about to enter a second period of lockdown starting on Thursday 5th November. We will continue to remain open throughout this period, with reference to Government guidance and would like to reassure you that the health and safety of our school community remains our main priority.

I would therefore like to take this opportunity to once again remind you of the amendments we have made to our policies and procedures in response to the pandemic.

We continue to operate slightly amended start and finish times (see attached) in order to limit the number of children, parents and carers accessing the school grounds at the same time. We ask that only **one adult** comes into the grounds when dropping off and picking up to limit numbers. Children will not be lining up on the playground and will enter/exit their classrooms through the identified entrance/exit. It is essential that children are dropped off and picked up on time and are supervised whilst waiting to enter.

We continue to have a one-way system in place and ask you to respect this by ensuring you enter school **ONLY** through the entrance on Ryder Brow and follow the one-way system, exiting through the Nursery exit. We also kindly ask, due to increased adult numbers, that you wear a protective mask/face covering whilst on the school grounds.

We have a heightened cleaning regime and children will be required to wash their hands when they enter the building and throughout the school day. We ask that you continue to emphasise the importance of this at home alongside the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' guidance.

Attendance

Attendance at school is essential. Attendance will be managed as it was before the pandemic and attendance in school is expected. Mental Health and Wellbeing continues to feature on the timetable through our dedicated WOW (Wise Owl Wellbeing) curriculum and our priority is on ensuring every child feels safe and happy in school.

Behaviour

We continue to have high expectations for behaviour and conduct with our policy





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being based on mutual respect and trust, and the development of positive relationships. We believe that every child should be acknowledged and recognised for the vital role they play in the life of our school. Our ethos has always been focused on the development of the RESPECT key values and preparing children for life beyond school. We are aware that the current challenging circumstances may develop in anxieties for some children and we will identify support as necessary to address these concerns, whether that be a pastoral support plan in consultation with the child and parent or alternative strategy such as, play therapy, counselling etc. For a full overview of our Relationships policy please see the policy section of our school website www.oldhalldrive.co.uk

Positive Cases of Coronavirus/Remote Learning

As previously outlined we will continue to be guided by Public Health England and our own risk assessments to ensure the school site remains open and safe. As a precautionary measure, groups of children, classes or year groups may be directed to self-isolate, if they are identified as a direct or proximity contact to a positive case. Staff members may also be asked to self-isolate, based on the same advice. We do have some staff that move between year groups and classes, however these staff continue to follow social distancing rules and thoroughly clean between groups.

School staff have not been directed to wear face coverings and have been asked to remain within the school building at the start and end of the school day. This has again been informed by guidance from the Department for Education and is based on current evidence. We strive for school being a positive experience for all of our pupils and the use of face coverings would have a negative impact within the school environment.

All children who are self-isolating will be provided with remote learning. If your child is well, it is essential that you support them in accessing the work set. All work will reflect that being delivered in the classroom and completing it will prevent your child from developing gaps in their learning.

Although we appreciate that it is difficult not seeing members of staff on the playground, however, we ask that you continue to support us in keeping school safe by maintaining your social distance and following the one-way system. Staff are still available to speak should you have any queries or require any support. Please contact us by calling 0161 223 2805, email: admin@oldhalldrive.manchester.sch.uk or post a letter/query in the post boxes located at each entrance.

Many thanks for your ongoing support

Mrs Murfin (Executive Principal)





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Adjusted Start & Finish Times – Autumn 2 2020

Please note that if you have children in different year groups, they should all be dropped off at the later start time and collected at the earlier finish time.

	Start time	Finish time
Reception	9:00am	3:15pm
Year 1	9:00am	3:15pm
Year 2	8:50am	3:05pm
Year 3	8:40am	2:55pm
Year 4	8:30am	2:45pm
Year 5	8:40am	2:55pm
Year 6	8:30am	3:15pm

If your child has been selected to come to Catch Up sessions they should still arrive at school to start at 8:30 am (or 8:00am Year 6).

