



# Old Hall Drive Academy

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15<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Dear Parents / Carers,



As you are aware, last week two Teachers tested positive for Covid 19. Understandably, this has raised anxiety levels within the school community.

I would like to reassure you that the safety of the children in our care is our utmost importance and this is why we have been overly cautious in our response.

Last Thursday, a full investigation was carried out by Public Health England (PHE), the Local Authority and the Trust. The outcome was that we could safely bring back all children and staff that have not been in direct contact with the two staff that have tested positive which is why the majority of children have now returned. They also looked closely at the control measures in place and could make no further recommendations to implement in school. Throughout the pandemic, we have followed all Government guidance and will continue to do so in the forthcoming months.

## Face coverings

The wearing of masks in school is not recommended for children of primary school age. We have consulted with PHE and asked whether wearing a mask would have prevented the bubble from having to isolate. They have confirmed that regardless of whether the staff had a mask on or not, the outcome would still have been the same, I have attached a frequently asked questions sheet for your information.

The safety measures we have in place are as follows:

**Staggered start times** - Help us to keep our school community safe. Please bring your child to school at the correct time. **DO NOT** congregate in the playground and remain socially distanced from other parents and school staff.

**A one way system** - Please follow the one way system at all times. Enter school by the gate on Ryder Brow (yellow gate) and exit the playground by the gate on Old Hall Drive.

**Year group bubbles** - All children are in a year group bubbles and do not mix with anyone outside of their bubble. Each bubble has their own playtime and lunchtime in a designated area of the playground or MUGA.

**Increased handwashing** - All children and staff are washing their hands on entry and exit to the building and more frequently throughout the school day.

**Social distancing** - All staff have been asked to socially distance at all times throughout the school day.



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**Virtual office** - If you need to communicate with school, please can you do so via phone, text, email ( [admin@oldhalldrive.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oldhalldrive.manchester.sch.uk)) or posting a note into the post box by the main entrance. To improve communication, I would appreciate it if you could email [admin@oldhalldrive.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oldhalldrive.manchester.sch.uk) with the names of your child/ren and your email address.



On a final note from me, please send into school any home learning your child completed during lockdown.

Best wishes

Miss Hayley Brooker  
Principal

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ . Class \_\_\_\_\_

In line with Government guidance, we will need to continue to provide home learning for your child to access should your child need to self isolate or be otherwise absent from school. Please could you answer the following questions and return your slip to the postbox outside school.

## Please delete as appropriate

Were you able to access the home learning on Seymour Roads website during lockdown?  
**Yes / No**

If not, did you request paper copies to be sent to you? **Yes / No**

How would you like us to provide home learning in the forthcoming weeks?

## Paper packs and books / Old Hall Drive website / Seesaw

Please note that if you request paper packs, you will need to arrange for them to be collected and all work will have to be returned to school for the Teacher to mark.

If you are entitled to a Free School Meal and your child has to self isolate, would you like your child to be provided with a packed lunch from school? **Yes / No**



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