



Haughton St Giles

Dream to Achieve



Friday 4th February 2022

Covid Update

As you will know government guidelines around Covid are ever changing. Please ensure you are following the latest Government guidelines, which are as follows:

- If your child shows symptoms carry out a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) - **if negative but symptoms persist then go for a PCR test**
- Report to the NHS & to the school office if they are positive
- Isolate for 5 days (N.B: Day 1 of self-isolation is the day after your symptoms started or the day after you had a positive test if you didn't have symptoms)
- Self-isolation will end if you get a negative LFT on day 5 & 6 and you do not have a high temperature
- If either of the day 5 or 6 tests are positive, it is important to self-isolate until you get **2 negative** LFT a day apart (24hrs) or you have completed **10** full days of isolation

What should I do if my child tests positive:

- Follow the above guidance
- Inform the school office, that your child is unable to attend school due to them testing positive for Covid (Please be aware that you will be asked if your child is well enough to receive Home Schooling, at this point)
- Your child's class teacher will be informed, so they can make contact to discuss Home Schooling with you

What is Home Schooling?

Home Schooling is carried out virtually with your child being in the classroom but on a laptop - it will be as if they were in school in their classroom. They will be able to listen to their class teacher's input, ask/answer questions where appropriate and have time to complete their work.

Home Schooling requirements:

- Your child will need access to a laptop/Ipad
- You need to be able to print relevant supporting materials prior to the lessons
- Your child must be able to log on/off at the specified times allocated by their individual teacher
- Completed work should be returned to their class teacher when they return to school
- Your child will be expected to attend all specified lessons each day
- At times your child will need to be supported by parent/guardian
- Your child needs to be up & ready for the start of lessons

However, you know your child best so, if you feel they are not well enough to receive Home Schooling please be honest and Home Schooling can start when they are feeling up to it, however please understand this takes a lot of preparation, so cannot be ad-hoc/on and off. Also, please be patient while teachers prepare & send the work to you via email, e.g. If you report your child as positive on a Monday morning, then expect contact from the teacher at some point that day and work to be emailed ready for your child to be receiving Home Schooling on the Tuesday. **N.B: Teachers will not be able to give parents feedback or have a discussion on your child's progress via the virtual lessons.**

Book Fair



We are holding a Book Fair on Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th February, 3:30 - 4. Children will be able to spend their £1 World Book Day vouchers at the fair and these will be distributed to all pupils on the Wednesday, so they can pop in after school and buy a book. We earn commission from all book sales made over the two days, which enables us to purchase new books for all the classes, so please do come along and take a look at the huge selection of books on offer.

Bikeability



On Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th February we welcome the Bikeability Team, who will train our year 4 & 5 pupils on how to be safe on the roads when using their bikes. Y4 will only need their bikes on the Wednesday & Y5 will need their bikes on both days and don't forget your helmets. Previously, bikes have been left over night and you are more than welcome to do so, although we don't expect any damage, all property is left at the owners risk.

PTFA News

PTFA are holding a Disco on the evening of Thursday 17th February. KS 1 (Acorn & Conker class) will be 5-6pm, followed by KS2 6:15 - 7:15pm. It is £3 per child and there will be a stall selling pizza, refreshments and sweets, so please send your child with some pocket money. Can we ask that parents drop their children off at the entrance and return at the designated time to collect them. Please ensure that you are on time

Music

There is no music on Friday 4th March, as Entrust Music Department have an Inset Day. So no musical instruments required.



Parentpay Update

After half term, we will be moving the morning toast sale payments on to Parentpay, which will save you having to hunt around for 20p coins everyday. The Academy are wanting us to be as cash free as possible moving forward, however we will still be accepting cash for the sale of ties. All other payments for dinner, toast, trips, clubs, milk & charitable donations will all be paid using your Parentpay account.

So, how will toast work?

Children will order their toast on a daily basis, like they do for school dinners and this will be allocated to your Parentpay account for you to make payment - easy!
Therefore, please can you ensure that you check your Parentpay account on a regular basis and clear

Medicines in School

Please can we remind parents, that children are not allowed to bring **any** medicines into school (this includes Calpol sachets, vitamins & cough sweets) this is to ensure the safety of all our pupils. However, if your child needs a **prescribed** medicine administering during the school day, then please bring the labelled medicine to the school office, where you will be asked to complete a short form. The medicine will be stored securely and will only be administered by either Mrs Kelly or Miss Hulme, who will keep a record of when the medicine was administered.

Morning Drop off

Please can we remind parents that drop off is between 8:45 & 8:55 through the main school gate only. We are noticing a large number of pupils arriving late and as such coming through the main entrance in the mornings.

Also, we've had a few parents using the staff car park to pick up their children for appointments during the school day or from Little Seeds or blocking the access gate. Can we remind you that this car park is solely for the use of staff & deliveries and hence they could be walking, in the dark, across the car park to get to their vehicles or to use the bins.

Diary Dates

- Wednesday 9th February - Book Fair (more details to follow)
- Wednesday 16th February - Y4/5 Bikeability
- Thursday 17th February - Y5 Bikeability
- Thursday 17th February - PTFA Disco (KS1 5-6pm & KS2 6:15 - 7:15pm)
- **Monday 21st - Friday 25th February - Half Term**
- **Monday 28th February - INSET DAY (no pupils)**
- Tuesday 29th February - School reopens
- Friday 4th March - No Music
- **Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd April - Easter Holidays**
- Monday 25th April - School reopens

Autumn 2021	Term starts: Thurs 2 nd Sept (INSET day) Fri 3 rd Sept (INSET day)*
	*Children attend Monday 6th September
	Half term: 25th- 29th Oct
	INSET day: Mon 1 st Nov Term ends: Fri 17 th Dec
Spring 2022	INSET day: Tues 4 th Jan
	Term Starts: Wed 5th Jan
	Half term: 21st- 25th Feb
	INSET day: Mon 28 th Feb
	Term ends: Fri 8 th Apr
Summer 2022	Term starts: Mon 25 th Apr
	*INSET Day: Friday 27th May
	Half term: 30th May - 3rd June
	*Bank Holiday: Mon 6th June
	Term ends: Fri 22 nd Jul

*** Changes due to Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**