



NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2020

A warm welcome back to existing parents and a special welcome to our new parents with children joining us in Reception.

We have missed the children so much and now we have had a few weeks back we are able to see them settled and eager to learn.

Our focus in these first few weeks has been about the children's well being, as well as understanding what gaps there may be in their learning. We are working hard to help them catch up accordingly and welcome your support with this.

It has been so joyous to see the children return to school, perhaps a little nervous to begin with, but now happy and smiling coming in in the mornings.

Parents will be aware of how hard we have worked not only to ensure that the school is COVID secure, but also to remind children about all of the measures that are in place to keep them safe.

We have all had to adapt to a new way of working and the children have been superb. New Hall staff have been tremendous in ensuring not only the well being of their pupils, but in all that they have had to do. As Head Teacher, I am immensely proud of each member of the school community, and would like to express my thanks to each and every one of them.

I would like to thank parents who have supported and continue to support all of the measures that we have taken. It has been lovely to receive messages from parents telling us what a good job we are doing. This means so much to us.

I would also like to remind parents that there is no room for complacency as the COVID pandemic has not gone away. It appears that it will be with us for many months to come.

Mrs Hanks, Head Teacher

Well Being

Parents/carers, you can find information about a range of services to support family and children's health and well-being on our website. Visit the well-being tab for details.

<https://www.newhall.bham.sch.uk/>

Year 6 Parents

Parents please apply online for your child's Year 7 Secondary school place. You have till 11:59pm on 31st October 2020 to submit your choices.

If you require any help please call 0121 303 1888.

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Meal Choices

If your child would like to make a permanent change to their meal choice i.e meal provided by school or home, please let us know in advance. Simply tell us via: parents@newhall.bham.sch.uk

Thank you

Twitter

Are you following us on Twitter? Want to know what your child gets up to? Follow us @NewHallpri

We would love to have you follow us.



Parent's Evening

You will be aware that at New Hall we have always offered many opportunities for you to discuss your child's progress throughout the year. Schools are required to provide at least one opportunity per year for parents to discuss pupil progress with a teacher. Due to the ongoing pandemic, our autumn term consultations will not be taking place in order to safeguard the whole school community.

Parents should be aware that Mrs Card, our Pastoral Manager is available to take calls on Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday between 9.30-10.00am, should you have a concern about your child. Mrs Wilks, our Special Educational Needs Leader (SENDCo) is available each morning between 9.10-9.30am also to take calls with regard to SEND queries.

If you feel that you do wish to discuss your child's progress since September please email the school at parents@newhall.bham.sch.uk, with a specific date, time and number for the class teacher to telephone you and we will do our best to accommodate this. Please note that class teachers availability to call is limited and should be after school with appropriate notice given. Of course, class teachers are available at the end of each day when dismissing the pupils, should you have any immediate concerns.

We are ever hopeful that as the year progresses there will be an opportunity for you as parents to come back into school to celebrate the successes and take part in celebratory events.

A REMINDER

- ◆ When coming on to school premises please make sure that you socially distance.
- ◆ Only ONE parent per family should be picking up their child/ren.
- ◆ Please be **on time** at morning drop off and afternoon pick up.
- ◆ If your child shows any symptoms linked to COVID, please inform us and keep them at home.
- ◆ Staff are not taking messages on the gates in the morning. Please telephone or email the school at parents@newhall.bham.sch.uk
- ◆ Parents should not be coming onto the school site in the mornings.
- ◆ Please do not arrive before your allocated time in the mornings and leave promptly to allow other parents time and space to bring their children.
- ◆ These reminders are for everyone's safety and we appreciate the many parents who have supported these measures. However, there is a small minority of parents who feel the reminders don't apply to them—they apply to **everyone**.
- ◆ Any other siblings self isolating should NOT be brought onto school premises.

LATE PICK UP CHARGE

There are a small number of regular parents who are consistently late picking their child/ren up. Please be aware that your child/ren cannot be placed in Wrap and staff have to remain outside of school with them. From Monday 5th October a late charge of £10 will be incurred for persistently late parents (more than one occasion) and subsequent increases will be made for further lateness.

You will be aware that we are looking at how we can make the start and end of the school day easier to manage, and have changed times accordingly. We have had a few suggestions as to how to improve things, however whilst parents speak from their own experiences, we as a school have to consider the whole school community. We are doing the best we can given the circumstances, and are aware that they do not suit everybody.

Where possible, from now on we are trying to send communications on a FRIDAY only. We are aware that parents have received lots of information, however this is just to keep you as informed as you need to be. When guidance changes we want you to be aware.

TIMINGS FOR ENTRY AND EXIT

	<u>ENTRY</u>	<u>EXIT</u>
Reception	8.45 am	2.50 pm
Year 1	8.45 am	2.50 pm
Year 2	8.50 am	2.55 pm
Years 3 & 4	8.55 am	3.00 pm
Years 5 & 6	9.00 am	3.05 pm

Diary Dates 2020/21*

October

21st - Flu vaccination

Half term - Monday 26th October - Friday 30 October

November

2nd - School open to pupils

December

School closed - Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January 2021

January

4th - School open to pupils

February

Half term - Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February

22nd - School open to pupils

March

April

School closed - Friday 2nd April

(Bank Holiday)

School closed - Monday 5th April - Friday 16th April

19th - School open to pupils

May

School closed - Monday 3rd May (Bank Holiday)

4th - School open to pupils

Half term - Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

June

7th - School open to pupils

July

School closed - Thursday 22nd July - Wednesday 1st September

*Teacher training days to be added

School Uniform

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform and PE uniform:

Grey skirt
Grey trousers
Grey pinafore
White/pale blue polar t-shirt
White plain shirt
Navy sweatshirt with school logo
Navy cardigan with school logo
Navy/black/grey tights or socks
Black shoes NO boots or trainers

PE Uniform

White plain t-shirt
Navy plain shorts
Navy plain tracksuit bottoms
Navy plain sweatshirt
Navy sweatshirt with school logo
Black outdoor pumps

A more detailed uniform list can be found on our website under the 'Key Information' tab.

Star Burst

Team Carpenter

24th September - Brodie
1st October - Talia



Team Degville

24th September - Feryal
1st October - Chukwuemerie

Team Rainbird

11th September - Nina
17th September - Dexter
24th September - Jack
1st October - Amelia

Team Durning

17th September - Kaydn
24th September - Rosalie
1st October - Tamoye

Team Lynch

17th September - Kaylah-Rae
24th September - Lottie
1st October - Oliver

Team Wood

17th September - Ollie
24th September - Reegan
1st October - Romeo

Team White

17th September - Surabhi
24th September - Kian
1st October - Vedika

Team Toomer

24th September - Jayde
1st October - Panagiota

Team Dudley

24th September - Zakaria
1st October - Maleeka

Team Collis

24th September - Nikko
1st October - Luis

Team Steadman

11th September - Jessica
17th September - Keion
24th September - Ashia
1st October - Jake

Team Roberts

24th September - Caitlin
1st October - Katarina

Team Thomas

24th September - Lucy
1st October - Robert

