



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS 2021/22

Dear Parents and Carers

In order to ensure that all our children get off to a flying start in September we have put together some practical information about daily life here at Hale CE.

Hopefully as we return in September Covid 19 will be impacting school life less and "normal" school life can resume.

Mrs Fenton

SNACK & WATER

Reception children will have a social snack as part of the daily curriculum, the cost of this is £2 per week.

This can be paid weekly or termly via the school office.

Children from Year 1 may bring a healthy snack for morning break - not crisps, biscuits or sweets and no juice or fizzy drinks etc. Kitchen staff used to provide a healthy snack and drink which children could buy each day.

Pupils in Key Stage 1 also have a daily piece of free fruit in the afternoon as part of healthy eating in schools.

It is likely that we will be able to resume the sale of morning snack from the school kitchen in the Autumn term and will keep you updated.



LUNCH

School lunches are provided free of charge to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. For all other children, school lunches cost £2.50 per day.

If your child has a school lunch and is in KS2 the money should be sent into school on Monday morning in a sealed envelope with the child's name on the outside.

If your child only has a lunch occasionally, please send the money in on the day in a sealed envelope with the child's name.

Parents who wish to claim free school meals may obtain a form from Halton Borough Council. Even if your child is getting the universal free school meals, it is important to claim the free school meals allowance (FSM) as the school receives important funding based on this FSM entitlement called the pupil premium. The pupil premium funding is used to support your child.

We don't want to miss out on the funding they are entitled to.

Pupils may bring in packed lunches if they prefer. We do not have any catering equipment for them so please provide everything your child needs to eat their meal, including a cup or straw for their drink.

Packed lunches must be in a named box with a secure lid. It is not possible to store lunch boxes in cold conditions. All waste is left in the box so you can see what your child has eaten.

Lunches brought in should not contain sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks.



Wellies

At the start of every school year we ask that all children bring in a pair of wellies. They are stored safely outside each classroom. The children often change into these for playtimes during the winter and will need them to play on the field or take part in a Forest school session at various points during the school year.



UNIFORM

Red jumper/sweatshirt/cardigan, white shirt and school tie, grey skirt/pinafore or trousers

white/grey/red socks or tights (non patterned)

black shoes – not trainers

NB – Currently infant children wear a polo shirt without a tie.

For summer wear as above, or: Red and white gingham dress and red school caps.

Hair accessories such as slides, ribbons, bobbles etc. should be simple and in school colours.

Parents are asked to ensure that all items are labelled clearly with their child's name.

Uniform can be ordered online via www.stitchdesign.co.uk.

We will hold a small stock of ties for sale in school.



Mobile Phones

Children are not allowed to bring mobile phones or other electronic devices into school unless by prior permission with the class teacher and/or Head teacher.

Any electronic device will be stored in the class boxes in the school office.

The school doesn't accept responsibility for such items.

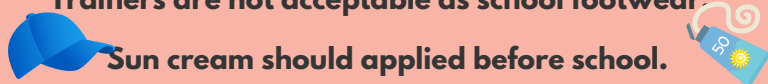
Warmer Weather

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle with them each day that only contains water.

A sun hat will be needed daily especially as we currently have little shade at break times.

Summer school shoes should be a full school shoe for health and safety reasons sandals are not suitable. Trainers are not acceptable as school footwear.

Sun cream should be applied before school.



PE KIT

White T shirt and black or red shorts, black pumps
In cold weather, black jogging pants and sweatshirts can be worn and trainers. PE kits should be kept in school in a drawstring bag.

Swimming Lessons – For swimming Key Stage 2 pupils will require a costume or swimming trunks not boxer style shorts. All pupils are required by the pool to wear a swimming hat.



Jewellery

If pupils have pierced ears then they should only wear stud earrings as any other type constitute a healthy and safety hazard and school cannot be responsible for any injuries caused.

Bracelets and necklaces should not be worn, as they can also be dangerous. Watches may be worn if the pupil can tell the time.

ATTENDANCE

For our children to gain the greatest benefit from their education it is vital that they attend regularly. Your child should be at school, on time, every day the school is open unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable.

If your child is not well enough to attend school could you please inform us firstly by ringing school on the morning of the absence, before 9:15am, and then when your child returns to school send in a note. Please let us know if your child has to attend a medical appointment.

We monitor pupil attendance and punctuality regularly and will write to parents of children whose attendance falls below 95%.

HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENTS

At the start of each new year we send out the home/ school agreements with information for parents about internet safety, homework, behaviour expectations, permission slips for photos, local trips etc.

This September we will be issuing these electronically via our new school app.




BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION


Out of school care is provided by "Halekidsclub". They offer provision for before and after school as well as operating a holiday club and other after school activities for all children. For costs and how to become a member please contact the proprietor – Michelle Lawton

Email: halekidsclub@outlook.com

MEDICINES

Generally speaking if a child is taking medicine they are not well enough to attend school but there are occasions when it is appropriate for children to finish a course of medicine like antibiotics or take some other, mild form of medication. In these cases, parents will need to complete a form, giving all the necessary details for the medicine to be administered.


Our policy is on the website and available in the office on request. Asthma inhalers, like all medicines should be fully labelled and accompanied with written instructions on usage. 

In the interests of safety we ask that parents do not drop pupils off in the school car park at the start and end of the day. Please drive safely and park with consideration for our neighbours. Each year there are a number of complaints or worrying “near misses” because of irresponsible driving or parking. Parking outside of the garages in Hesketh Road is strongly discouraged as it causes great inconvenience to residents. The Hesketh Road gates are closed to traffic at the start and end of the school day. 

START AND END OF SCHOOL DAY

Children enter school and leave through their classroom doors. For After school clubs, the time and the exit door will be indicated in the letter.

Please supervise children closely before they are admitted into school at 8.50 am and after they are collected at 3.10 pm. We encourage the children to become independent as quickly as possible right from the early years. So each class teacher will have set up systems for children to put their coats, book bags, lunchboxes away etc. and go into class for registration. Similarly at the end of the day there will be established routines. Please ensure they have all they need for the day.

If you need to give a message to the class teacher, you can pass in a note with your child, send an email or speak to the office staff. If you need a longer discussion please ring school to make an appointment. 

TERM DATES

SEPTEMBER 2021 TO JULY 2022

TERM	INSET DAYS	OPENING	CLOSING
AUTUMN 2020	1 st ,2 nd ,3 rd September	Monday 6 th September	Friday 22 nd October
		Monday 1 st November	Wednesday 22 nd December
SPRING 2021		Wednesday 5 th January	Friday 18 th February
		Monday 28 th February	Friday 1 st April
SUMMER 2021	Monday 6 th June	Tuesday 19 th April	Friday 27 th May
	Wednesday 20 th July	Tuesday 7 th June	Tuesday 19 th July

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Please make a note of the term dates and pass them on to family members. so that you don't arrange holidays during term time

Hale CE School follows a national Leave of Absence Policy. Holidays during term time will be not be authorised.