



Hazel Wood High School

March Update

Welcome to our Half Term Four Newsletter. We aim to share with you the important information and dates for the weeks ahead.

Aspiration Academy

We have had great attendance at our Aspiration Academy session on a Saturday and at Half Term.

To continue the support for our learners' school will be open **Saturday mornings** for pupils to come to school and **revise** in a quiet space or in groups with access to **computers and staff support** where needed.

The session runs from **9.00am-12.00pm**, with a small break where we provide **drinks and snacks**.

Sessions start on 14th March 2020.

If you want your child to take part, please complete and return the slip attached to this letter.

This gives permission for your child to attend and tells us how they will be making their way home.



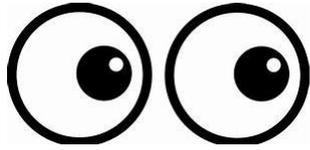
Parent App

Parents: we need you!

As you are aware from recent letters home we are about to launch our new Parent App.

This **needs** us to have **everyone's email address**. Without this families will not be able to use the app and access really important information about your child such as reports, attendance, update details and see important dates or upcoming events.

We will be launching the app very soon. If you are yet to share this information with us please see the slip attached or if you need help setting up and email address **please let us know** or drop in on a Friday between 11.30 and 12.30pm and let us help you.



Coronavirus Update

We want to reassure you that we are following the precise information given to us directly from the Department of Education and that we will act quickly and appropriately to any guidance given to us. As communications can change regularly we will aim to update you through the **school website** and **text message**.

There are steps we can all take to prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses similar to coronavirus and the main principal is to 'Catch it, Bin it, kill it': cover any cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin.

You should also:

- ✓ wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- ✓ avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- ✓ avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- ✓ routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces with your usual cleaning products (following product instructions.)

For regular and official coronavirus updates, advice and information you can visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

The Department for Education has also set up a **Coronavirus helpline** that parents and carers can contact to **answer COVID-19 questions related to education**.

The helpline number is 0800 046 8687 and is available from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday.

School Dinners Update

We are really pleased to have had a third till point added to the dining room last week and the speed our pupils are served their lunch has now improved.

By working with a small group of our school council we are also looking at more healthy food choices and hope to share some exciting developments with you as the term progresses. We are looking into a healthy sandwich style counter similar to a high street sandwich shop experience.

One step we have made along the way to encouraging our pupils to make healthier choices is the introduction of a 'Chip Meal Friday' where for **£2.00** pupils can now buy chips served with a protein of their choice at a very reasonable price.

The school dinner team are also encouraging all children with a free school meal to choose the meal option, which is a main course and a dessert, it is healthy, nutritious and there are always two options. Pupils who choose Halal food options have been happy with an increased range of food choices and we are continuing to work with school council to develop school dinners over the coming months.

Uniform and Equipment

Once again **thank you** to families for helping us by continuing to support our uniform and equipment expectations and standards.

Please be aware that we do have some spare buttons at Student Services Office for skirts and have sewing kits that can be used by pupils to sew them on. If you need buttons for trousers or blazers we also have some spares.

I would ask you to remember that **footwear rules are in place**, black shoes no trainers, school pumps are always available to wear while the footwear issue is resolved.

When pupils attend wearing incorrect uniform **we will give you a call** and see how together we can solve the issue. **If you have a problem with uniform please contact the Form tutor** first thing in the morning so that we can help fix the problem early, as pupils are placed with their Form Tutor until a suitable solution has been found.

- ✗ Facial piercings are not to be worn for school and only one small pair of ear studs.
- ✗ For those students in skirts it is only socks or tights that can be worn with them, no leggings are permitted.

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Dates for your
Diary



Super Learning Day 3 – Careers and Aspirations 5th March 2020

Year 11 Exams Smashing It Evening- Monday 9th March at 5.30pm

Year 10 and 9 Rewards Trip – Wednesday 11th March

Year 10 – Curriculum Progress Evening Thursday 19th March – a chance to discuss the progress of your son or daughter at almost the mid-point of their GCSE Courses.

Super Learning Day 4 – E Safety for All 20th March 2020 (please be aware there will be a family evening after Easter led by Student Council, all welcome)

Easter Bonanza – join us for lots of fun filled community event on **26th March 2020, 5pm – 7pm**

Don't forget: Headteachers Drop In runs every **Friday 11.30am-12.30pm**

Upcoming dates:

- **Year 7 and 8 Rewards Trip – Cinema** – will take place in the last week of this half term
- **Year 11 Celebration Evening / PROM – Family Information session** – we will confirm the date.