



Thursday 17th December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I wanted to write out to you all just to say a huge **thank you** for all your support this term. We have never faced such a challenging time in education as we battle with a global pandemic, school closures, bubble closures and trying to get used to a completely new way of teaching online!

I know as a parent myself that homelife is just as challenging, especially trying to make arrangements for child care if bubbles go down, not to mention the financial and emotional challenges we all face. So again I say **thank you** for sticking with us, supporting us and always doing the best by our young people.

This term we completed a pupil, parent and staff survey and we will do this again every term, thanks to all those parents that completed this survey and I wanted to share with you the headlines from that survey:

You Said ... 86 responses received via email or paper copy.

- 42 out of 84 parents stated that they are aware what their child is learning.
- 81 out of 86 responses, report that the school ensure their students are well behaved.
- 82 out of 86 responded that their child was happy in School, all, most or more often than not.
- 43 out of 85 are unsure or not aware of the Hazel Wood Way
- 42 out of 85 reported that they were unsure or not aware of their child's flight path

We Did ...

- Place on the website in January a short video made by our students for parents. The video will focus on the main points from the survey and explain some of the key area's that parents wanted more information on...
- Flight Path & Academic data.
- The Hazel Wood Way & Personal development.
- Curriculum Information for parents.
- To seek translation of our parent survey in Urdu, Panjabi, Italian and Polish to ensure we reach as many parents as possible
- To send out an additional whole school report to be distributed before Christmas detailing overview of term 1 and an offer to all parents of meeting in the new year. The report will consist of an opening paragraph on the year and then details of the student's behaviour, attendance, ATLS and achievements. On the reverse of the report will be the flight path data and on/above/below for each subject.

Just some other quick updates from me with the key information you might need this week and for January.

School Finishes – We finish between 12pm and 12.30pm this Friday (18th December) students will leave on a staggered exit and collect lunches on their way out.

Friday is a Christmas themed sponsored non uniform day for all students and staff as we raise money for the 'Brain Tumour Charity'



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Free School Meals – Vouchers will be issued for those pupils who are registered as eligible for Free School Meals for over the Christmas break. These will be sent out this week, before school closes and will cover from the 21st December up to, and including, Tuesday 5th January 2021. Contacts of those pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals will receive an email from Wonde. Please arrange for one person, on behalf of each child, to select the supermarket you would like to use your voucher at. Step by step instructions will be added to our website, and sent out alongside this letter. We have also added some commonly asked questions and answers at the end of the guide should you need help and school is closed.

School Starts – Everyone starts back at school, normal times on **Wednesday 6th January**

School Uniform – Please can I take this opportunity to remind parents that we do not allow trainers and the only jumper students can wear to school is the official light grey Hazel Wood sweatshirt, no hoodies. Thanks for your support with this

Termly Report – You will have received an additional report this term for your child through the SIMS App. This has been put together as we have been unable to hold parents evenings but as you will see on the report we are offering a chance to talk with staff either on the phone, virtually or a controlled face to face meeting so please get in touch if you would like us to organise this.

I have attached to my letter some good news information from this term to share with you and also an important leaflet about the schools responsibility around Covid19 reporting during the Christmas holidays.

All that remains for me to say is have a fabulous Christmas break and enjoy the time with your families, stay safe and happy and we will see you in the new year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Greenhalgh".

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Should your child receive a positive COVID19 test result between 18th December and 24th December

Hazel Wood High School will be closed over the Christmas holidays. However, we still need to know if any member of staff, or pupil, tests positive for coronavirus (COVID19) between 18th December 2020 and Thursday 24th December 2020.

As staff will not be in school to answer telephone calls we have created an email account that will be monitored on a daily basis. This should be used to let us know if your child tests positive for COVID19 during this time.

What we will do with this information:

The information that you provide will allow us to identify if your child has been in school whilst infectious. If they have, we are required to identify any staff members or pupils who have been in close contact with your child. We will let any close contacts know that they are required to self-isolate and will do this by email and text.

Should your child test positive for COVID19 between 18th December and 24th December:

Email covid@hazelwoodhigh.co.uk and provide the following information:

- Name of your child
- Year group of your child
- Date your child was last in school
- Date your child began with symptoms of COVID19
- Date your child was tested
- Date your child received their test result (please send this if you are able to)
- Your contact details (should we need any further information)

If your child has not attended school in the 2 days before starting with COVID19 symptoms:

You do not need to let school know if your child has developed symptoms more than 48 hours after last attending school. NHS Test and Trace will contact you.

We will monitor the email address, on a daily basis, from the 18th December up to and including Thursday 24th December. Please make sure that you provide all of the details requested in this letter to help us to investigate and let people know as quickly, as possible.



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