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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

*I hope everyone is safe and well. It continues to be a difficult time and things seem to continue to change by the day. As a school we get our guidance and direction from the DfE and at a local level from Halton Borough Council. At Hale C.E School, the safety of all our pupils and staff remains a top priority. As the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak continues, we are asking you to support us in our decision making and trust and respect that all decisions are made having consulted with Public Health England, HBC or our governing body.*

*You may see myself and members of staff around the school grounds to help support and enforce the protective measures being followed by everyone. These include:*

- *wearing a mask on site and in the school grounds*
- *keeping socially distanced from adults and children that are not in your family household*
- *addressing matters with the school office and not with the class teacher at the door*
- *arriving on time promptly and not arriving early to wait on the school yard*
- *dropping off your child and then leaving the school grounds and not gathering to socialize*
- *not allowing your children to play with others beyond your support bubble or on any equipment*

*This is really uncomfortable in many ways as we would always want to be welcoming to all of our families and in some ways this feels as though we are being unwelcoming. But, we are held to account to ensure we follow the guidance and our risk assessments are in place in a robust manner and we are determined to ensure we try to keep everyone safe within these reasonable adjustments and constraints.*

*We really appreciate the parents who have been so supportive and responsive to any requests we have made. This really helps and shows your children we are all working together as a team.*

*We are aware that there is a lot of concern and people expressing their anxieties on social media and often things get misinterpreted and make things worse for others. If you have any concerns, please address them to us here at school [admin.hale@halton.gov.uk](mailto:admin.hale@halton.gov.uk), [sec.hale@halton.gov.uk](mailto:sec.hale@halton.gov.uk) or [head.hale@halton.gov.uk](mailto:head.hale@halton.gov.uk) and we will try our very best to help and solve them. Please understand that you may not get a response from school staff late in the evenings or at the weekend.*

*Some suggestions have been made by parents over the last week. These include making the school a one way system. Having considered this, we don't feel this is reasonable to ask families to enter through one gate (e.g. Town Lane gate) and then exit through the main gate (Hesketh Road gate). This would be quite a distance for people to walk back to initial destination and especially difficult for parents with buggies and prams with young siblings. We will however look at a one way type flow within the school grounds and try to mark this out as well as direct year groups to particular gates so that there is separation for bubbles.*

*So, in addition, we have decided to adjust the drop off and pick up times to help alleviate crossing of bubbles further. This will also address our concern about children spending 40 minutes a day without direct learning opportunities whilst they wait for the class to be collected over a 20 minute period- twice a day. From Monday the following plan will be in place. We are letting you know now so that you can make arrangements to accommodate this. We will request that you drop off and collect at the given time and do not arrive early or late routinely. If anyone has any issues then please contact us to see how we can help. If you have siblings then you can arrive at one of the times for the children's class and send both children in at that time and collect at one chosen time.*



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<i>Year Group</i>	<i>Time to drop off</i>	<i>Time to collect</i>	<i>Suggested entrance</i>
Reception	9.00am	3.00pm	Hesketh Road Gate
Year 1	8.50am	3.05pm	Hesketh Road Gate
Year 2	9.00am	3.10pm	Town Lane Gate
Year 3	8.55am	3.10pm	Town Lane Gate
Year 4	8.45am	3.00pm	Hesketh Road Gate
Year 5	8.50am	3.05pm	Town Lane Gate
Year 6	8.45 am	3.00pm	Town Lane Gate

### **Lunchtime**

*There has been some concern and confusion expressed by parents about how the children eat their lunch. There is a misconception that all the children eat their lunch together as a full cohort in the hall. To reassure you, this is **not** the case.*

*We have staggered the lunchtimes for the children (so there is an additional 30 minutes- lunchtime spans from 11.45 to 1.15 now). This allows two bubbles at a time to be in the hall, on different sides of the hall and obviously on different tables. In addition, several KS 2 year groups eat their packed lunch in their own classroom with teaching staff supervision so that we reduce numbers of children in the hall at any given time. Tables are disinfected and sanitized between each bubble using them -throughout the lunchtime.*

### **Packed Lunches**

*There also have been queries about the definition of sweets and questions about what pertains to be a healthy packed lunch. **Could I clarify that sweets are not allowed.** Sweets include chocolate bars and sweets (candy etc). Cake and biscuits could be included as a 'pudding'. We would not encourage children to eat 'sweets' as part of their lunch meal as these should be served as 'treats' at another occasion outside of school for various reasons.*

### **Website**

*We are currently updating and populating the school website. We have created a new tab for Covid information and school updates. <https://hale.haltonschools.info/covid/>*

*We will be creating a new Learning tab with all the Curriculum work for each year group and expectations.*

### **School Car Park**

***Please DO NOT drive into the school car park unless you have made prior arrangements with the school. This is breaching Health and Safety requirements as it means vehicles are moving whilst pedestrians are too between 8.30 and 3.30. The car park is only for the use of staff, deliveries and school visitors. We appreciate your cooperation to ensure we avoid any accident or injury.***

*Take care and stay safe.*

*Yours faithfully  
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