



Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Friends,

I would like first of all to officially welcome you to the new Haseltine school year (2020-21). I know it has been a very different start to the normal one we should have had and I know that at times, it has been very difficult for you all, especially at the start and end of the days. So, I would like to start by saying an absolutely massive thank you to you all: for your support in following the routines; for your messages of support and for letting me shout at you without getting cross at me back 😊

For the most part, you are doing what you should be doing and when; and I am so, so grateful to you for that. However, I do have a few things that I need you all to do (apologies if you are already doing the right thing):

- You must drop off and pick up on time – *at the time you have been given*: please do not be early and do not be late
- Please do not ever block the gate – if I call your child's year group you must come into the playground and SPREAD OUT
- Please move on very quickly once you have your child, your child's teacher will ring you later on if they wish to speak with you
- Please wait outside the gate 2m apart next to the wall, you must allow for other parents & children to get past (I have watched people having to walk in the road to walk around you). You can also wait on the other side of the road – but you must watch out for your children (we had two near accidents on Wednesday when children ran into the road, my heart was in my mouth!)
- Do not stand in groups talking, when you have picked up your child(ren) you must move on very quickly
- Don't forget that if you have more than one child in years 1-6, you can drop them all off at the earliest time and pick up at the latest time

I really hate getting cross with you, and I really do not want to appear rude BUT the safety of our children and our staff at Haseltine must come first. You MUST follow the social distancing guidance that has come from the government.

I am also concerned about some of the parking that is going on. A parent reported to me on Wednesday, that a grey Range Rover was parked illegally on the corner of Haseltine Road – on the pavement and then it reversed as her child was crossing the road to try to get around it, again – another near miss. This is totally unacceptable. I will once again be asking for traffic wardens to visit our area during these drop off and pick up times, you will get ticketed if you park in this way. You must not drop off your child from the road either – you must park first if you have to drive, walking is always the best method of transport if you can.

I am sorry that the start of this letter sounds like a very negative rant, but I just needed to make the routines & expectations very clear to all of you. Again – a huge thank you to all of you who are doing the right thing.

I would like to tell you all just how fantastic your children are being in school, they really are. They are happy, sensible, hard-working and, although a little tired by the end of the day, very resilient. I am so, so proud of them all and I am so pleased that we are all back.

Take care and have a lovely weekend,
Sara Anderman

Anti-Racism at Haseltine

We have been working really hard at Haseltine to look at what we can do to ensure that we become the most anti-racist school that we can be. Some of these things include:

- Our INSET days focused on conversations about people's experiences of racism and what we can do to stop this from happening and what we can do to support our children, especially our black children, should they experience it in their lives. These days were led by an exceptional speaker and an incredibly inspiring man: Dr Jason Arday. If you 'Google' him, you will find some interesting video clips of him talking.
- We have formed an Anti-Racist Action Group at Haseltine. We look at ways we can improve our practice and ensure that we are making it right for our children, our staff and our community.
- We are in the process of writing an Anti-Racist policy, we will share this with you as soon as it is completed and we are happy with it.
- We are improving our book corners by including a much wider range of books with black characters & black authors. Our children deserve to feel that they are represented in our stories, they need to identify with characters in order to enjoy the books they are reading.
- We are improving our curriculum to make sure that Black History is a significant part of all our teaching – we all feel very strongly that Black History should not be taught for one month a year. We consulted with children last year, and they also felt incredibly passionately about this. We have, therefore, made the decision to not focus on Black History Month this October. We are instead, promising you that black history, black culture and black achievement will be interwoven and celebrated in all our teaching – every day: at Haseltine we strongly believe that Black Lives Matter every single second of every single day – not just in one month of the year.

We recognise that we are very much at the start of our journey to becoming an anti-racist school and there are lots of things that we need to be putting in place before we become one; we also recognise that this isn't a quick fix but we are passionate to make it right. If you are interested in getting involved in our journey and would like to be a parent representative in our Anti-Racist Action Group, please speak to/email Sara Anderman.



Music Lessons at Haseltine.

There are spaces to learn clarinet and cello at Haseltine; if you are interested please contact Ms. Davey on fdavey@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk



Breakfast Club

At this stage, we are asking that only parents who work or are at college use our Breakfast Club.

You *must* pre-pay on Parent Pay first please. Thank you so much to those of you who have done this. The fees are:

- From 7.30am - £3
- From 8am - £2

It is really important that parents drop their children for Breakfast Club just inside the main gate. No parent is allowed to cross the playground and they must definitely not enter the restaurant to drop off. It is vital that we are restricting the number of adults coming into the premises.



MATHLETICS

All pupils from Years 1 - 6 have been reminded of their Mathletics login details. Mathletics is a targeted, rewarding and captivating online learning resource, which is aligned to curriculum standards. The extra Mathletics practice at home can make all the difference to your child's progress! Class teachers will set home learning each week and where possible provide opportunities to access this in school. Please support and encourage your child to complete their set learning tasks.

Happy Mathletics!

Claire Booker
(Maths Leader)

And finally....

Please don't forget to return your letters about your internet access & devices you have at home. We will need this information so we can prepare, just in case we have to go into lockdown again any time in the future.

Have a lovely weekend, see you on Monday 😊