



Dear Parents, Carers, Families & Friends,

We have reached the end of week 4 with the children in school and all is good so far and we have had no confirmed positive cases of COVID at Haseltine, the roof work and the scaffolding is all working well too.

Your children have all settled well and all appear really, really happy to be back (mostly 😊). We know that you all did a fantastic job with your children when we were in lockdown but we are finding that there are a few 'catch up' things that we need to put into place, that we need your help with at home. Reading is a key priority for our children at Haseltine for all ages and so we need you to be reading with your children on a daily basis – or encouraging your children to be reading every day. We also need you to encourage them to be using Mathematics – a little every day will really help your children with their maths skills. Thank you so much for your help with this.

It is true that the children are really happy to be back at school, but they are also getting a little excited at times – especially at playtimes. When this happens, they get 'carried away' in their play and they seem to forget about social distancing. Please can you remind your children about the need to keep their space and to play safely. Many thanks.

Following the recent rise in COVID cases across the country and the subsequent advice from the government, I am asking for all adults who come to the gates at drop off/ pick up times to please now wear a mask (unless you are exempt from wearing one). As hard as we might try, it is hard to maintain the 2m distance between each other and I think we need to do what we can to help prevent the spread. Of course, we all must absolutely still try to keep that 2m distance at all times, especially when exiting the gate with your children. The wearing of masks inside the school by children and teachers is still not the recommendation, but I do ask that if any of you need to come into the building for any reason that you wear one. I know that this isn't something I can necessarily enforce, but thank you so much for your support with this.

I will let all of you who drive to school know that we have contacted Lewisham about sending traffic wardens our way during drop off/pick up times as we are very concerned about the way that some of you are parking. I am very worried that one of our community is going to get seriously hurt one day. Please also, do not stop in the middle of the road to drop your children off. This is so, so dangerous.

Thank you so much everyone for your support with everything we are putting into place at Haseltine, I really appreciate everything you are doing and your kind words.

Best wishes,
Sara Anderman

Haseltine's Anti-Racist action group

You will have seen on my last newsletter that I wrote to you all about the things that we are doing to become an anti-racist school. You may also remember that I spoke to you about wanting parents to also get involved with what we are doing.

We want to have a meeting with you, a Zoom one, where we can listen to your views, your experiences and ideas for what else we can be doing. This meeting will be on Thursday 15th October at 4pm. Please follow this link a few minutes before to ensure that you can get on to it:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6753664211?pwd=SVFZZXMraVhyTnhXd09RbzZleDEwdz09>

I will email you the agenda for this meeting early next week.

School Journeys

There are so many sad things about the COVID pandemic – one of those things are all the trips that we have had to cancel or that cannot take place for the foreseeable future. Obviously, the school journey for our year 5 children could not happen last year. We are currently in the process of returning this money to you, please bear with us whilst we do that, we will get it to you ASAP.

We have also made the difficult decision to not book any school journeys for this year either. I just cannot see that it will be possible for schools to travel this year, travel companies are also making it very difficult for us to get full refunds – meaning that we are ending up covering a lot of costs in the case of cancellations.

As the year goes on and if the pandemic allows us to, we will look at what we can do instead.

Secondary Transfer for Parents and Carers of year 6 pupils.

Please be reminded that the deadline for secondary transfer applications is 31st October. Please apply online at <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/> If you need any help with your application please contact Ellie Whilby via the school office.

Clarinet lessons

There are a couple of places for year 3 children to start clarinet lessons. Please contact Mrs. Davey at fdavey@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk if you are interested. The cost is £50 per term but full subsidy is available for families which qualify for pupil premium.

Online Safety at Haseltine

The Online Safety Padlet has a variety of useful links and documents to help your child be safer while using technology. Please view it here: <https://padlet.com/HaseltineYearOne/shg9gkfsulqi8d14>

Coats & Jumpers

As the weather gets colder your children will need to be prepared for the change in weather with the appropriate clothing. The weather can change quickly from the morning and, with the current guidelines, we are unable to have children inside for lates. This means that they could be outside during heavy rain or very cold snaps. We would hate for any child to miss school due to sickness that could have easily been avoided.

Please also make sure that coats & jumpers have names clearly in them, it makes it much easier to get items back to children.

Clean Air Day: Thursday 8th October

Next Thursday is Clean Air Day; wouldn't it be fantastic if you could all leave your cars at home that day? I'm trying to do my bit by cycling to school 2-3 days a week at the moment 😊