

Haseltine Newsletter 18th December 2020



Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Friends,

We have made it to the end of our first term of 2020-21, and what a term it has been! I would like to thank you all for your kind words and your support throughout everything. I would also like to thank all the teachers, LSAs, support staff, office staff, premises & cleaning staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure that your children are learning and are safe. Lastly, I would like to thank your children who have been amazing. I never thought that as a headteacher, I would hear the words, “please respect my social distancing” from a four year old, but I have 😊 All the children have been so sensible and so resilient. I am a very proud headteacher indeed. Thank you all.

I hope that you all enjoy the next two weeks off school, and that you have a very lovely Christmas if you are celebrating. Remember that we are in Tier 3, the COVID virus is very real for us in Lewisham right now and we need to do everything we can to stop the spread – that includes not having any parties or playing at each other’s houses. Remember that the virus will still be with us in January and we need to do everything we can to keep each other safe when we return on the 5th.

Year 4 families – we have missed you this week and we look forward to you all being back on the 5th too. I hope that you are all well.

Don’t forget that I sent you all information this week about how & when to report any positive cases of COVID to the school, please refer to this should this happen. Remember, if in doubt email me on headteacher@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk for advice or to report a case.

It has been a truly horrible year for us all, I really, really hope that you all stay safe and well. Let’s hope that 2021 allows us all to start getting back to some kind of normality – we deserve it to 😊

Take care everyone, look after yourselves and have fun. See you all on Tuesday 5th January.

Best wishes,

Sara Anderman

Please read this important message from Lewisham:

Lewisham School Street Programme: Haseltine School

As part of our COVID-19 response we have been working with Transport for London to plan a safe and healthy return to school for pupils, parents, teachers and local residents. Over the last few several weeks we have implemented the first phase of our School Streets programme across the borough.

Roads close to schools often have periods of the day that are busy with school traffic, causing road safety concerns for pedestrians and cyclists, congestion, and poor air quality for all.

The primary objective of this programme is therefore to help pupils and parents to socially distance at the school gates and to create a safer environment for travel to school on foot and by bicycle, by implementing a short closure at school drop off and pick up times. However, School Streets also have many additional benefits such as improving the air quality at the school gates, encouraging daily routines that incorporate exercise and helping to reduce the impact of the school run for those that live in the immediate vicinity of the school gates.



How will a School Street affect you?

The attached plan shows the proposals for Haseltine School including the times of operation and School Street closure point(s). Haseltine Road will be closed to vehicular traffic (between Bell Green Lane and Stanton Way) from 8.30 to 9.30am and 2.45 to 4pm on school days during term time only. The closure point will be supported by signage advising the times of the closure, and advanced warning signage will also be in place.

There are a number of ways School Street closures will be managed due to the road layout and circumstances at each location. This section of Haseltine Road will be closed using signage and enforced by Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras. There will be exemptions for some residents, however we would encourage you to avoid using your vehicle during the hours of the School Street operation, if possible, to maximise the benefits of the scheme.

For further details on this School Street please see the commonplace website, where there are a series of Frequently Asked Questions (link provided below).

What happens next?

The details of the School Street programme will be added to the COVID-19 Commonplace page at (<https://lewishamcovidtransport.commonplace.is/>). This is an opportunity for you to comment on how the closure is going in your experience. To contact the Council please email: schoolstreets@lewisham.gov.uk

We are planning for the School Street to be operational in January 2021. We will contact you again nearer the time, when know the date of delivery of the equipment to enforce the closure.

Yours sincerely
School Streets Team, Lewisham

SchoolStreet@lewisham.gov.uk



Children in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM)

You will receive your vouchers for the Christmas holidays, £15 a week so £30 in total per child. A link will be sent to your phone & your email next week for you to follow.

Please note: these vouchers are only available to parents who have already applied for FSM. They are NOT for children in reception, year 1 or year 2 who have Universal FSM, unless you have ALSO applied for your children to receive FSM.

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If you think that you are eligible for FSM, please follow this link (it wouldn't mean that you could receive these vouchers for this holiday but it would help you the next time round):

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/student-pupil-support/free-school-meals-and-extra-support-for-your-child>

You would then need to give the office the code for us to add your child.

These vouchers are an amazing initiative that should have been brought in years ago but for now, we have Marcus Rashford to thank. That man should be prime minister 😊

Scaffolding

You may have noticed that the scaffolding is starting to come down from the back (or front, whichever way you are looking at it!) of the school. This is very exciting news and it also means that there will be no further restrictions to the outdoor learning for the reception children.

The rest of the roof works will be finishing sometime in January (let's hope for good weather). Then the scaffolding in the main playground will then start to come down.

The roofers have been doing an incredible job, in horrible weather at times, and I am so grateful for everything they have done – especially Colin, the site foreman. I will also be thinking of them next week as they will be working up to and including Christmas Eve.

Uniform

If you wish to buy any items of school uniform, please order and purchase using Parent Pay. The uniform will then be made available from the 6th January.

We would like to apologise for the delay or non-delivery of uniform items this week. We have been short staffed in our office. We will ensure that everything gets to you in January.

Have a wonderful break all of you.

We'll see you all again on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

From Sara Anderman and all the staff at Haseltine.

