



17th June 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

You will be aware that since schools were instructed to close from 23rd March, Halewood Academy has remained open for those students who have been eligible for a school place. This has included remaining open during the school holidays to support children of critical workers and those who qualify for a place. You will have seen from recent Government announcements that secondary schools are being asked to prepare for a phased return for those students in Year 10 taking exams next year. We are looking to commence this phased return from the week beginning 22nd June.

Since the school closure, we have maintained flexibility for those students who are eligible for a school place however, as we are moving towards a wider-reopening for Year 10 students, we have had to review the provision and the procedures in place to ensure all aspects of health and safety are not compromised.

Eligible Students

As a reminder, those students who are eligible for a place in school include:

- Children with an EHCP;
- Children with an allocated Social Worker;
- Children of Critical Workers.

Children of Critical Workers

Whilst there are many families who could have opted to send their child into school, many made the decision to keep their children at home to avoid putting unnecessary strain on the school. As restrictions are slowly being lifted, we appreciate that there are many more families who may need to take up a place for their child in school. This, on top of the opening for Year 10 students, means that we have had to revisit school procedures because of the increased traffic in school.

If the number of students in school is not manageable, we require parents / carers to provide evidence of employment. Please refer to the published guidelines from the Government website / Department for Education to check if you qualify as a Critical Worker.

Year 10 – Eligible Students

Students in Year 10 have been allocated a designated day in school, one day per week. If your child is in Year 10 but meets the criteria for being in school on other days of the week, the same procedures below will apply.

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For a more detailed account of the arrangements for Year 10, please click on the link to access the letter sent out last week.

Requesting a Place

If your child is eligible for a school place, we ask you to send an email to admin@halewoodacademy.co.uk specifying the day(s) you would like your child to be in school. Your request will be dealt with and a member of staff will be in contact. This is to ensure we have the right number of staff available to supervise the students in school.

Entering the building

Before entering the building, students will have their temperature checked using a non-contact Infrared thermometer. Any student who has a temperature above 37.8 degrees centigrade will be taken to a designated room (Symptom Room) where parents / carers will be contacted to collect their child. **Please do not send your child into school if they feel unwell or are showing any symptoms for Covid-19.** Students who require first aid will be able to access this with a designated first aider. All first aiders will be provided with PPE. Once students are inside, they will be asked to wash their hands before they enter their allocated Bubble. Students will be directed to use a particular toilet / hand washing facility.

First Aid / Symptom Room

Any students that require first aid will still be able to access this – first aid will be located in a separate room to the Symptom Room; additional PPE will be provided to the designated first aiders. Any student on site who develops symptoms for Covid-19 will be isolated in our Symptom Room until the student can be collected by a parent / carer. There are robust procedures in place to ensure the room is cleaned thoroughly after each use. If a student has symptoms, we will notify the parents / carers of all of the students in their Bubble. Any student with symptoms must be tested and parents are asked to communicate the results of the test with school as soon as possible. If a student or member of staff tests positive with Covid-19, we will communicate this with all of the relevant people in their Bubble and any other person they have had contact with. All members of the Bubble (and anyone else in contact with them) must then self-isolate for 14 days.

Behaviour

There is an addendum to our current Behaviour for Learning Policy which can be found on our school website. It is critical that students co-operate with staff and follow instructions for the safety and well-being of everyone. **Any behaviour that might put others in danger will not be tolerated and will result in serious sanctions being put in place.** If you would like your child to have a place, we see this as parents / carers agreeing to our expectations.

Signage

We have increased the signage around school to remind all students to wash their hands regularly and observe other infection control measures. Social distancing and markers are also highly visible around the school. Students will be politely reminded to follow these guidelines. Students who persistently choose to ignore reminders and risk the safety of others will forfeit their right to be in school.



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We understand that this will represent a change to the routine that many of the children have become accustomed to over the past few weeks however, with the increased number of people in school, student and staff safety is our priority and the changes outlined above must be adhered to.

On behalf of all staff at Halewood Academy, may we take this opportunity to thank you for all of your kind words and support through what has been a very difficult time for all of our school community. We look forward to the day when we can all return safely and open the doors to all of our students.

Yours faithfully

Ms Gallagher
Interim Principal

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