



6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Families,

It has been wonderful to welcome all children back into school this week and for our new reception starters to begin their time at Holly Lodge. School has been a hive of activity with children getting to know their new teacher and classrooms.

I am writing today with some important information, so please do read on.

### **Curriculum Newsletters**

These give you a summary of what your child will be learning this half-term. They are available on the Academy's website and also by clicking on the links below:

[Year R Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 1](#)

[Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 1](#)

[Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 1](#)

[Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 1](#)

[Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 1](#)

[Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 1](#)

[Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 1](#)

Please note the year group pages on the school website are currently being updated.

### **PE kits**

We have made a change to our arrangements for changing for PE.

**Y1-Y6: Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on PE day.** This is to minimise the time taken out of the PE lesson for changing. It simplifies the process and also results in less lost property!

If your child had already brought their PE kit into school they will have brought it back home by the end of today. PE lessons will begin next week.

**Reception: Children should bring their kit to school where it will be kept in their locker.** This is to provide the important opportunity to develop their independence in changing. It also doubles up as a handy change of clothes.



### **PE Days:**

Reception: Tuesday – they will start PE lessons later on this term

Y1 Puffins: Tuesday

Y1 Robins: Wednesday

Y2: Thursday

Y3: Wednesday

Y4: Monday

Y5: Tuesday

Y6: Friday

### **Academy Newsletter**

This will be published weekly. However, one week will be a full newsletter which will include highlights of learning and other activities that have happened in school and one week will include important reminders and dates.

The first newsletter of the year will be published next Friday.

### **Important Dates**

We want to highlight some important dates for you to put into your diary, in advance of next week's newsletter.

Meet the Teacher Meetings – Class teachers will share an overview of the year with parents. There will be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. These will be after school.

We realise some parents who may wish to attend may not be able to make the meeting. Following the meeting, we will share the slides with all parents. Any parent is welcome to speak with their child's class teacher at any time. Please make an appointment via the school office.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 3:30pm: Meet the Teacher Y2, Y4, Y6**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 3:30pm: Meet the Teacher Y1, Y3, Y5**

The meeting will take place in one of the year group's classrooms. The other classroom will be used as a creche for children whilst the meeting is going on.

There is no meeting for Reception parents as this took place before the summer break.

### **Parents' evening**

Bookings for a 10-minute meeting slot will open closer to the time.

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 3:40 – 6:30pm**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 3:40 – 6:30pm**



## **Parking**

Please could we politely remind parents that when parking in the Carrington recreation ground carpark, all parking must in a marked parking bay. There should be no parking on verges or double yellow lines. When parking near to the school we ask that you please park safely, legally and be considerate of our neighbours.

**Parents are not to park on the school site.** The only exception is for users of the breakfast and after school club, and only before 8.00am and after 5.00pm. However, you may only park in the spaces that run adjacent to the drive-through. **Parents are not permitted to park in either of the staff car parks under any circumstances.** The school reserves the right to withdraw this facility without notice.

## **Drop Off**

If using the academy drop off facility in mornings (Y3-6 only) it **must be accessed by turning left** into the entrance from Stafford Road. When exiting the drop off facility, cars **must turn left** onto Stratford Road.

This arrangement is in place to avoid traffic building up on Stafford Road. It can become a dangerous situation with pedestrians crossing the road. Please be aware this facility is open only for morning drop off. **It is closed during afternoon pickup.**

We can only keep this facility open if it used correctly. If this is not the case we will have to withdraw it.

I appreciate this letter contains a lot of information, so thank you for taking the time to familiarise yourself with the details.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,  
Tammie Wisnia

