



# HALE ACADEMY

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As promised, today you will find out which teacher your children will have next year, we really wanted to find a way to make sure that all the children in the class found out at the same time, whether you are at school or at home. Therefore at approximately 4pm today you will receive an email, in this email you will have a goodbye letter from your existing teacher and a hello letter from your new teacher. This does not apply to Year 6 as we are working on something extra special just for you!

If you really cannot wait that long you can visit the Who's Who page on the school website where you will find out which teachers will be in which year groups, but you will only know your class when your email arrives. We have taken the decision based on the recent events that is really important for the children to return to classes they are familiar with, where they have already got strong relationships therefore no children are moving and all class groups remain the same.

Many schools took the decision not to do reports this year. We decided very early on that we feel it is key for our children that we assessed where they were just before we went into lockdown and we share this information with you. Teachers have been working hard to write the end of year report comments and we are pleased that we can share these with you via a new online portal. You will have received an email yesterday with details of how to access this. Once you have logged in this time you will be given an access code to your child's report, keep this safe as you will need it next year as well! The portal will be opened between Monday 13th July and Friday 24th July for you to access your child's report. After this date the portal will close, we will then reopen the portal to you at different points throughout the year.

If your child is in Nursery or Reception your child will be receiving a paper report this year and you do not need to log in to the portal, do not worry if you have already done so we will remove your data. These reports will be handed out on Monday 13th or the first day that your child attends Nursery.

Teachers and Learning Support Assistants are already preparing for the children's return in September; transition meetings have been held so that key information about the children in the class have been passed up.

To aid the children's transition even further we want to share with you our plans for the first week back in September. The school is having two INSET days on 1st and 2nd September where we will be closed for all children. On Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September, children in all year groups will be returning to school in small groups. We will be running 3 transition groups over the 2 days. You will get a letter next week telling you which session your child is invited to.

Thursday 10-1pm or Thursday 12- 3 pm (these groups will overlap at lunchtime)

Friday 10-1 pm

There will be no keyworker provision at the school on Thursday 3rd or Friday 4th September

All children will be back full time from the 7th September 8.50am-3.30 pm (except Friday which is an early finish)

The aim of these transition sessions is to allow the children to have the best possible start back into the school for everyone. Small groups mean more time with the class teacher, more time to get reacquainted with classmates, time to learn the new routines and less anxiety for all.

Please contact [admin@hale.kite.academy](mailto:admin@hale.kite.academy) if you have any concerns about your child(rens) transition back in September.

With regard to how we will operate in September, under the new guidance the school day will look very similar to how we are operating now. We are going to operate for the majority of the day in larger class bubbles. All bubbles will be lead by their class teacher. To help us facilitate lunchtimes and breaktimes, children and staff will combine into year group bubbles. Breaktimes and lunchtimes will still be staggered and children will not mix with other bubbles. There will still be the same expectation to wash hands regularly and use hand sanitiser whenever possible. The children's desks will need to be forward facing but books and equipment will be able to return to classrooms giving them a more normal feel. Every class will continue to have their own cleaning kit, all tables will be wiped down regularly, children will have their own space with their own resources. Children will not be able to bring in pencils cases or big back packs. Children will need to wash hands on entry and exit of the classroom as they do now. Toilet cubicles will continue to be labelled to ensure each bubble has provision.

We will not be having assemblies or meeting in large groups. We are currently looking at how we can ensure the children can have a cooked meal on site and it is likely that the dinner hall will be on rota, or children eat in classrooms, we are still working on the finer details. Our staff will not mix across year group bubbles, our staff room will remain on a rota and it will continue to have fewer chairs at a social distance.

I am sorry to say that no trips can be planned currently, no overnight stays can happen under the current guidance and we will not be running after school clubs for the Autumn term. We will of course keep everything under constant review in line with the government guidelines and update you when we can.

All of these points and changes to routine will be explained to your child at the smaller transition meetings.

The current guidance still states that Parents are not allowed on the school site therefore we will continue to come in through the red and white carpark barrier, through the carpark to the double gates, where class teachers will be waiting for you. Start and end times of the day will be slightly staggered to help with the number of people on site at a time. Year 6 will still enter and exit through their own side gate. We will be writing a letter to each year group next week to explain this all in more detail so watch this space.

Thank you for all of your interest for booking places on our Before and After School Club. I would like to reassure everyone that we are extremely confident we can accommodate all your requirements. We are currently in the process of setting up the online booking system so please bear with us. Before and After School Club will start on Monday 7th September. We will send you an email as soon as the booking system is up and running.

### **Uniform**

The expectation is that we will be back in full uniform from September, I am mindful that some of our families may struggle with this. I am therefore proposing a second hand uniform collection, that can be used to support where needed. If your children have grown out of anything/everything please send any good quality spares you may have in with your child in September. We will use these to help where needed. Please send us and email if you feel your family could benefit from this, we promise to be discreet.

End of term finish time for everyone is 1.30pm on Friday 17th July.

I hope this information is useful if you have any questions please email the office and I will use these to create a frequently asked questions sheet for next week's newsletter.

Kind regards,  
Clare Freeman

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## **COMMUNITY STORE**

**Tuesday & Friday** from 10:00 am  
to 12:00 noon

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**Wednesday** from 2:30 to 4:30 pm

**at HALE COMMUNITY CENTRE**



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# The Hale Community Centre

## Newsletter Summer 2020

Well here we are in unprecedented times and having to live in a way that, at the beginning of March, I don't believe we would have anticipated. We are all having to get used to a new 'normal' and I do hope you are coping well enough and that you and your families are staying safe and well.

We at Hale Community Centre are very conscious that many people are suffering financially and emotionally and, where we can, we are providing information and fielding calls from people who need help of various kinds. We are also catching up on tasks we find it difficult to find the time to do when all is working as it should. But we'd rather not be doing that as we are missing you and the Centre is lonely without you. It needs to have its fun and laughter back and the garden is calling out for the tender loving care of our gardening club.

Also, of course, we are concerned that we have no income coming in to cover our core costs.

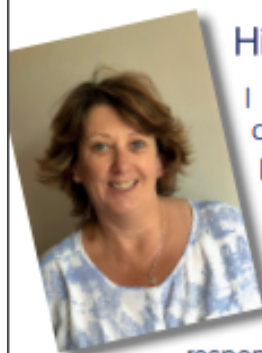
But we, like everyone else, are clearly going to have to be patient and continue to follow our government's guidelines. There will be an end to all of it and we hope you will join us in a celebration once that time comes.

Norma Corkish (Chair of Trustees)

### A "Community Fridge" is coming to Hale Community Centre

Our aim is to make unwanted food available for anyone that would like it, at no cost and prevent good food going to landfill.

Watch this space for more details to follow in the next few weeks.



### Hi my name is Sue

I am an active member of the local community and have lived in Hale for the past 15yrs with my husband and two young daughters. I joined Cathy and her team of Volunteers at the Community Centre at the beginning of March. My role involves helping people with booking information and enquiries,

responding to emails, I am responsible for the day to day running of the centre and looking after the general upkeep of the centre. I work, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Feel free to pop in to have a look round the Centre once we are back open; I look forward to having the pleasure of meeting you.



Over recent weeks we have seen an increase in demand at the Foodbank. Please get in touch if you are struggling and unable to afford food for yourselves and your family by contacting us:

Tel: 07901 581539 Email: [info@farnham.foodbank.org](mailto:info@farnham.foodbank.org)

Keep in touch with what's happening @ HaleCC



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A new initiative led by Farnham Maltings - is our new Community Store of free activities and equipment to help keep you busy and active.

You can borrow or donate items such as jigsaws, board games, musical instruments, DVD and children's clothes.

For further information: Tel: 01252 722362 (leave a message on the answer phone) or  
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