



Hope View School

Additional Educational Needs Provision

Lower School Site
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23rd October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers of Upper School Pupils,

I am pleased that overall pupils have settled in well since returning to school in September. Even with the closure of three classes partway through, the majority of pupils have managed to adapt to class changes, new and established school routines as well as the continued high expectations set for them. Staff have worked tirelessly to support everyone through this process.

Exclusions

Having said the above, I am concerned at the large number of exclusions there have been this term. These have all been for physically aggressive acts towards either staff or other pupils. As a school, we will not tolerate this type of behaviour under any circumstances and, our Exclusions Policy makes this clear. A large number of our pupils have been bullied/targeted in previous schools and we will not allow this to happen to any of them. We want everyone at Hope View to feel safe. This includes our staff who provide the utmost care for our pupils. They do not come to work everyday to be punched, slapped or kicked. This message is delivered to all pupils on a regular basis through behaviour management lessons as well part of daily expectations. Over the half term break, I would ask that all parents and carers reinforce this in support of the school. **If your child is excluded, you are expected to attend a reintegration meeting with them on their first day back before they are re-admitted to the school.** This process allows us to gain an understanding of how parents/carers have dealt with the exclusion period at home as well as to help the pupil to understand that the matter is closed and coming back into school is a fresh start. Any parent/carer unwilling to support the school and pupil with this process will need to put their reasons in writing to me in advance of the meeting. The school reserves the right to refuse readmittance if we feel the reasons for non-attendance at a meeting by parent and/or pupil are not justified, at which point the pupil's Local Authority will also be informed.



Headteacher: Mrs C Lorne

Deputy Head: Mr M Lorne

Class Changes

A small number of pupils will move classes after half term. There will be a period of transition to ensure this takes place smoothly. If your child is moving class, you will receive a separate letter.

COVID19

We continue to risk assess and follow our COVID19 procedures in line with government guidance. Thank you to parents/carers for your support with the recent class closures. A couple of parents have asked about arrangements for the children of Keyworkers in the event of school closures. I have consulted with Public Health England who have stated that when a school/classes are closed for self-isolation reasons, all children must remain at home for the duration of the self-isolation period. The arrangements for the children of Keyworkers only applied during the lockdown period. I understand the difficulties in arranging childcare in these circumstances, particularly when it is short notice but, on the basis, of this advice, the school must adhere to this guidance.

The school website still remains are main point of information sharing so please make sure you check it on a regular basis for updates, particularly in relation to COVID19. In the event of school/class closure parents/carers will be firstly be informed by email, secondly information will be posted on the school website and thirdly, the administrator for the Hope View Parents' Facebook group will be asked to post an update. We do our utmost to ensure everyone is informed as quickly and efficiently as possible. However, it is not possible to phone all parents, email is proving to be the quickest form of communication so **please make sure we have an update address for you and check spam/junk folders.**

Equipment

Please ensure your child has a fully restocked set of stationary when they return after half term. This should consist of at least 2 HB pencils, a rubber, pencil sharpener, 30cm ruler. Due to COVID19 we are not providing pupils with stationary in school.

We thank you all for your support and wish everyone an enjoyable half term break until Monday 9th November.

Kind regards

Mrs. C. Lorne

Headteacher

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