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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. This letter is for **all parents** to let you know the arrangements for children returning to school on Thursday 3rd September.

There are a number of new staff to introduce and to welcome to our school:

We welcome Miss Kirkbride who will be teaching in Year 4. We have a new Classroom Assistant, Mrs Lucinda Wilson Perkin who will be based in Y1. We have a new Midday assistant - Miss Dally. We also welcome the support of the interim Headteacher, Mrs Vicky Pierce. She will be based in Hale for the Autumn Term. Mrs Buckley, as Assistant Head teacher, will have some leadership duties which take her away from her class so we have appointed an experienced class teacher, Miss Marsden to teach in Y2 on a Thursday and Friday. Unfortunately, Miss Tierney is not going to be back in school right at the start of the new term because of a medical procedure so we have engaged another experienced class teacher, Michael Johnson, to cover Y5 for the first couple of weeks until her return. I'm sure you join me in wishing Miss Tierney well. Both our new teachers have spent time with Mrs Buckley and Miss Tierney so they are well prepared.

Return to School in September

It is important to remember that Hale school didn't close last academic year. We were open for the children of key workers throughout the whole of the period of lockdown. When schools were encouraged to open more widely in June, Halton Borough Council Health and Safety advisors provided a template risk assessment, based on the advice from the DFE. The risk assessment was completed collaboratively with all staff. When the government announced that schools would be re-opened in September, the risk assessment was updated by HBC Health and Safety Advisors and the new document was completed collaboratively with staff. Both risk assessments have been shared with HBC. As a staff, we spent a lot of time going through each part of the school day considering what measures need to be put in place to ensure the safety of the children and the staff. Therefore, it is really important that the measures we have put in place are adhered to meticulously in order to ensure the safety of staff and pupils and the wider community. A home school agreement will be given to your child when they start for them to sign. They will bring a copy home for you to sign and keep as it contains important guidelines. However, this letter contains some information you will need beforehand. Please read it carefully and also share it with your child so that they know what to expect. Although school will be different in some ways, the staff will do everything they can to ensure that the children settle into a familiar routine and setting in September. As I said at the start of this paragraph, we have been in school throughout the period of lockdown, so staff are very familiar with these new routines and they are well placed to guide the children when they return in September.

What does my child wear to school?

The children will need to wear their school uniform. Make sure your child has a coat as we are likely to be outside as much as possible and the doors and windows will be kept open as much as possible.

What happens when we arrive at school?

Arrival is between 8:50 to 9:10 to allow a greater window for parents to arrive and depart. Don't arrive before 8:50 am and don't remain on the school grounds after 9:10. **BOTH THE HESKETH ROAD AND TOWN LANE GATES WILL BE OPEN.** Drop off is strictly on foot. No parents' cars will be allowed on the car park. Children will enter classrooms via the classroom external doors. At the classroom door there



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will be floor markings to indicate a 2 m zone around the door and to indicate waiting spaces. The grounds of school are spacious enough for parents to keep to social distancing at all times. **Only one parent to accompany children.** Y6 children will not be allowed to arrive or leave by themselves. Parents to leave the school grounds promptly. No messages to be given to staff at the door - please email school if you need to pass on a message. **If your child has forgotten anything, don't bring it to school afterwards.** We will not be accepting items at the school entrance nor children arriving late. Children will use hand sanitiser before they enter the classroom. Children will not be allowed to wear face masks in school.

What can children bring to school?

Children can bring a water bottle, packed lunch, snack and hat and sun cream. No bag other than a packed lunch bag and book bag. No phones will be allowed. Children should have sun cream applied in advance. If you think it is necessary they can bring sun cream to reapply themselves during the day. Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 will receive a free meal via universal infant free school meals. All other children who pay for their school meals must send the money in an envelope with the child's name on it. Change will not be given - children will be credited for the following week. There will be no snack for sale.

During the day

Where possible, the children will be allocated their own personal space to work in and will use their own allocated equipment. Some equipment will need to be shared and regular cleaning of any shared equipment is in place. A very important aspect of the measures is the limiting of contact between children from different classes - referred to as "bubbles". A bubble will not be able to mix with children from other bubbles at playtime and lunchtime, even if they are in the same family. At lunchtime classes will be carefully supervised and tables will be cleaned in between sittings. Children in some year groups will eat their packed lunches in their classrooms. The guidance suggests that schools can now accommodate full classes but tables have been arranged so that the children are facing forward where possible. For most children for most of the time, the children will be with their class teacher. However, adults are allowed to mix between bubbles. Mr Whiteman will continue to teach a number of different classes when the class teacher is having non-contact time. We will also continue to have violin tuition and Sports Coaches.

What happens at home time?

Pick up time is between 2:50 and 3:10 pm. Again, this is a longer window to allow for social distancing. Don't arrive before 2:50 pm and don't remain on site once you have collected your child. Maintain a social distance from the door and other parents. The class teacher will send the children out when they see you.

Finally, I would just like to say thank you on behalf of all the staff for all the lovely cards and presents that you sent into school at the end of term. I thank you in particular for the messages which, for me, are often the best present. We wish the very best for our Year 6 children as they move on to High School. I will be sorry not to be here to welcome you in September but I know that Hale will continue to be a place where your children will thrive and be happy.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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