

Half Acres Primary Academy

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Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome Back!

We are really excited to be welcoming ALL children back to school on Monday 8th March. Recent times have been challenging for everyone in different ways, but we are making progress towards returning to life nearer to what we knew it..... starting with all children back in school with their friends, teachers and school staff.

We understand that many children and adults may be feeling anxious about the return to school but I can reassure you that we have a rigorous and comprehensive risk assessment in place and are doing all that we can to ensure school is as safe as possible for everyone.

We appreciate that there may be some concerns around gaps in learning that children may have developed during their time away from school. Please do not worry about this. Our fantastic team of staff are ready to support all our children to address any gaps in their learning and have been busy evaluating our curriculum to ensure any learning that has been missed is planned in.

Parent consultations

We are currently making arrangements for the second parent consultation of the year. More information about the organisation and making an appointment will follow.

World Book Day

Although very different this year, World Book Day was an exciting success! We hope you all enjoyed 'The Masked Reader' as much as we did - there were a few surprises in the reveal wasn't there?! Thank you for sharing your enthusiasm and love of books with us. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing and hearing all about them. World Book Day vouchers will be available to take home on Monday 8th March.

Kick Start Jobs

We currently have a number of vacancies available across IPMAT Trust as part of the government's Kickstart Scheme, including 4 new trainee positions at our school. Please see the school website or Twitter page for further information.

Bubble times

Bubble times are available on our website. Please ensure you arrive as close to start and finish times as possible in order to reduce footfall on site at any one time. A face covering should be worn and only 1 adult is recommended.

Where you have children starting at different times, you can drop off one after the other at their own class entrances.

Where you have children finishing with a 20/30 minute gap, you can collect both at the latest finishing time. Please ensure you collect the earliest finishing child/children before arriving on time for the latest finishing time.

School meals

Children will continue to have 'grab bag' lunches in their classroom bubble. Please ensure you order lunch on the online system if they are not bringing a packed lunch into school. All children will need to bring their water bottle each day, prefilled. There are opportunities throughout the day to refill as required.

School Uniform

We fully appreciate that some children may not have a full uniform available that fits well at the moment. Please ensure children are wearing suitable and appropriate clothing that is as near to our uniform as they can until you can replace items.

We will not be changing for PE so uniform/clothing should be suitable for PE and daily outdoor breaks and activities. Footwear should be a full shoe or trainer.

Finally, all the staff at Half Acres Primary Academy would like to thank you for support, co-operation, understanding and commitment to us and your children over recent months. You have done your absolute best and that is all that we ask for. We will continue to work together to ensure that our children are safe, happy and enjoy a high quality education.

Kind regards

Mrs R Taylor
Headteacher