



Thank you for working so hard to work WITH us.

1<sup>st</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Every community has strengths, one of the superpowers of the Hazeley community is the way in which we persistently endeavour to work WITH each other.

A simple, but important, part of this is our weekly communications to thank you for playing your part and taking the time to engage with it. I hope that you find the questions and answers below useful.

### **Do you want your child to have fun and be safe?**

More than ever our young people need to enjoy their freedom and have the time and space to live, grow and explore.

At the same time, we want to minimise any potential risks. With this in mind we would appreciate it if could reinforce these important safety tips for travelling to school, or when out and about in the community:

- Try to walk or cycle with a friend
- Be vigilant and aware of your surroundings - do not wear earphones or have your phone on show
- Wear an appropriate safety helmet when cycling and ensure your bike has lights and reflective markings
- Always report anything suspicious
- Never accept a lift from someone you don't know

If your child is worried about their route to/from school and would like support with this then please encourage them to email us on: [worried@thehazeleyacademy.com](mailto:worried@thehazeleyacademy.com)

### **Are you playing your part ensuring your child completes their twice weekly COVID home testing?**

As you are aware we have had three confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 within the Academy this week, two of which are linked to the same bubble. All three cases were picked up by parents and students being vigilant and completing twice weekly LFT's, so it a great reminder that the system does work. We cannot encourage our students enough to keep testing to keep everyone safe, as best we can.

### **Has your child called home and said that they are unwell?**

We all get ill from time to time, and your child may well have not felt too bad at the beginning of the day. However, they should not just call you and then expect to be allowed to leave the Academy. If your child is feeling unwell, they should



Speak to their teacher, or report to R2L. The Academy Matron will assess if they need to go home. Often all that is needed is something to eat or drink, or perhaps some paracetamol. They should not be using their phones in school anyway, but if they do call you, please tell them to go to R2L, or speak to a member of staff. You should only come and collect your child once you have had a call from the Academy.

### **Has your child got a medical appointment?**

Obviously, we prefer that where possible appointments are booked outside of school time. However, we recognise that this is not always easy, especially with the extra restrictions caused by COVID. If your child has an appointment it is essential that we know in advance. Please call 01908 555620, leave a message on the attendance voicemail 01908 555633, send in a note, or email [attendance@thehazeleyacademy.com](mailto:attendance@thehazeleyacademy.com). For their own safety, we cannot, of course, release your child without confirmation that they do have an appointment.

### **Do you want to save money and protect the environment?**

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July between 11am –2pm we will be opening the Academy to Year 6 parents who would like to come and select any of the kindly donated preowned uniform. We have a wide range of school uniform available so we would like to extend this offer to any parents who might have difficulties purchasing new uniform for the next academic year. You can come at any time between these hours, and we will be based in the sports hall so that we can socially distance and you will be able to enter by the side doors straight from the car park. If attending, please wear a mask, or an exemption lanyard.

### **Do you want to find out about the trialling of a new entrance to school?**

From Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July we will be trialling a change of provision for students in Years 7 to 10 entering and leaving the Academy. We will be closing the side gate by the G corridor and entrance will be through the canteen only. We are trialling this now as we have reduced numbers of students within the school and in preparation for potential changes due to the V2 road extension.

We have also been concerned with students not being dropped off at the designated drop off point where it is safe for them to exit cars. We will run this system until the end of term and then evaluate the impact.

### **Is your child in Years 7, 8, 9 or 10?**

We have a competition running right up until next Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July when we will have our “Form Rewards” day. The competition will run right to the last minute before form winners are announced to allow for some last-minute competitive spirit to gain as many house points as possible!



To ensure no bubbles are crossed each form will have 30 minutes on the inflatables before they are cleaned ready for the next group.

We hope to share some photos of the event, so keep your eyes peeled!

Thank you for working with us.

Kind regards,

Miss Whiteman