



Harriers Banbury Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Opening the school for the start of the new school year is always a logistical challenge and, for obvious reasons, it has been particularly testing this year. Thank you for your understanding as we make all necessary changes to ensure we are ready to open safely.

We have considered every facet of opening and I'm sure you are already awash with timings and additional details we have shared. If you do have any queries please do email or phone the office. To ensure tomorrow goes as smoothly as possible we wanted to share some last minute pointers and reminders to help you and us.

- **Harriers View is closed to all traffic** unless a resident, disabled (blue badge holder), member of staff or agreed in advance with the school. Members of staff will be on the road to politely remind motorists of this. This is essential so families can safely exit the site through the main gates and so there is enough room for families to wait socially distanced for their entry time, especially if siblings have different start times. Please ensure you give yourselves enough time to park safely and walk your child(ren) into school. (Reminder that you can park at Horton Tennis Grounds if required)
- **Only enter the school site at your specific start or pick up time.** Do not come early or late. Any pupils who are late will have to wait with their parents/carers until a member of staff is available to support.
- **Do not go to the office** unless it is an emergency. Please contact the office via office@harriers-aspirations.org or 01295 263067.
- **School finishes at 2pm on a Friday.** From Friday 18.9.20 we will offer a free homework club until 3pm, you will be able to sign up to this next week.
- **Year 5 and 6 can only walk home once a parental permission form has been completed.** These will be distributed tomorrow, if a new Year 6 had permission in Year 5 then this will be carried over.
- **The school menu starts from Monday 7th September**, please provide a packed lunch this week. A school packed lunch can be provided for any child eligible for free school meals and can be ordered tomorrow.
- **Seesaw will continue to be used for homework and communication with teachers.** Please note that teachers can only respond to Seesaw during school hours and around teaching commitments, contact the office if you require an immediate response. Unfortunately, due to the queueing systems in place and the need to clear the site, you will not be able to speak to your child's teacher before or after school. You can, however, contact them via Seesaw or request a phone call.
- **Full outdoor PE kit required.** All year groups will have their PE lessons outside therefore please ensure your child has jogging bottoms and a jumper as well as their shorts and t-shirts. As per our uniform policy, jogging bottoms and top must be plain and navy, black or dark grey. As previously mentioned, your child will also need a pair of trainers at all times and a pair of wellies if possible.
- **There is a new(ish) home school agreement**, we sent it out in June for YR, 1 & 6. You can read it here: <https://harriers.acADEmIES.asPIRAtIOnSACADEmIES.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2020/05/Harriers-home-school-agreement-for-reopening.pdf>. We want to avoid unnecessary passing of paper slips where

possible, so by sending your child into school you automatically agree to this revised home school agreement.

We really appreciate your continued support and understanding as we adapt our systems and structures to ensure we open successfully and safely. Many of these processes are new or have not been used with a whole school population so we thank you in advance for your patience as we roll them out over the next couple of weeks. We realise this all sounds very strict and impersonal, but we promise to still greet you and your child with a smile and to ensure that they have the same positive experience we have always wanted for all of our pupils at Harriers. We very much hope that many of these arrangements are temporary.

If you have any questions or helpful feedback then please contact the office.

We are really looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow!

Yours faithfully,



Alex Pearson
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