



# All Hallows RC High School

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Dear Parent / Carer

This year has seen something of a return to normal and it has been great to return to familiar school routines and to re-acquaint ourselves with the rhythm of the typical school year. My favourite aspect of this has been the ability to see pupils faces again (not hidden behind masks) and to enjoy the range of facial expressions, including their lovely broad smiles.

As ever, I have been incredibly proud of both the pupils and staff at All Hallows. They have been resilient, positive, committed and fast to learn new skills. Pupils have attended, behaved and progressed well. I have been impressed by how well everyone at All Hallows has maintained high standards and levels – of love, care, behaviour, attendance, uniform, learning, flexibility and patience. Parents/carers – thank you for your understanding, patience and support this year, we rely on you. Please pass on our 'thanks and well done' to your children. You and they deserve a good, long summer break with some quality time with your family and friends.

As another year at All Hallows draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on staffing changes, to remind you of some of our policies and procedures, and to look forward to next year with some important information for parents.

## **Staffing Changes**

Miss Smeaton (Teacher of English), Mr Rosewell (Construction Tutor) and two of our Teaching Assistants left All Hallows at the end of term and we would like to thank them for their hard work and commitment to our pupils. We wish them every success with their new ventures. Mr Whelan (Eric), our Assistant Caretaker of many years, is retiring this summer and we wish him a long and happy retirement.

We are excited to welcome the following teachers in September:

Mr J Holland	Teacher of Humanities
Miss L Stevenson	Teacher of PE
Mrs D Dawson	Teacher of IT/Computing

We also welcome a number of new teaching assistants, including Mrs K Higgins and a new Assistant Caretaker, Mr E Laurukenas.



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The Pupil Progress Leaders from September 2022 will be:

Year 7	Mr Hind and Mrs McAvoy (for Mrs McHale - on maternity leave)
Year 8	Mr Reid
Year 9	Mr Goodfellow
Year 10	Miss Buckley
Year 11	Mrs Shepherd

As a reminder to parents, if you would like to speak to a member of staff regarding your child, please contact their form tutor in the first instance.

We use the parentmail communication system to update parents and we would like to respectfully request that if any of your contact details have changed this academic year please remember to update your parentmail account, and also let school know your new number as soon as possible.

## -- Looking forward to next year --

There are a number of items of information that I would like to share with you, that will be of interest to, or impact on, you and/or child.

### **Parents Evenings**

We recently conducted a parent/carer survey to gain views as to which arrangement would encourage the greatest attendance at parents evenings. The vote was evenly split! A third of parents wanted all meetings to be in school, in person; a third wanted all meetings to be held online remotely; and a third either wanted a hybrid model or 'didn't mind'. Consequently, we have decided to implement a mix of in-person and online parents evenings as follows:-

Face to face, in school: Y7, Y9 and Y11

Remotely, online (school cloud): Pastoral (all years), Y8 and Y10

It is essential the teachers, parents and pupils communicate well in order to ensure that your child makes good progress and is happy at school. We hope that the arrangement described above will enable high attendance to these parents meetings.

### **Pupil Reports**

We are moving to a new system of sharing your child's report with you. Until now, all reports have been posted out to parents. This is costly, time-consuming and also means that reports can easily be mislaid. Moving forward, you will receive your child's reports via an online portal (or app) called Edulink. You can simply click the link, enter your password and then view your child's report. We will upload all of the reports that you have already seen this year, and also your child's new summer report. The advantage for you



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is that you can access these reports from anywhere, and also they will not get lost – they will stay on the system for you to view at any time.

You will receive an email shortly (this week) with your Edulink joining instructions. It is a very simple system and you can get started as soon as you receive the email.

## **Curriculum Lengths and Options**

Over the past few years we have gradually been lengthening the time spent on our KS3 curriculum. As from September, the KS3 curriculum will be delivered across the 3 full years Y7-Y9. This will enable pupils to study a wide range of subjects for a longer period of time before making their option choices. Option choices will now be made around Easter time in Y9, ready for a start on pupils KS4/GCSE courses in Y10 and Y11.

Our curriculum (what pupils study and when) in each subject area has undergone significant changes in recent years. There will be further amendments made ready for September. Details of each subject's curriculum can be found on our website, which will be updated again in September to reflect these final amendments.

## **Reading**

All Hallows is a reading school. We want all pupils to develop a real love of reading, and also be competent and confident readers in order to access all areas of the curriculum successfully. It is an essential life skill. In school we have a range of strategies designed to improve pupils' reading and comprehension, and also to develop their love of reading. These strategies include 1-2-1 provision, small group interventions and whole class readers. For September we are excited to launch our 'whole year group' class reading. Each form group will read the same book as others in their year group as a class reader, led by the form tutor. The books have been chosen to be engaging, enjoyable and (in some cases) challenging, and should lead to some really good discussions about wider issues.

All pupils will continue to have their own personal reading books – the library is well-stocked. Please continue to encourage your child to read for at least 15 minutes per day at home – even better if you are able to sit and read with them.

## **Extra-Curricular Activities** – “eXtras”

It has been fantastic to be able to offer a good range of after school and lunchtime clubs and activities again this year. Since May, we have had a published timetable of these “eXtras”, and this will continue, and be built upon in time for September. We are excited to provide these opportunities for your child - they are so important for relationships, self-esteem, learning new skills, sociability, fitness: the list is endless. Not only do we encourage your child to attend at least one eXtra per week, it is our expectation that they will do so. We will keep a record of attendance at eXtras and this will form part of a new 'pupil recognition and celebration' system that we are setting up.



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## **School Expansion**

You may already be aware that we have 'bulge' year in our current Y9 (Y10 next year), and we are due to have further bulge years for September 2022 and September 2023. This means that there will be an additional 25 children in each of these year groups. The school building and grounds are already incredibly crowded, and thus, in order to accommodate our expanding numbers we are undertaking some building works.

Phase 1- Completion date September 2022 – Re-surfacing a large grassed area with tarmac to provide a larger pupil yard which can be used all year round.

Phase 2- Completion date September 2023 – The construction of 3 new classrooms (to be positioned on the roof), and a re-modelling and expansion of the school serveries and dining area.

This is very exciting, and will be great when the work is complete. We do, however, have to endure and manage building works during the course of next year.

## **-- Some reminders of policies --**

### **Attendance**

Attendance at schools across the whole country has not yet returned to the levels of pre-covid. Nationally, attendance has been around 4% lower than usual, including at All Hallows, but our attendance for this year was again above the national average. Thank you to all parents for your support in ensuring good school attendance. We ask all parents to continue to keep all absences to a minimum for the benefit of your child's education. Additionally, please be reminded that holidays taken during school time will not be authorised and are likely to incur a fine. The attendance target for pupils is 96%.

### **Uniform**

Thank you to all parents for supporting our high expectations of uniform; the pupils have looked very smart this year. Please be reminded shoes must be plain, black school shoes (no Vans, canvas or sports shoes) – we apply this rule rigidly, providing footwear to be borrowed in cases where pupils are unable to comply. In addition, please be mindful that hairstyles must be conservative in style and colour, and jewellery must be limited to a watch and a pair of small plain studs or hoops in the lower ear (see attachment for more details on uniform requirements).

### **Free School Meals**

We would like to ensure that all our families who are entitled to a Free School Meal are registered with Salford Council.



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In these increasingly hard times every little helps! Please call Salford Council on 0161 909 6508 to check if you are entitled to free school meals. Attached to this letter is further information from Salford Council about free school meals.

## Enrichment

With school returning to 'normal', there have been several events throughout the year and below we highlight just a few of them:-

**Blackpool Trips:** We were thrilled to be able to offer the opportunity for pupils to go to Blackpool for the day. The children and staff had a wonderful time.

**Sports Day:** Our Sports Day took place on 28<sup>th</sup> June and it was a great success. The children who took part in the day are incredible athletes and it was lovely to hear them speak about their achievements with such enthusiasm and positivity.

**Platinum Jubilee Celebrations:** The whole school joined together to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee before half term. We enjoyed a picnic lunch outside with live music and a tuck shop, and held a Great British Bake Off competition amongst staff and pupils with some amazing entries.

**Discos:** In June and July we held discos for the Y7s & 8s and Y9s & 10s respectively. The children who attended had a great time and there was lots of dancing (not just the pupils)!

**Y11 Prom:** This was held at Hotel Football on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July, with over 100 pupils attending. The whole event was fantastic. The pupils looked smart, elegant and stylish and had a lot of fun dancing and chatting with friends and staff.

I look forward to welcoming all the pupils safely back to school at **8:30am on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022.**

Have a safe and enjoyable summer and may God bless all of you.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs A Cavanagh**  
Headteacher



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## UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS - REMINDER

We would like to make a timely reminder about our clear uniform policy;

### School uniform consists of:-

- School blazer
- School jumper
- School tie

**The above items should be purchased from Whittakers, Swinton**

### Also,

- White school shirt
- Black **knee length** pleated skirt / black **tailored** trousers.
- Plain Black or white ankle socks or plain black tights
- Plain black **school** shoes – no trainers / canvas / sports shoes

These items can be purchased from any retailer.

We do not want you to have any unnecessary expense buying items that would not be acceptable for school, this can be costly. Therefore we have provided further information below.

### Information on skirts

Please ensure that if you are purchasing a **skirt** that it is the correct length. As you are aware we have a number of stairs in school and we want to ensure that pupils are protecting themselves and others by avoiding any inappropriate viewing that can occur when skirts are too short. When purchasing a skirt please ensure that the skirt fits on the waistline so that correct length of skirt is maintained throughout the day.

### Information on trousers

Please ensure that when purchasing **trousers** that they are **tailored**. Skinny fit, black denim or elastane trousers are not permitted. Please be aware that some shops are branding these types of trousers as a school trouser to increase sales as pupils view these as more fashionable. These will not be accepted as school trousers at All Hallows.

### Information on footwear

We are very clear about our footwear policy and we use the term plain, black, school shoes as it is very simple to understand. Please do not allow your son/daughter to convince you that an expensive, fashion brand is acceptable. Shoes that are made by a sports brand **will not** be accepted even if they are being marketed as a school shoe in shops such as Footlocker, Footasylum etc.

Any school shoes that are purchased must be plain black and should not have any accessories attached. Please note that any shoe that have accessories attached including Vivienne Westwood shoes will not be accepted as a school shoe. We aim to keep our uniform



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affordable and therefore do not want pupils wearing expensive branded shoes. Acceptable styles, for example, for girls include, the Kickers plain black shoes (plain leather or patent) which are smart and practical.

## **School coats**

In colder weather, a plain blue or black coat may be worn over the full uniform. We will not accept tracksuit tops or hooded tops to be worn under or over the school uniform.

## **Jewellery**

This must be limited to a watch and a pair of small plain studs or hoops in the lower ear. These are the only piercings which are allowed.

## **Hair**

This must be conservative in style and colour. All hair styles should be one natural hair colour.

Hair accessories such as bands, bobbles or clips must be plain navy blue or black.

For short hair styles we insist that the shortest cut is a grade 2 blade. We do not accept tracking or tram lines in hair.

## **Make up should not be worn**

This includes;

Any type of nail varnish

Acrylic nails

False eyelashes

False Tan

Pupils may wear a small amount of concealer as long as it is subtle, particularly to address blemishes or skin issues about which children may feel self-conscious.

## **Bags**

All pupils must bring a school bag which must be large enough to carry an A4 folder, exercise books, planner and pencil case.

For further details on our uniform policy please visit our school website. If you have any questions regarding uniform please contact Reception or email [studentservices@allhallowsrc.co.uk](mailto:studentservices@allhallowsrc.co.uk)

We are very proud of our pupils and they wear their uniform with pride. We would like to thank all our families for conforming and supporting our clear uniform policy



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## Register for free school meals to help out your school

If your child is eligible for free school meals, it's worth registering them even if they're not going to have the school lunch. This is because schools receive a 'pupil premium' - an extra payment for each eligible child which they can spend on useful services. Registering might also get you extra help for things like music lessons or school trips.

### Free school meals are for children who:

- live in the city of Salford (the area covered by Salford City Council); **and**
- go to school (not a day nursery or children's centre) in Greater Manchester (Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, **Salford**, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford or Wigan)

If you live outside the city of Salford, but your child goes to a Salford school, contact your local council.

### Who qualifies?

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Universal credit (**not working**)
- Universal Credit (**working and net earnings are less than £7,400 per year**)\*
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are **not** also entitled to **Working Tax Credit** and have an annual gross income of no more than **£16,190**
- Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit Run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- If you get support under **part VI** of the **Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**

Easy to apply – Just  
ring 0161 909 6508

\* **Please note:** To be entitled to claim free school meals (FSM) when working and claiming Universal Credit, the earnings for one period should be no more than £616.67, earnings for the last two periods should be no more than £1,233.34, and the earnings for the last three periods should be no more than £1,850.00. Therefore if your earnings for one, two or three periods are below the upper earnings limits stated, you would be entitled to claim FSM. You will need to upload screen shots of each page of the relevant payment statement(s), especially the page(s) showing any deductions that are being made, with your online application, so we can then determine if you are entitled to claim free school meals. However, if your earnings for one period exceed £616.67, or if your earnings for two periods exceed £1,233.34, or





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if your earnings for three periods exceed £1,850.00, then you would not qualify to claim FSM.

Children who receive any of the above benefits in their own right (for example they get payments directly, instead of through a parent or guardian) can also get free school meals.

## **Salford residents can apply in the following ways:**

### **Apply online**

We now have two online forms available, depending on your circumstances.

1. [Income based application](#)
2. [Asylum seekers application](#)

### **Apply by telephone:**

If you are claiming housing benefit and/or council tax reduction which is assessed using one of the qualifying incomes above, for example Income Support or Jobseekers Allowance, then we should be able to process your free school meal applications and renewals over the phone, so please call us on **0161 909 6508** to apply.

However, if we are unable to process your application when you call, usually because there is no current housing benefit and/or council tax reduction claim in payment, or the income that entitled you to claim free school meals has been ended on your claim, you will need to apply in person.

### **Apply in person:**

If we are unable to confirm your entitlement when you ring, you can also apply for free school meals at Broughton Hub or our Gateway centres:

- [Broughton Hub](#), 50 Rigby Street, Salford
- [Eccles Gateway](#), 28 Barton Road, Eccles
- [Pendleton Gateway](#), 1 Broadwalk, Salford
- [Swinton Gateway](#), 100 Chorley Road, Swinton
- [Walkden Gateway](#), 2 Smith Street, Walkden

Staff at these locations should be able to process your free school meals application on a drop in basis.

### **Documents you will need to produce:**

If you are applying in person, please be sure to bring documentary proof that you are currently in receipt of any of the above qualifying benefits, or confirmation that you receive support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (eg IND letter or a NASS letter).



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We will be unable to process your application for free school meals unless we have seen the necessary proof that you are entitled to claim.

## **Apply through school:**

Give school your national insurance number to hold in our system records and we can check your eligibility for you.

Need more information?

[If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals](#) you can obtain further information by calling us on 0161 909 6508.

**Please remember, it is of benefit to yourself and your child's school to claim your free school meals.**