



5th April 2019

End of Term Update to Parents / Carers

Dear Parent / Carer

It has been a very busy term at Harrop Fold. We have enjoyed a wide range of activities, including residential visits, the Salford Young Mayor (who is also an ex pupil) has visited school, visits to workplaces and Universities, Parents' Forum Meeting and the formation of our PTFA. As I write, our COGS pupils are currently at Kingswood Residential having a fantastic time.

Many of these events are reported on Twitter. If you do not already follow us, I encourage you to do so as it's a great way to keep up-to-date with all the school's events and successes. You can find us by searching @HarropFold.

Year 11 Easter Revision School

If you are parents of a Year 11 pupil, you should find enclosed a timetable of Easter Revision Classes available in school throughout the holidays. Please encourage your son/daughter to attend. It is an important time for all our Year 11 pupils and we aim to do as much as we can to help them to prepare for their GCSE Exams. All Year 11 pupils have also been given Revision Packs and work to support them in English, Maths and Science throughout the Easter Holidays.

Year 7 to 10 Easter Challenges

Throughout the Easter Holidays, we would be delighted if learning and progress continues in all other year groups. To support this, each faculty have set a challenge for Year 7 to Year 10 pupils to complete over the Easter break (please find enclosed). Once completed, pupils should bring evidence of the tasks back to school during the week commencing Tuesday 23rd April. All subject areas will discuss the holiday tasks during this week. Prizes will be rewarded for effort towards the tasks.

Staff - Farewell and Welcome

At the end of this term we say goodbye to Mrs Rathmall, SENCo, who leaves us to take up a Headteacher position in Residential Care. The SENCo role will be filled until the end of the Summer Term by our Miss Pearce (COGS teacher) and Miss McCall, who joins us from Essa Academy. We also say goodbye to Miss Burgess, Head of Music. She will be remembered for the fantastic Mary Poppins Production this year. Miss Burgess has been promoted to an Assistant Headteacher of Creative Arts. Our final goodbye is to Miss Dewhurst in Maths who has been promoted to the role of Director of Learning.

We welcome Miss Gray to the English Department. Miss Gray is a previous Harrop Fold Teacher who is returning to the school.

The Science and Music Departments welcome Mr Davanzo and Mr Whittaker respectively.

We also welcome Mr Salmon to a new post, Whole School Behaviour Lead. Mr Salmon is a familiar face, he has supported the school since September. We also welcome Mr Naylor and Mr Quigley to the newly created role of Pupil Support Manager and Miss Bradbury (Teaching Assistant) has also been promoted to this role. Welcome to all.

Leadership Support

Throughout this Half Term, Mr Owen has continued to support the school two days per week and will do so for the remainder of this academic year. I will remain at school on a full time basis as Interim Headteacher. We have also started to receive support from United Learning in many areas of school, including Executive Leadership Support from Mr F. McCarron. I will keep you updated on any future developments.

Parent / Carer Contact Details

Occasionally we need to contact Parents / Carers during the school day. Can you please support us by ensuring you communicate any changes of address / phone numbers to the Main Office. Thank you.

Equipment

During the Easter Holidays please make sure your son / daughter has equipment for learning for when they return to school. If pupils have the correct equipment, we have a smooth start to lessons and it maximises learning time.

Correct equipment consists of:

- A planner (which each pupil has already been given free of charge). Replacements can be purchased in school for £1.50.
- A pencil case, black pen, pencil, rubber and a ruler. (These can be purchased at the following prices - pen 10p, pencil 10p, ruler 20p, pencil case 30p, rubber 10p.)
- A school bag.

Uniform

The school website has clear details of what is expected. School shoes must be plain black trainers or shoes. Acceptable examples are on the website. Any pupil wearing incorrect footwear will need to change these for correct footwear from Pupil Services. Coats or hoodies are not allowed in the building and pupils caught wearing them will have them confiscated (collection at 2.30pm from Pupil Services). From September 2019 we plan to introduce a Harrop Fold School Bag as part of our school uniform. Currently, too many pupils arrive at school without a school bag or learning equipment. We are working with a group of pupils to select a final design and will keep you updated on this.

Punctuality and Attendance

Whilst overall punctuality to school has improved, we still have a small number of pupils who are consistently late. Any pupil arriving late to school will be **given a late detention after school for 30mins**. Whilst we understand some children travel from a distance to reach us, they must make arrangements to ensure that public transport can get them here by 8.20 am.

Failure to attend late detention will result in a one hour's detention after school on the following day. Subsequent failure to attend will result in internal exclusion and the original detention will still be undertaken.

Disruption Free Learning

As part of our ongoing focus on standards and behaviour at Harrop Fold, we are putting in place a series of measures, starting on the 23rd April, which are aimed at targeting the learning disruption caused by the small number of pupils not arriving to lessons on time or refusing to attend.

The vast majority of pupils will find these initiatives reflect exactly how they behave each day and they will welcome their introduction as the way of bringing back into line the small minority of pupils who currently arrive late to lesson or refuse to attend. All pupils have the right to learn and make progress in every lesson, every day.

The Disruption Free Learning separates behaviour into two categories; acceptable and unacceptable. Any pupil refusing to follow instructions, refusing to attend lessons or on the corridor after the lesson has started will be placed into Internal Exclusion and remain there for the rest of the school day and will complete a one hour detention at the end of the day. All pupils in Internal Exclusion will stay until 3.30pm. A text will be sent to parents to inform you if your child has been placed in Internal Exclusion.

Pupils who *repeatedly refuse* to attend lessons or are on corridors after lessons have started will remain there for a school day (for example if lesson 4, it will be to lesson 4 on the following day). **Internal Exclusion hours run from 8:30am – 3:30pm.**

If a pupil fails isolation because their behaviour is not acceptable, they will be excluded from school. When they return, they will repeat the isolation which they failed. A Reintegration Meeting must take place after an Exclusion before a pupil can return to normal lessons.

This system of Behaviour Management has proved highly effective in some of the most improved schools and academies in the country and we expect similar results at Harrop Fold.

I trust you will support the measures we are taking to ensure Harrop Fold provides a disciplined, high quality learning environment supporting excellent education and high levels of academic progress. More information on further developments to Disruption Free Learning will be communicated throughout the Summer Term.

In firmly enforcing our expectations for each pupil from the very beginning of term, we will be treating each pupil fairly, consistently and in their best interests so that every pupil can successfully learn at Harrop Fold.

Finally, as we approach the school holidays, I wish you and your family an enjoyable break and remind you that we return to school on Tuesday, 23 April at 8:25am.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Wright', written in a cursive style.

Miss C Wright
Interim Headteacher