

# TOGETHER

## THE ACRE HALL NEWSLETTER



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### STARS OF THE WEEK

WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR CHILDREN AND HOW HARD THEY ARE WORKING IN THESE STRANGE TIMES—THEY ARE STARS WHETHER THEY ARE IN SCHOOL OR LEARNING FROM HOME !

Nursery—Mrs Jones and Mrs MacKinder	Conor G
Reception— Mrs Moore	Noah S
Reception/Y1—Miss Breslin	Emily E
Year 1—Miss Forlani	Daniel D
Year 2—Mr Brierley	Jaxon C and Brooke K
Year 3— Mrs Kan	Dantaye S and Maisie F
Year 4— Mrs Edwards	Mollyanne W and Oliver W
Year 4/5— Mr Stevenson	Amelia B and Theo S— K
Year 5—Miss Atherton	Elsa L and Fareed A
Year 6—Miss Thake	Oliver P
Mrs Griffin/ Mrs Schofield	Lee G
Miss Cook	Arthur P
Miss Manton	Olivia C
PE star	Bella D

### School Meals

If your child is accessing a school place and has a school meal, you will need to log in to the EVOLVE system by 9pm on Sunday to order meals for next week. If you are unable to do this please send us an email or ring us before 9am on Monday. We will not be able to alter any choices after that time.

### FSM vouchers

We have been ordered vouchers from the government scheme to cover the period 22nd Feb to 8th March. We will email these out to eligible parents as soon as we receive them.

### School re-opening

We are delighted that we will be open for all our pupils from Monday 8th March—all pupils are expected to attend. Please see page 2 of this newsletter for more details.

## Coronavirus Update

At the time of writing, we have had no further Covid cases in school this week. The rates of infection in the area are continuing to fall. Whilst this is good news, we can not afford to be complacent and everyone must continue to follow all government restrictions and social distancing guidance.

Although the current case numbers are lower than we have had recently; they are still much higher than last Summer when the Trafford rate actually fell as low as 18 cases per 100,000. If we want all our pupils to return to school and avoid further closures, we need to do all we can to keep these rates as low as possible.

## Water Bottles

Children are encouraged to bring a plastic bottle, containing plain water and labelled with their name, to school each day to drink during lessons in order to keep hydrated. There are taps in all the classrooms and the bottles can be refilled as often as is needed. We remind children to take these bottles home each evening to be washed out and returned the following day. Juice or squash or flavoured waters are not allowed. You can send an 'infuser' type bottle which has a section for fresh fruit to be included and then plain water added if your child would prefer that. Squash or juice (cartons or plastic bottles) can be included in a packed lunch to be drunk with food at lunchtime. We thank everyone for following this procedure.

## DFE latest information

The Department for Education have published some revised guidance for schools and parents this week. Please copy and paste the links below in to your browser to read the documents.

Advice for parents regarding keeping their child safe online:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>

Information about the 'Road Map' for ending lockdown:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021/covid-19-response-spring-2021>

Information about the return to school :

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/964351/Schools\\_coronavirus\\_operational\\_guidance.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/964351/Schools_coronavirus_operational_guidance.pdf)

## Full reopening of school

School has been open for some pupils throughout this latest lockdown. This has been following government restrictions to reduce the number of pupils in school in order to suppress the virus in the community. We are delighted that enough progress has been made so that we can re open fully. We know how much our pupils have missed being at school ; we have missed them too!

We will be sending out a 'social story' which you can talk through with your child to address any anxieties that he/she may have about starting back at school. Over the first few weeks after children return, and until it is no longer needed, teachers will complete activities to integrate everyone back in to full classes again. We are aware that friendship groups may have changed during the lock down period.

If you feel your child has some specific anxieties please do contact us so that we can help. We are happy to arrange for children to make short visits to school prior to the March 8th return. Alternatively you might wish to talk through any anxieties that your child has.

Mrs Green - our Well Being Advisor— can be contacted via email - yvonne.green@acrehall.trafford.sch.uk - to give telephone advice or via a zoom call. Mrs Jones—EYFS Leader—is also available to give support. She can be contacted via email— hannah.jones@acrehall.trafford.sch.uk

## COVID rate around school ⓘ



## Return to school arrangements

When all our pupils return on Monday 8th March, all start and end of school times will be the same as they were before Christmas; they will still be staggered to reduce the number of adults on the playground at any time—see chart below.

The same hygiene procedures will be in place—please see the ‘covid’ tab on our website for access to latest risk assessments etc.

We will continue to ask parents to keep to social distancing requirements and wear face coverings on the school premises. It is particularly important that children do not mix with friends from different classes so we respectfully ask parents to keep their children close to them at all times. If your child comes to school on a bike or scooter please dismount at the gate and walk whilst in school premises. The same ‘one way’ system arrangements will also remain in place.

Pupils should wear school uniform as normal and sports kit in PE days - these may have changed slightly since before Christmas—we will list them in next week’s newsletter.

We have a few ‘good as new’ school uniform items in our stockroom. We know that some children may have grown during the last few months and may need new sizes. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning next week there will be a table at the front of school—just near the reception desk—and all items will be laid out ; please help yourself to anything that is useful.

### Class start and finish times—until further notice.

Class	Doors Open	Registration – children must be in class for this time	Finish Time	Entry/Exit Point
Nursery – Mrs Jones	8.40am	8.45am	3.20pm	Classroom door
Reception – Mrs Moore	8.40am	8.45am	3.20pm	Classroom door
Reception/Y1 – Miss Breslin	8.40am	8.45am	3.20pm	Classroom door
Y1 - Miss Forlani	8.45am	8.50am	3.25pm	Classroom door
Y2 - Mr Brierley	8.45am	8.50am	3.25pm	Classroom door
All Small Classes	8.40am	8.45am	3.20pm	Classroom door
Y3, Y4 and Y4/5 – Mrs Kan, Mrs Edwards and Mr Stevenson	8.45am	8.50am	3.25pm	Fire doors at the end of building – rear of school
Y5 and Y6 – Miss Atherton and Miss Thake	8.50am	8.55am	3.30pm	KS2 playground door

## Trust Merger

The Dunham Trust will merge with Bright Futures Educational Trust on Monday 1st March. This is an exciting venture and is the next step for Acre Hall and the other Dunham Trust Schools. It will help us to build on our successes and make further improvements so that we can do the very best for our pupils. All parents will receive a letter next week explaining the merger. You will notice some new signage and a revised header to our weekly newsletter. There will be a new admin office email address—we will let you know when this is in operation.

## Diary Dates

We will delay the World Book Day activities until after the week beginning 8th March so that all our pupils can join in after school has re opened fully. There are several other events coming up which we plan to celebrate— list in next week’s newsletter.

## Mental Health and Wellbeing Trafford Sunrise Parent Workshops March 2021

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- Would you like some advice, information, and resources to support your child?
- Do you want to meet other parents facing similar issues?



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**Join our Zoom Workshops for Free! Pre-registration is required.**

**You need to be a Trafford Resident to participate in this workshop.**

### Anxiety

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
10:00am – 11:30am

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJYucO2srTloE9BDrAWo3UY3XtITjuQk9rGM>

*Make sure to register early as there are limited spaces.*

**You can also see our event details and updates on Facebook and Twitter**



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### **Behavioural Difficulties**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March  
10:00am – 11:30am

Register in advance for this meeting:  
<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJEpd-GqDksHNf6Wt8m3O1Gl6eNuc9Ry2lG>

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