

Weekly Bulletin

Week ending Friday 3 December 2021

Remote Learning

Following the recent inclement weather and as we move further into the winter season, should we need to move to remote learning your child will need to access Google Classroom where they will be able to join a class via Google Meet. Please ensure they know their login details.

PE reminders for next week

- Girls' indoor athletics on Wednesday 8th December – letters have been sent to parents via pupils, please complete and return the reply slip.
- Girls' basketball on Thursday 9th December at Rugby High – team sheet will be outside the PE office.

Please follow our PE Twitter page for key information and fixtures @HoultonPEdept

Covid Testing

When pupils return to school in January we will be carrying out lateral flow tests in school as advised by the Department for Education. We will use previously completed consent forms. Should you wish to amend your previous decision regarding testing in school please email hello@houltonschool.org.uk to let us know your wishes.

Used Book Donations

We would welcome any donations of used books for the 'pre-loved' section of the Centre for Communication. All donations will be gratefully received.

Speed Limit Reminder

Please be reminded that the maximum speed limit on all of Signal Drive is 20mph and at busy times we would expect drivers to drive slower than this. If you do enter the campus the maximum speed limit is 5mph.

Clarification of before and after school arrangements at Houlton

You will be aware from [our published co-curricular programme](#), that unlike many secondary schools, we have free, supervised provision available from 8:00am each morning (breakfast club in the Refectory) and a Study Support Club in the Centre for Communication (CfC) until 4:15pm. These are both supervised by our Associate Teacher, Miss Fleck, or one of our Teaching Assistants. Additionally, there are a number of clubs and activities that teachers volunteer their time to run after school until 4:15pm. However, as we are not a primary setting there is no formal, supervised wrap-around care before or after these times.

As previously communicated, pupils may arrive on campus earlier than 8:00am and may stay after 4:15pm if this supports working families travelling to school. However, our Front of House team are officially on campus from 8:00am-4:30pm each day, so pupils are not supervised outside of these times. As pupils mature and develop greater independence, they will likely not wish to stay at school out of hours and will increasingly make their own arrangements to be with friends, meet up at the local parks, meet together in town or make their own way home. If this is not possible, they may stay on campus and wait in the Refectory after 4:15pm, **but this will not be formally supervised** and will only be until 5:00pm **at the latest**. External lettings for the general public begin at 5:00pm; therefore, pupils should not be on campus after this time due to safeguarding.

Principal McCulley

Please see below information from Warwickshire County Council regarding a webinar discussion on Autism support:

Parents and carers invited to webinar discussion on Autism support

Warwickshire County Council and the local Clinical Commissioning Group are hosting a webinar on Tuesday 14 December at 1pm where there will be a discussion on the plans for services and support around Autism.



Join the conversation as Warwickshire County Council and the Clinical Commissioning Group discuss the plans for services and support around Autism.

Parents and carers from across the county are encouraged to attend.

Tuesday 14 December, Microsoft Teams, 1pm



SEND webinar



Parents and carers from across the county are encouraged to attend and take part in the discussion. This topic comes in response to our recent Ofsted/CQC inspection and the views of parents and carers in a recent survey by Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice.

The speakers from Warwickshire County Council will include Matt Gilks, Director of Commissioning (CCG), Heather Kelly, Senior Transformation Manager, CCG, and Ali Cole, Senior Joint Commissioner Disabilities and Autism, WCC and CCG. Questions can be submitted in advance to sendchange@warwickshire.gov.uk.

Click here to attend the meeting: <https://bit.ly/SENDwebinarDec>. Feel free to pass on this information to anyone who you think might be interested in attending. We look forward to seeing you at the event.