



17th July 2023

Mr I Critchley
Principal BSc (Hons), PGCE, MA, NPQH

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of the Summer Term, we would like to share important information with all members of the school community. When we return in September we will continue our drive, in terms of standards and expectations; this letter outlines all the important information.

All students should return to school on Wednesday 6th September at the new time of 8.30 am.

Below is a reminder of the timings for the new school day. Please note that we have worked with the relevant bus companies and the services have been amended to reflect the changes to our day:

Start of Day	Registration	Period 1	Period 2	Break	Period 3	Period 4	Lunch	Period 5
8.30	8.35-8.55	8.55-9.55	9.55-10.55	10.55-11.15	11.15-12.15	12.15-1.15	1.15-2.00	2.00-3.00

The **new** bus times are as follows:

Morning	786	786A
Liverpool South Parkway	0730	
Garston Speke Road	0736	
Estuary Business Park	0738	
Western Avenue, Tewitt Hall Road	0745	
South Parade Central Avenue, Conlech Road		0805
Halewood Academy	0755	0823

Afternoon	786	786
Halewood Academy	1510	1510
Conlech Road South Parade	1522	1522
Estuary Business Park, Leeward Drive	1530	1530
Garston Speke Road	1532	1532
Liverpool South Parkway	1539	1539

Merseytravel's bus timetable can also be found on our school website:

<https://www.halewoodacademy.co.uk/parents/bus-to-school/>

Uniform

Our students look incredibly smart and we would like to thank parents/carers and students for upholding our high standards in terms of presentation. The start of the new academic year presents a good opportunity to revisit our expectations.

From Wednesday 6th September 2023, as per the school's uniform policy, students will not be allowed to wear jewellery including stud earrings. This is for health and safety reasons and is not a change to policy; this has always been the case. Any student who wears jewellery will have it confiscated by a member of staff, to be collected at the end of the day. Refusal to comply with this will lead to further consequences. As per our policy if a pupil has any item confiscated on more than one occasion; students will not be given the item/s back until collected by a parent/carer.

May we also take this opportunity to remind students and parents/carers that make-up, nail varnish and false nails are also not permitted.

From Wednesday 6th September 2023, any student who comes into school in trainers will be asked to change their footwear into a pair of shoes provided. If you envisage this causing any issue for your child please contact your child's Progress Leader so that a resolution can be sought.

Finally, in terms of uniform expectations, it is necessary for all students to bring a bag to the academy each day and this bag needs to be big enough to hold an A4 folder. On the first day of the academic year all students will be given an A4 folder which will contain their timetable and knowledge organisers to support their learning. Students will also be given a Halewood Academy pencil case furnished with the relevant pens needed to access their lessons. This is part of our commitment and drive to raise standards in terms of attitudes and readiness for learning. If pupils would like to supplement this with their own stationery then this will be allowed. Information on permitted bags, and further clarification on permitted uniform can be found on our website:

<https://www.halewoodacademy.co.uk/parents/school-uniform/>

Attendance and Punctuality

As the new academic year begins we will continue our drive with attendance and punctuality. This is vital in ensuring that we can optimise the time in lessons for our young people. The more time that students are in lessons, the greater their chances of success.

Upon our return, we will continue to challenge students regarding poor punctuality to lessons. Students have been told that it is not appropriate to use the toilets between lessons without the permission of the class teacher, neither is it acceptable for students to take the long route from classroom to classroom as a small minority of students are currently choosing to do so. Students have been told clearly that they should be 'At the door within 4'.

We will be continuing to raise the profile of good school attendance over the Autumn term. As part of this we are asking for your support in ensuring that your child is in school every day. If your child is unwell please ensure you contact school to discuss this on the first day of their absence. More information about attendance to school can be found on our website:

<https://www.halewoodacademy.co.uk/parents/attendance/>

Parent Pay and Free School Meals

As a reminder to all parents, Halewood Academy is a cashless school and as such all transactions must be completed via Parent Pay (<https://www.parentpay.com/>). If you have any issues accessing your Parent Pay account, please contact Reception.

Please ensure that your Parent Pay account always has enough credit for pupils to purchase items at break and lunch should they need it. Pupils will always be able to access food at lunchtime and should speak to their Progress Leader / Pupil Support Coordinator if they have no credit on their account. Pupils can check their account balance using the order machines in school.

We know there will be families who are currently paying for school meals, who are eligible to receive Free School Meals through the government. Pupils on Free School Meals are not identified any differently and still access their lunch via the same method as everybody else. If you think you may be eligible and not yet claiming, please visit:

Knowsley Residents

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals/knowsley>

Liverpool Residents

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals/liverpool>

Halton Residents

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals/halton>

Support during the Summer

If any parents/carers feel that they need support for their child or families during the summer holiday please see below a list of useful contact numbers or websites for Knowsley Liverpool Residents:

Knowsley MASH Knowsley Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) brings together agencies from services that have contact with children at risk to make the best possible use of their combined knowledge to keep them safe from harm. The MASH provides a 'first point of contact' for Early Help, Children's Social Care (CSC) and Adults Social Care enabling members of the public and professionals to raise concerns about the safety and welfare of children or adults.

This may include children or adults identified as potentially being in need of support or as being at risk of suffering abuse Knowsley Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0151 443 2600 (during office hours) If you urgently need help outside office hours you can contact the Emergency Duty Team on 0151 443 2600 Please note if you believe a child or young person is at immediate risk of harm, you should contact the police urgently, CALL 999 Emergency.

<https://www.knowsleyscp.org.uk/children-and-young-people/what-should-i-do-if-i-am-worried/>

Liverpool Careline

Careline child services manages all child social care enquiries and referrals. You can contact us 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on the above link or telephone 0151 233 3700. If you have concerns about a child at risk (if a child is at immediate risk call 999)

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/children-and-families/childrens-social-care/getting-help/careline-child-services/>

In addition, you can contact the Safer Schools Police Officer Nyle Davidson

Nyle.Davidson@merseyside.police.uk

Halewood Academy: 0151 477 8830

Emergency: 999

Police: 101

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this letter, please contact your child's Progress Leader.

Please note that the school closes for students on Wednesday 19th July at 12.15pm. We would like to wish all students and parents/carers a safe and happy summer break and we look forward to welcoming students back on Wednesday 6th September 2023.

Kind regards



Mrs N Cross
Vice Principal



Your school uniform

Skirt	School Kilt		
Trousers	Charcoal grey or black, no colours		
Shirt	Plain white buttoned school shirt		
Blazer	Black with trim and badge		
Blouse or Shirt	White, collar and short/long sleeves		
Jumper	Plain black, V-necked with long sleeves (optional)		
Tie	Royal Blue School Tie		
Socks	White (plain white socks no bows)	Socks (with trousers)	Black, dark grey or navy blue
Tights	Navy blue		
Shoes	Black polishable shoes (no trainers / boots)		





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PE Equipment

Black T-shirt with logo

Black shorts / black tracksuit bottoms / black leggings

Black / white football socks

Training shoes (appropriate)

Optional: Long sleeved training top advised for winter





Examples of appropriate footwear



If you are unsure about what shoes to buy please speak to your Progress Leader

Examples of inappropriate footwear





Examples of appropriate school bags

All pupils need a suitable sized school back pack big enough to fit A4 folders or books in.

