

Halton Community Combined School

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ISSUE 1

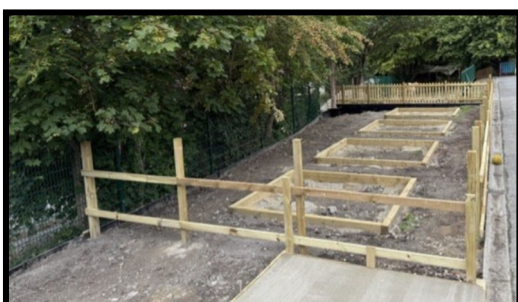
Friday 4th September 2026



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to school for the new academic year. I hope that you all had a lovely summer, survived the heat, and were able to do everything that you had planned to do. As is often the case, we have welcomed new staff and new families into our community this term and I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of you. It has been a really positive start to the new school year already and the children have all begun the year as if they have never been away. There is a lovely sense of calm, but with a determination to get the term off to the best start possible. Our school value for this half term is 'positivity' and it is very obvious for me to see this when I visit all of the classrooms, even though we have only been back for just over a day! Well done everybody for making such a positive start.

Project playground

It has been an extremely busy summer in school, particularly outside as the work has begun on bringing 'Project Playground' to life! Whilst there is still a lot of work to go until the project is finished, in the coming weeks the children will be able to use some of the new areas, something that they are VERY excited about! This simply would not be happening if it was not for the huge amount of generosity that has been shown across our community. To everyone who has donated to school, attended PTA events, bought items from wish lists, given up their time and much much more, thank you so much, you have made an enormous difference to our school! Thank you as well to Miss Lambie who is leading this project and gave up a lot of her summer holiday to be in school.



Mrs Dawkins
Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Allen
Family Support Coordinator

SAFEGUARDING

Keeping your children safe is paramount to us and that includes times when they are not in our care, for example when they are at home or online.

The Designated Safeguarding Leads at our school are **Mr Horsfield, Mrs Dawkins** and **Mrs Allen** (above). We are always available to help you and your children and we can be contacted at any point if you have a safeguarding concern.

Your concerns will always be taken seriously and will be treated sensitively.

School website

Our school website provider has changed and we are still experiencing a few technical glitches in getting the new format online. This means that the website you will see is outdated on a number of different pages. Thank you for being so patient as we sort this out. We hope that everything will be rectified and updated for you next week. If you need any information in the mean time, please contact the office and we will be happy to help you.

Clubs

All of our extra-curricular clubs will start next week. Please make sure that your children know which clubs they have been signed up for and remind them that they must attend. We often have occasions where children don't want to go or they didn't know that they had been signed up. Thank you to Miss Lambie and the office staff for organising such a wide variety of clubs for everyone. Don't forget that your child can wear their PE kit to school on a day where they have a sports club, even if it is not a PE day.

End of the day

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 are allowed to walk home if we have received permission from their parents or carers.

If your child does not have permission to walk home, or if they are in Preschool to Year 3, they must be collected by an adult notified to us. **Older siblings can only collect Halton pupils if they are 16 or over.**

If there is ever a change to who is collecting your child, even if it's a one-off, you must let the office know or else we won't let the child leave with them.

Timings of the day

Bluebells: 8.50am—3.15pm

Years 2, 4, 6: 8.40am—3.20pm

Years 1, 3, 5: 8.45am—3.25pm

Please make sure that your children arrive in time for registration. Any child arriving after their class have gone into school must be signed in by their parent or carer using the electronic sign-in system. If any children who walk to school by themselves are late, we will sign them in and will contact parents to let them know. Any child arriving after their class have gone into school will be recorded as late.



PE

A reminder that children can come to school wearing their PE kit if their class has PE that day or if they are attending a sports club. The classes have PE on the following days:

Monday: Year 1,

Tuesday: Year 3

Wednesday: Year 4

Thursday: Year 6

Friday: Bluebells, Year 2, Year 5

Uniform

Our uniform can be purchased online from PL Schoolwear using the following link:

[PL Schoolwear Uniform Suppliers](#)

We also have a lot of second hand uniform in school. If you would like anything, please see the office and we can let you know what sizes we have in stock.

Key dates for this term

Thursday 10th September - Y6 Secondary Transfer Test (11+)
Tuesday 22nd September – individual and sibling photographs
Wednesday 30th September - Phonics workshop for Rec, Y1, Y2, 9.00am
w/c Monday 26th October – School closed for half term
Monday 2nd November—Inset day, school closed
Tuesday 3rd November—School and Kids Kapers reopen
Wednesday 11th November - Remembrance assembly, 9.15am
Thursday 12th November—Cinderella pantomime in school for all classes
Monday 23rd November – Parent Consultation Evening, 3.50pm-7.00pm
Wednesday 25th November – Parent Consultation Evening, 3.50pm-6.30pm
Wednesday 9th December – Preschool and Bluebells Christmas play, 10.00am
Tuesday 15th December – Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas play, 2.00pm
Wednesday 16th December – Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas play, 10.00am
Thursday 17th December – Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 18th December – School closes for Christmas holidays
Monday 4th January – School and Kids Kapers reopens

Still to confirm dates for KS2 Christmas Carols, Fresh Start Christmas lunch and any PTA events.

Other key dates for this academic year

w/c Monday 15th February - school closed for half term
Monday 15th March – Parent Consultation Evening, 3.50pm-7.00pm
Wednesday 17th March – Parent Consultation Evening, 3.50pm-6.30pm
Friday 25th March – School closes for Easter holidays
Tuesday 13th April—School and Kids Kapers reopen
Thursday 29th April—Military Day
w/c Monday 10th May - Y6 SATs Week
Wednesday 19th May—Sports Day (EYFS, KS1 am / KS2 pm)
Wednesday 26th-Friday 28th May—Y6 residential to Woodrow High House
w/c Monday 31st May - School closed for half term
Monday 7th June – School and Kids Kapers reopens
Wednesday 9th June —Back up date for Sports Day
Monday 28th June —Inset day, school closed
Friday 9th July—End of year reports sent home
Wednesday 21st July—School closes for summer holidays

Inset days for 2026 / 2027

Like every year, the school has four inset days every year, in addition to the one set by the local authority at the start of September. As we had 2 in September, our remaining inset days will be:

Monday 2nd November
Monday 12th April
Monday 28th June

On these dates, the main school, Pre-school and Kids Kapers will be closed.

Kids Kapers finishing time

A reminder that Kids Kapers closes at 6.00pm every day. If you are running late as a result of traffic etc, please call them directly on **01296 623635** to let them know.

Lost property

If your child has lost an item of uniform, lunch box etc, please look in the cupboard which is situated in the main entrance. The cupboard is already quite full and we would urge you to put your child's name in all of their belongings.

Hiring our school hall

Our large hall is available to hire at weekends as well as evenings throughout the week. We can accommodate one-off events or regular bookings, depending on availability.

£25 per hour

Our hall is approximately 12m x 12m with a high ceiling (*perfect for birthday parties with bouncy castles!*)

Also available with the hire:

- 80x chairs
- 8x large rectangular tables which will seat 8-10 people
- Access to an oven, microwave and hot water machine

If you would like to check for availability, or you have any further queries, please contact our school office via office@haltoncc.school or 01296 622264



Smart watches

A reminder that children are not to wear Smart watches in school. This is not only a school rule, but is also in line with government legislation as well. Please can I ask that children only bring in watches that tell the time. If the watch can send messages, access the internet or make calls, these are not suitable to bring into school. The children will be asked to remove them and they will be returned at the end of the day.

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Drop off time

We just wanted to remind everyone that in the mornings, staff will be outside supervising the children from **8.30** onwards. If you arrive before this, you will need to stay with your children or else they will be outside by themselves.

We would also like to remind everyone not to walk through the car park at any time and to use the public crossings to cross the main road.

Help to make our school cool...

You will know that we are in the process of sourcing quotes for air conditioning units, to mitigate the risk of any future extreme weather. Our Go Fund Me page is one way that we will be raising money for this project, with the QR code above and the link below. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

[Our school Go Fund Me page](#)

Online Safety—Mobile phones

A reminder that only the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 are allowed to bring mobile phones to school and if they do then these must be placed in the class phone boxes at the start of each day. Mobile phones **must not** be used by children in school for any reason and any breach of these rules will result in the offender/s not being allowed to bring their devices in. At the end of the school day, all children must wait until they are outside of the school perimeter fencing before they begin to use their mobile device.



Service Family support

Once our new website is live, you will be able to access our 'Service Families' website page with information regarding our support for service families. Don't forget, you must inform us if you are being deployed or else we will not know. [Service family website page](#)

Next week we will be starting our **Little Troopers Club**, which will take place every Tuesday lunch time. You do not need to sign up for this, it is operated as a drop-in style club. Next week is for KS2, the following week EYFS and KS1 and it will continue to alternate through the term. Any queries regarding service provision, please see **Mrs Allen** or **Mr Horsfield. Matt Tope**, our service governor, is also available if you have any questions or concerns.





Who do I contact

Who do I contact to discuss... Reporting an absent child Lunches Change of address or contact number Parent Pay Medication Leave of absence requests Uniform After school clubs	➔	The Office Team Mrs Rainbow (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs am) Mrs Parsons (Thurs, Fri) Mrs Vylgina (Tue, Wed, Fri) office@haltoncc.school 01296 622264
Who do I contact to discuss... Safeguarding or child protection concerns Confidential information	➔	Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mr Horsfield Mrs Dawkins Mrs Allen
Who do I contact to discuss... Family support Attendance Service Family contact	➔	Mrs Allen (Family Support Coordinator) callen@haltoncc.school
Who do I contact to discuss... SEND enquiries Educational Healthcare Plans	➔	Lucy Barker SENCO@haltoncc.school
Who do I contact to discuss... Speaking to a governor	➔	Lindsay Ablitt (Chair of Governors) governor@haltoncc.school or office@haltoncc.school
Who do I contact to discuss... Pre-school	➔	Vicki Bowden (manager) preschool@haltoncc.school Krystyna Vylgina (invoices) payments@haltoncc.school
Who do I contact to discuss... Kids Kapers (breakfast and after school club)	➔	Krystyna Vylgina (bookings and invoices) payments@haltoncc.school Julie Frier (Manager) office@haltoncc.school 01296 623635
Who do I contact to discuss... Questions about learning My child's reading book Personal wellbeing Behaviour concerns Friendship concerns	➔	Class teacher Please arrange a convenient time to meet or speak on the telephone. <i>*Seesaw is only for homework related queries or for submitting work</i>
Please make your child's class teacher your first point of contact however our Senior Leadership Team are also available to offer support if necessary. Mr Horsfield – Headteacher Mrs Dawkins – Deputy Headteacher Mrs Allen – Family Support Coordinator Miss Barker – SENDCO Ms Bates – Lead Teacher Mrs Powell – Lead Teacher They can be contacted via office@haltoncc.school or on 01296 622264		

We will always aim to respond to you as quickly as possible. Please be mindful that the majority of staff do have a teaching commitment and therefore the most convenient time to meet would be after school.



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