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Dear Families,

Please remember that no adults should come onto the school premises, and follow the signs around the school gate. We would also remind you about keeping a 2m distance from others at the start and end of the day: if it looks busy around the gates then consider waiting across the road until people have moved away. If you are arriving outside of the usual start/finish times please call the office on **01904 470272** and someone will come out to you. If you are dropping off or picking up for Breakfast & After School Club please ring the MOBILE number **07393 516263** and someone will come to you.

Parking We are having more and more problems with cars parking in the layby at the front of school. This is a BUS STOP not a parking zone, and cars MUST NOT be parked here. The 3 school buses need access to this area at the start and end of the day so that the children can get on and off safely. This is becoming a real problem at the end of the day when the buses need to wait for all the children to finish school. Please help by keeping this area clear.

For older children who are being dropped off by family members who are just pulling over, if the layby is clear it is fine to continue with this as long as the driver is able to move away quickly again. Can we also ask that, if you are doing this, you follow the direction of the traffic as it is also causing some issues when cars are pulling out against oncoming traffic or performing u-turns. Station Lane is a quiet residential street we need to do everything we can to keep traffic and pedestrians safe.

Achievement Assembly We still do our Achievement Assembly on Fridays, although since September it has been through Zoom with me visiting all the classes to hear about their good news and to give out any certificates that have been earned. Now that out of school activities have started again, we welcome the children bringing in things to share such as sports trophies, swimming awards, martial arts belts, rosettes and other medals that they have earned. We usually get a Wigginton Grasshoppers update (thanks to Harrison!) and we always look forward to hearing what has been happening outside school.

School uniform Please can we ask that children the Reception year upwards do not bring anything to school other than their basic equipment, and are wearing their school uniform, including school shoes. Trainers should only be worn for PE and at lunchbreak if older children want to change shoes. No jewellery other than a basic watch/Fitbit type or small plain stud earrings should be worn in case this gets lost or damaged: so no rings, necklaces or bracelets please.

Finally, just a reminder that children with earrings must be able to take these out themselves for PE as tape/plasters cannot be used. If you are going to let your child have their ears pierced please make sure this is at the start of the summer holidays so that earrings can be removed when they return to school.

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Morning snack Snack has been popular this week! Children are able to have a choice of items such as toast, bagels, cheese pittas etc, at a cost of 20p which they will need to bring with them. Each class has a day when it is their turn for this, so if your child would enjoy this please make sure you send them with their money in a named purse, wallet or envelope on the following day(s):

Monday **Ash**
Tuesday **Elm**
Wednesday **Beech**
Thursday **Oak**

For the moment the children in Nursery and Reception will continue to have their snack in the classroom while we see how this new system goes, then we will consider extending it.

Dojo Awards

Well done to this week's Dojo
award winners!

Ethan James	Bronze
Dylan Navin	Bronze
Robin Porter-Williams	Bronze
Emme Jordan	Silver

Home testing for family members All families with school age children can access regular Lateral Flow Device testing. *Please note, these tests are for adults without symptoms, not children.* These are the rapid tests which staff are using regularly to identify any cases without symptoms, and they are completely voluntary.

Please do not send your child to school if anyone in your household is showing COVID-19 symptoms. For anyone showing symptoms, a PCR test at a local test centre should be booked ASAP through the NHS website.

Please contact us by email at office@fog.hlt.academy to report any cases. Please also be assured that any contact with families about cases will not name any individual children or adults.

Suspected cases within our school If your child, or anyone in your household, has any COVID symptoms please let us know as soon as possible, and ensure you book a test for them, letting us know results ASAP. Where people are really struggling to access tests for children either in person or by post, we do have a small number of home testing kits in



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school which we can issue but the swabbing is not straightforward and we do not have enough for every family. Please let us know if you may need one of these.

Keeping in touch with staff All staff emails follow the format initial.surname@fog.hlt.academy but staff can also be contacted through Tapestry and Google Classroom. Please be aware that the member of staff you are trying to contact may not be working that day, in which case it is unlikely that they will be able to follow anything up with you.

e-letters the following letters have been sent this week. Copies are also available on the school website www.forestofgaltresprimary.org

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Letters which have reply slips (eg the club booking forms) can be completed electronically and emailed back to school at office@fog.hlt.academy

Diary dates

28.5.21 School closes for half term
7.6.21 School opens
23.7.21 School closes for summer

Your support for your child's education is crucial to their progress. Please tell us if there are any adjustments we need to make to help you support your child, for example: letters in large font; letters in different languages; wheelchair access; explaining things over the phone; a discussion with a school colleague of the same gender.