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# Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome back some of our children to Halfpenny Lane. The staff have all been working hard to make sure our school is ready for the children returning. I hope that as more and more children start back they will continue to enjoy the wonderful learning that has been prepared for them.

### Entering/Leaving School Premises

Thank you to all the parents who have been coming into school and following our one-way systems so far. For us to enable parents and children to enter and leave our site safely, it is imperative for all of us to follow the system that is in place. Please remember:

- The entrance gates onto school grounds are the main gate off Halfpenny Lane or the gate leading from the parent/visitor car park.
- The path leads around school and exits via the gate next to the school field (near Year 6 classrooms)
- Whilst waiting to drop off or collect your child to/from school, please queue on the silver tapelines that are appropriate distances apart.
- Do not enter school through the delivery gate or park in the staff car park.

### June Learning Packs

As of this Wednesday, we have released our latest learning packs. These continue to be project based and are more than just English/Maths worksheets. These packs reflect the learning that is taking place in school. More specific Maths and English packs will be released soon that will support your child with their core subject learning. Until then, I recommend you to continue using:

- Oak Academy - <https://www.thenational.academy/> - This website provides daily lessons for every subject, which is led by a teacher through a video. Children can work independently whilst following the support and guidance from the teacher.
- BBC Bitesize - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> - BBC Bitesize offers a range of subjects and activities for children to complete online. To help children, there are support videos to watch. Again, this is pupil led and means adults only need to supervise rather than 'teach' the work provided.

### Year 6 Mobile Phones

As Year 6 return, I have been asked about pupils bringing mobile phones into school for the walk home. As before, if a child does need to bring their phone into school, it is their own responsibility and the school or staff will not be responsible for any damages. Please consider whether you feel it is appropriate for your child to bring their phone into school or if it can be left at home.

### Year 6 Hoodies

Prior to school closing, one of our Year 6 parents was organising Year 6 Leaver's hoodies for children as one of the end of year celebrations. Though this is not linked to the school, we think it is a lovely gesture that the parents are organising between them. If any of the Year 6 parents are not aware of this, please speak to Picson printing who are dealing with the order or contact the parent group on Facebook.

### Contacting School

At the moment, we have to minimise people coming into school. If you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to get in touch. You can contact us via [admin@halfpenny.patrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@halfpenny.patrust.org.uk) or telephone 01977 703270.

**Wishing you all the very best, take care and stay safe.**

Mr Parkinson  
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