

# Hayle Academy

April 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As we move into the end of the term, I wanted to write to you to update you on a number of points. The past few weeks have been busy in school, as we have welcomed students back into their classes, and it has been wonderful to see students reconnecting with friends and with school staff, as we settle back into a more normal school experience. As ever, we have been really impressed by the maturity and positivity shown by students in school.

## **Lateral Flow Tests:**

On advice from Public Health England, students and staff are asked to continue with the home testing over the Easter break. As a reminder, should a positive test result occur, the household should self-isolate and arrange a confirmatory PCR test through the link below or by calling 119. If the PCR test is negative, this will overrule the lateral flow test, and the self-isolation can end. All students have been issued with their second round of home tests over the past few days, and family members living with school students are entitled to collect home tests for themselves through the second link below.

**Book a PCR test:** <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

**Order lateral flow tests:** <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

As a reminder, please continue to upload your test results via our survey linked below. In the event of a positive test, please also contact our Covid lead, Mrs Kathy Halsey, on [kathy.halsey@hayleacademy.net](mailto:kathy.halsey@hayleacademy.net), confirming the students name and the date and time that the test was taken. You should also report your test results to public health, regardless of the test outcome.

**Upload your test result to school:** <https://forms.gle/Yx7BkroBk4r63aie9>

**Upload your test result to public health:** <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

## **School Uniform**

Over the last few weeks we have been talking to students, parents and teachers about our uniform. We have listened to what has been said, in particular where concerns have been raised about the expense of the current uniform, amid the economic impact of the global pandemic. As a result of these discussions, we are making a few changes to our policy, which will take effect from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April (when we return from Easter). These changes will also apply for next school year (from September 2021). Following on from this, during the 2021/22 academic year we will be working with everyone in the school community to fully review our uniform policy.

The following areas of our uniform policy are changing:



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**The blazer is optional:** students may wear either the school blazer or a plain black V-neck school jumper.

**Broader range of acceptable footwear:** we have widened the range of shoes that will be acceptable. Plain black shoes or a plain black trainer/canvas shoe – no visible logos or other markings in any other colours are permitted – must be plain black. High heels or boots are not acceptable.

**Inclusion of the option of wearing shorts:** students may wear plain black trousers or shorts. These should be of the smart/formal tailored style that hold a crease (leggings, jeans, joggers, chinos and less formal styles are not permitted). Alternatively, students may wear a smart, plain black school skirt of an appropriate length (ie close to the knee).

Over the last few weeks, we have taken a more relaxed approach to some aspects of uniform and appearance, to support students return to school. Following the Easter break, we will expect students to adhere to our uniform expectations. Where students are not in the correct uniform, they will be expected to correct this before going to lessons, and we will be in contact with parents and carers as needed in order to support this. Attached with this letter is an updated version of our expectations, and I would draw your attention to the following points:

**Jewellery** - Only a wrist watch and one pair of small silver or gold, studded earrings worn in the ear lobes are allowed. No tongue or other visible piercings or jewellery are permitted.

**Make up** - Students should not feel they need to wear makeup. Any makeup worn should be discreet and natural in appearance.

**Nails** - Nail varnish and/or false nails are not allowed.

**Hair style** - Conventional style, length and in a single natural colour. No extreme hair styles, such as shaved, shaved patterns. Shaved hair should be no shorter than grade 2.

### **PE Kit**

To support their return to school, over recent weeks students without kit have been permitted to wear a plain black t-shirt in place of the rugby shirt. From the start of next term, students will be expected to wear the full PE kit. The PE kit is available from our uniform supplier, Trophy Textiles. In addition, we have a limited supply of uniform available to buy in school at a discounted price. If this is of interest, please get in touch via [enquiries@hayleacademy.net](mailto:enquiries@hayleacademy.net). We would be grateful of any donations of unwanted PE kit, in a clean and usable state, in order that we have a kit bank to support students who do not have the correct kit. Kit donations can be brought in to school reception once term begins.

As a reminder, the PE kit consists of: Black and gold rugby shirt or fitted shirt; plain black shorts/skorts; black socks; trainers. For some activities, boots, shin pads and gum shield may be needed – this will be confirmed in advance by the PE team.

We are as ever very grateful to parents and carers for your support and look forward to continuing to work with you as we progress into the summer term.

Yours faithfully,

Simon Horner  
Head of School