

# Halyrude RC Primary School

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Our values:  
Achieving, Included, Respectful

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Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been lovely to welcome all our new children to Halyrude. They have all settled in nicely and have enjoyed making new friends. At the end of this first week I have some updates to share.

## P7 Buddies

The P7 buddies will continue to meet the P1 children next week at the gate until they are fully familiar with our playground. The P7 children are doing a great job supporting the younger children in the morning and at lunchtime. Well done P7!

## P1 snacks

Please could we ask all P1 parents to send their children wearing their coat with a snack in their pocket? There has been some confusion this week with snacks in lunch boxes so hopefully snacks in pockets will make it easier.

## Uniform

We are very keen to encourage the wearing of full school uniform in Halyrude as this ensures everyone is the same and there is no competition over the latest trainers etc. It is also good preparation for uniform expectations at high school. We would like to thank all our families for supporting this; it is lovely to see the children looking so smart in their uniforms.

We have had some questions about PE kit. If children wish to bring trainers on a Thursday for outdoor PE we are happy with this, gym shoes must be worn in the gym hall. If you have not purchased gym shoes yet please do so as soon as you are able to.

Please also ensure your child has a coat with them every day. Thank you.

## Donation

We would like to thank the Tredgett family who left Halyrude last year after thirteen years at our school. They have kindly donated Halyrude Helper badges which we look forward to using in school.

## Leadership Roles

Over the next few weeks, the children in the upper school will be given leadership roles such as Pupil Council, House Captains, Playground leaders etc. We look forward to working with the children in these roles.

## Parents in the Playground

A reminder that although the restrictions in wider society have relaxed, this is not the case in school. Please can we remind all parents that only one parent from P1/2 should be in the front playground to drop off/pick up children? In the morning, please drop your child off at the gate and then leave the playground so that children can make their way to our playground and to Rosetta.

At the end of the day, please wait by the cones so that the path is clear for children in P3 – 7 to make their way to their parents waiting on the pavement. Staff will release children one by one to waiting parents waiting by the cones.

If you wish to meet up with friends before and after school, please do so away from school. The reason the restrictions are in place in school is to do as much as we can to protect children and staff from the virus and keep our schools open and running normally. We would very much appreciate your support with following the regulations we have in place. Thank you.

### Snacks in School

On the in-service day, all staff engaged in choke training. One of the greatest risks of choking is grapes, especially when children are running around. Please could we ask that you cut up grapes from top to bottom to reduce this risk? Thank you.

### Lunches

Please could we remind you to pre-order lunches? Thank you.

### Flu Vaccines

Flu vaccines are due to take place on Thursday 7 October. Please look out for a letter about this during the week beginning the 30 August. Thank you.

### P6 iPads

P6 will bring their new iPads home today. Mrs Bony has set up the iPads for the children so that they are ready to use. The code to unlock the iPad will be your child's date of birth. As the iPads, cases and chargers are council property, please do not draw on cases. A slip of paper can be inserted in the back of the case with a name or picture to help identify the iPad if you wish.

### Playground Cover

A reminder that staff are in the playground from 8.30 until 8.45 in the morning. Please do not send children to school before then, we have had a number of very keen early arrivals this week!

### Annual Data Check

Our annual data check will be sent home next week. Please check it, sign and return it even if there are no changes. Thank you.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or using the school e-mail address.

Yours sincerely

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