



Maltby Hilltop School

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Wednesday 5th February 2020

Dear families, parents and carers,

Transport meeting

Firstly, thanks to all the parents who came and shared their concerns and views before Christmas. Rotherham transport have asked if we can again host a meeting to share the changes. Some of our students will be changing providers and we want to make this as easy and smooth as possible for everyone. The plan is for the majority of students to have a shorter journey to school with transport concentrating on key areas of the borough rather than travelling longer distances. Also a few of the routes will be picked up by Rotherham transport staff and buses. From our experience Rotherham's service has been second to none and we believe this is a positive move forward for our students. They have asked if parents and carers can meet Wednesday 12th February at 2pm at Hilltop. I would encourage you to come and find out more about the actual plans for all students.

Front Doors

We had an incident a week ago where a pupil who was being picked up by a parent was able to exit the school front doors before their parent was ready. Fortunately, a member of staff was there and stopped the student getting to the buses or potentially the road. It is essential all of our students are safe at school and this could have resulted in a serious accident. Please can I urge staff, parents and visitors to ensure the door closes behind you and to check a student is not trying to exit the school. Can I ask you to just be aware of students who may be around when leaving or entering school. If you have any concerns please let someone know immediately.

Parent's Chinwag and Facebook page

This is a very informal and friendly meeting for parents to discuss whatever is important to you. If you have not been I would recommend you contact Becky Earp and take this opportunity to chat to other parents. There is also the 'parents only' Facebook page which again is organised by Becky.

Our Futures Night

We would encourage you to get involved and attend this very useful meeting on Thursday 6th February between 5pm and 7pm in the hall. It will be a drop in and informal chat session. There will be a number of providers and services present to give advice. It has been really useful in the past and I would encourage you to come along if you have an older student for some good advice and support post Hilltop.

New staff

We have appointed a number of new Teaching Assistants thanks to a brilliant range of people with some really good skills to add to Hilltop school.

Advert for a second Deputy Head

Firstly, do not panic – Claire Rose is not going anywhere! We have decided to look for a second deputy for September 2020 to support greater development of the school and as part of a longer-term leadership plan. We hope to interview Wednesday 11th March and Becky Earp will provide a parents' view and challenge for the lucky candidates along with parent governors!

MyEd

We have trialled with a couple of parents and are just about ready to launch. Becky Earp has tried it and seems to think it will help us all keep in touch more easily. We will let you know how to log on soon.



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Opening of the new Pink and Yellow Classes PMLD play area

We had a fantastic coffee morning and opening of the new play area last Wednesday. Thanks to 6th Form for organising the refreshments. It was great to see just what a huge difference, generous donations from a number of parents and their friends along with a grant from Lord Taverners has made. We also shared some of our longer-term plans to gradually expand the number of places in school and improve our buildings so the whole school is fit for purpose. It was certainly 'fresh' when Shaz Biggin the Chair of Maltby Town Council officially cut the ribbon. It was so good to see so many faces and it was a huge success. We all went outside and had a play! I do want to thank all those who have worked so hard to make the area so accessible for all our learners. It really is just what our younger learners need and it looks fantastic.

Dates for your diary

Name of event	Date and time	Booking details
Our Futures Night	Thurs 6 th Feb 5pm to 7pm	Informal drop in to talk to providers of post 19 education and services.
Open Day – show round school	Mon 10 th Feb 10am & 1:30	Book with the office
Parents Chinwag	Tues 11 th Feb 10am	Do come along to The Brecks.
Upper school Parents and Carers meetings	Tues 11 th Feb PM	Book in with your child's teacher – letters to come out soon.
Transport Meeting	Wed 12 th Feb 2pm	Please come along and find out about your child's route and meet the new team if there are any changes..
Lower school Parents and Carers meetings	Thurs 13 th Feb PM	Book in with your child's teacher – letters to come out soon.
Valentines Coffee Morning	Fri 14 th Feb 10am	Do come along
Proud Assembly	Fri 14 th Feb 2:30pm	Do come along
Break up for half term	Fri 14 th Feb	School holiday 17 th – 21 st Feb
Training day – no students	Monday 24 th Feb	School closed

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