



13th September 2024

Holden Clough Newsletter

Stars of the Week

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| Aaminah & Jude | 1DH |
| Brooke & Florence | 2CQ |
| Atiya & Oscar | 2/3DL |
| Amira & Maya | 3GG |
| Harry & Kiki | 4GE |
| Duwa & Zakariyya | 4ST |
| Ismaeel & Kareena | 5CH |
| Lorcan & Zahra | 5NH |
| Jake & Tayyab | 6AH |
| Hassan & Tillie | 6JH |

This week in 6AH



Dates to remember

- 30.09.24 - Year 5 residential to Robinwood.
- 07.10.24 - Individual photographs.
- 25.10.24 - School closes for half term.
- 04.11.24 - School opens for Autumn Term 2.
- 06.11.23 - Flu vaccinations.

Year 6 have had a fantastic first forest school session. In the session they made dens, created masterpieces, and most importantly drank hot chocolate and ate marshmallows!

School Spider

Holden Clough is a paperless school and we try, where possible, to communicate with our parents and carers via email and smartphone messages sent through our website.

The website also comes with an app called School Spider which can be downloaded on to any smartphone from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store which makes keeping in touch even easier.

Once logged into the app you will receive notifications, emails and smartphone messages when information has been shared with you from school, you will also be able to see our most recent news, gallery and calendar events. Without the app, notifications and smartphone messages cannot be sent to you, so please ensure you download the app to your phone.

Parents evening appointments are also arranged via the website and app so please make sure that you activate your account ready for when we set up the next parents evening.

So, if you haven't done so already, download the School Spider App and request a password reset (as if you have forgotten your password) to get started.

You will then receive an email giving you your username (**usernames are not email addresses**). You will then create a password and be able to log in to the school website and the School Spider app.



Class Dojo

As well as letters, emails and smartphone messages we also use ClassDojo. ClassDojo is a school communication platform that teachers, pupils and families use every day to share what is being learned in the classroom through photos, video and messages.

We politely request that ClassDojo is not used to report absence, changes in circumstances or make general enquiries. These should all be directed to the school office.



Mr Porters VIP's

The following children have been chosen this week to have lunch with Mr Porter or Miss Hartley for displaying exemplary behaviour during breaks and lunchtimes, following the school rules, and for being kind and helpful to others:

Maliha 1DH
Hashim 2CQ
Jayden 2/3DL
Lucas 3GG
Sanika 4GE
Meriam 4ST
Archie 5CH
Olly 5NH
Reegan 6AH
Heidi & Evie 6JH



Holidays in Term Time

ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160



2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

5

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = **2** Sessions

3

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 2 parents = £1280

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

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2ND TIME

2 parents and
1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

Holidays in Term Time

A national Framework for penalty Notices for school absence, including unauthorised holiday absence, has been introduced following changes to the law. These new government regulations came into effect from 19th August 2024.

What are these changes?

1. There is a new national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions for any reason (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period for when a penalty notice must be considered.

2. The new rules mean you will no longer be able to take your child out of school for one week's holiday without a penalty notice being issued.

3. There is an increase in the penalty fine from £60 to £80 if paid in 21 days. If the fine is not paid by the first 21 days, it will rise to £160 if paid within 28 days of being issued.

4. If a second penalty fine is issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.

5. If a parent then commits a third offence in a 3-year rolling period, the local authority will need to consider other enforcement options available to them, potentially issuing a fine of £2500 per child.

Parents should always apply to the Headteacher for any request for leave in term time by completing an absence request form available from the office, before the leave commences.

Should school not be informed of your holiday and your child is recorded as absent without explanation, home visits will be carried out, welfare checks may be requested from the police and your child may be reported to the Local Authority as missing education. It is also possible for your child to lose their place at school.

Reporting Absence

If your child is absent from school please ensure you report their absence to the school office as soon as possible on the **first day and each day thereafter detailing the reason for their absence.**

There is a facility to report pupil absence via our switchboard 0161 330 5248.

Alternatively, you can send an email to

attendance@holdenclough.tameside.sch.uk.

Please do not use Class Dojo to report an absence.

Any unreported absences will be recorded as UNAUTHORISED until an acceptable reason for the absence is provided. We are only able to authorise 3 days leave due to illness without medical evidence.



Attendance

Please see below the winners for week commencing 2nd September 2024

1st - 2/3DL 100%

2nd - 3GG 98.00%

3rd - 4ST 96.55%



Is Your Child Eligible for Free School Meals / Pupil Premium?

Did you know that School can claim additional funds from central Government for **every** child in **any** year group whose Parent/Carer is receiving one of the welfare benefits listed below?

- Universal Credit, provided they have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

The additional funds are put towards valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching and pupil welfare. If eligible, your child will also have the option of enjoying a Free School Meal every day.

So if you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed above we would be very grateful if you could complete the online form at www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-tameside and check your eligibility.

Administering Medicine in School

Should your child be prescribed any medication or antibiotics that need to administered during the school day, please bring the medication to the school office where it will be stored securely and complete a request to administer medication form. For the safety of all, please do not send any medication in to school with your child.



Nut Free School

We have a number of children in school who have a severe allergy to all types of nuts where a reaction can occur not only by consuming them but also by just being in the vicinity of nuts or products that contain nuts. Therefore, we would like to remind you not to send any snacks, cakes etc. into school that contain nuts of any type.

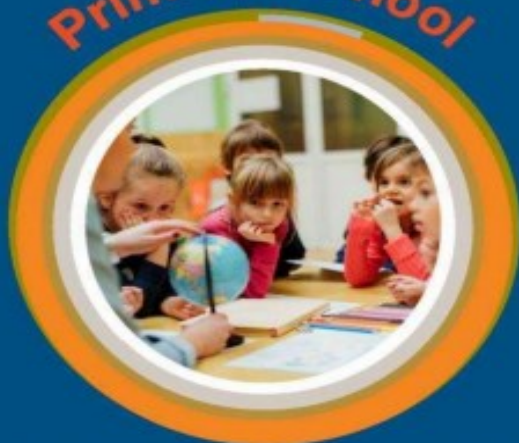
Thank you for your cooperation



Time to apply...

Don't miss out... ...on a school place for your child

Primary School



If your child will be 4 before 1 September 2025

YOU should put your child's name down at any Tameside Primary School.

DURING October the school will send you the information you will need to make your application.

IF your child attends a school nursery this will not secure them a place in Reception. You will need to make a new application for a Reception place.

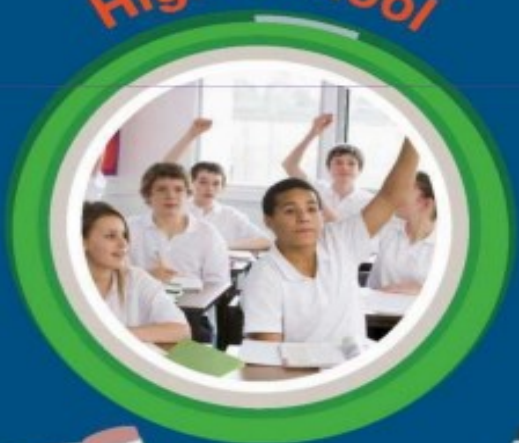
YOU must apply for a Primary School Reception place online through the Tameside Council website at www.tameside.gov.uk

THE online application facility will open for new Reception applications **early November 2024**.

THE closing date for Primary School applications is **15 January 2025**

ANY application received after 15 January 2025 will be dealt with as a 'LATE' application and considered after those received on time.

High School



If your child will be 11 before 1 September 2025

YOU should apply for a High School place through the local authority where you live.

EXTRA district residents will receive information on how to apply from their own local authority.

YOU must apply for a High School Year 7 place online through the Tameside Council website www.tameside.gov.uk

THE online application facility will open for new Year 7 applications **early September 2024**.

THE closing date for High School applications is **31 October 2024**.

ANY application received after 31 October 2024 will be dealt with as a 'LATE' application and considered after those received on time.



High School Open Evenings

SCHOOL OPEN EVENING DATES AND TIMES

| SCHOOL NAME | OPEN EVENING | TIME |
|--|---|------------------------|
| Alder Community High School (Community) | Thursday 26th September 2024 https://www.aldercommunityhighschool.org.uk | 4:30pm – 6:30pm |
| All Saints Catholic College (Voluntary Academy) | Tuesday 1st October 2024 https://www.allsaintscatholiccollege.com | 5:00pm – 8:00pm |
| Audenshaw School (Academy) | Thursday 3rd October 2024 http://www.audenshawschool.org.uk | 5:00pm – 7:00pm |
| Copley Academy (Academy) | Wednesday 2nd October 2024 https://www.copleyacademy.org.uk | 4:30pm – 7:00pm |
| Denton Community College (Community) | Wednesday 25th September 2024 https://dentoncommunitycollege.org.uk | 6:00pm – 8:00pm |
| Droylsden Academy (Academy) | Thursday 26th September 2024 https://www.droylsdenacademy.com | 6:00pm – 8:00pm |
| Fairfield High School for Girls (Academy) | Thursday 3rd October 2024 https://www.fairfieldhigh.tameside.sch.uk | 6:00pm – 8:00pm |
| Great Academy Ashton (Academy) | Thursday 3rd October 2024 http://gaa.org.uk | 5.00pm – 8:00pm |
| Hyde High School (Community) | Thursday 3rd October 2024 http://www.hydehighschool.uk | 6:00pm – 8:00pm |
| Laurus Ryecroft High School (Free School) | Wednesday 2nd October 2024 https://www.laurusryecroft.org.uk | 5:30pm – 8:00pm |
| Longdendale High School (Academy) | Thursday 3rd October 2024 https://longdendalehighschool.org.uk | 4:30pm – 8:00pm |
| Mossley Hollins High School (Community) | Tuesday 24th September 2024 https://www.mossleyhollins.com | 6:00pm – 9:00pm |
| Rayner Stephens High School (Academy) | Thursday 26th September 2024 https://raynerstephens.org.uk | 4:30pm – 8:30pm |
| St Damian's RC Science College (Voluntary Aided) | Monday 30th September 2024 https://www.stdamians.co.uk | 5:30pm – 7:30pm |
| St Thomas More RC College (Voluntary Aided) | Thursday 26th September 2024 https://www.stmcollege.org.uk | 6:00pm – 8:00pm |
| West Hill School (Academy) | Thursday 26th September 2024 https://www.westhillschool.co.uk | 6:00pm – 8:00pm |

Information is correct at time of writing. Please check individual schools' web sites before you plan your visit.

Term Dates 2024-2025



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Term and Holiday Dates for Academic Year 2024/2025 Tameside Academies

| Term / Holiday | | First Day | Last Day | No of Days |
|--------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Autumn Term 1 | INSET DAYS Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd September 2024 - Children not in school | Wednesday 4 th September 2024 | Friday 25 th October 2024 | 38 |
| Autumn Half Term Holiday | | Monday 28 th October 2024 | Friday 1 st November 2024 | |
| Autumn Term 2 | | Monday 4 th November 2024 | Friday 20 th December 2024 | 35 |
| Christmas Holiday | | Monday 23 rd December 2024 | Friday 3 rd January 2025 | |
| Spring Term 1 | INSET DAY Monday 6 th January 2025 Children not in school | Tuesday 7 th January 2025 | Friday 14 th February 2025 | 29 |
| Spring Half term Holiday | | Monday 17 th February 2025 | Friday 21 st February 2025 | |
| Spring Term 2 | | Monday 24 th February 2025 | Friday 4 th April 2025 | 30 |
| Easter Holiday | | Monday 7 th April 2025 | Monday 21 st April 2025 | |
| Summer Term 1 | BANK HOLIDAY Monday 5 th May 2025 Children not in school | Tuesday 22 nd April 2025 | Friday 23 rd May 2025 | 23 |
| Summer Half Term Holiday | | Monday 26 th May 2025 | Friday 6 th June 2025 | |
| Summer Term 2 | INSET DAYS Monday 28 th and Tuesday 29 th July 2025 Children not in school | Monday 9 th June 2025 | Friday 25 th July 2025 | 35 |
| Total Days | | | | 190 |

Pupils are required to be in school for 190 days per academic year.

Proposed first day of the academic year 2025/2026 will be Monday 1st September 2025, proposed pupil start date Wednesday 3rd September 2025.