



## *Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other*

Dear Parents,

Thank you for patience and understanding with the delayed start last Wednesday due to the snow and ice. We do appreciate that this will cause inconvenience to parents, particularly if you have work or other commitments. The decision is never taken lightly but we have to risk assess whether our staff will be able to safely reach us in time in order to have sufficient ratios. It also means parents and children can come in safely, without rushing. We will always do our best to keep the school open and the delayed start enables us to do this.

The icy conditions continued through the week but we were able to open at the usual time. However, I know that some parents struggled to make it in on time because their localised areas were icy. Safety must always come first and we would rather you come in safely than rush and risk an accident. The cold, dry weather though has brought some beautiful sunrises. Here is the school site, this morning captured by Mrs Evans.



Good luck to our netball team who are competing today at Holsworthy College. The children selected for the team are: Carter, Autumn, Lily, Jovann, Ida-May, Zac and Leonie.

The Federation is part of the Devon Independent Schools Partnership (DISP) which is a collaboration of maintained primary schools, which we were instrumental in setting up. As part of this, theatre and drama workshops with the MED Theatre Group, have been organised at Hatherleigh Primary School. These are aimed at pupils who have particular talent in drama. Toby and Kitty (Y6) were selected to attend these and are thoroughly enjoying them.

### Industrial Action

I can confirm that industrial action will not affect the school on February 1<sup>st</sup> so school will be open as normal.

At this point, I do not believe that the school will be affected by strike action on the other dates of 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> March and 16<sup>th</sup> March. However, if this changes, I will of course let you know.

### Home-Learning

To update you, teachers will be introducing children to Mathletics this week in class and then it will be set as Home-Learning from week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> January. The Reception and Y1 version is called Maths Seed. Information will be shared with you next week, regarding how to access this from home.

Reading Buddy will be introduced shortly after Mathletics.

### Ashwater Ofsted

I am pleased to share the outcome of Ashwater School's recent Ofsted inspection. We are delighted that Ofsted have continued to rate Ashwater School as a 'Good' school. Ashwater School had what is called an 'ungraded' inspection because it was already a good school. This means the highest grade that could be achieved is to remain 'Good'.

Halwill School was also inspected as an 'ungraded' inspection in December 2019 under the same framework and also remained 'Good'.

Although this latest report is for Ashwater School, as you know we are a very close Federation, with a single leadership and the curriculum, pastoral support and opportunities are mirrored in both schools, so you can be confident that all the strengths recognised by Ofsted will also be the strengths here. Here are a few examples:

*Leaders are ambitious for what pupils should learn.*

*Pupils use ambitious vocabulary in each subject.*

*Staff present knowledge to pupils clearly. They consider pupils' starting points and use what they know to address any gaps in learning.*

*The youngest children get off to a flying start.*

*At lunchtimes, pupils eat together as a whole school family. The school hall has a 'buzz' of friendly conversations.*

*Pupils are well prepared for life in modern Britain. This is because leaders ensure that they learn about life beyond their village. They also learn about their own cultural heritage and are proud of where they live.*

*Leaders have developed a culture of vigilance towards safeguarding.*

*Leaders, including governors, continually strive to improve the school further.*

The full report can be read here: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Ofsted-Ashwater-Primary-School-Final-2022.pdf>

Good schools are normally inspected within 4 years, however, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused a delay to the schedule so we do not know when Halwill will next be inspected. Nevertheless, we always continue to 'aim high' to further improve our Federation and this has been recognised in both schools' latest Ofsted reports.

## Recorder Lessons for Class 3 and Class 4

We have an exciting opportunity for Ruth Hayes, to teach the Key Stage 2 pupils the recorder. Ruth is a specialist woodwind teacher and this will form part of the children's music curriculum. Class 3 and Class 4 will have 8 weeks of Recorder lessons. Class 4 will have their lessons after half term and into the first part of the Summer Term and then Class 3 will have theirs for 8 weeks. Lessons will be on Wednesdays.

For hygiene reasons we request parents to purchase a recorder for their child. For ease, we have ordered the recorders and will add £2.30 to SchoolMoney for you to purchase the recorders. We will cover the cost for children entitled to Pupil Premium.

## Staff News

The search for a Kitchen Manager continues and Devon Norse are working hard to find a permanent replacement. We hope this position will be filled soon. I am aware having cover staff is not the same as having our own cook. Thank you for your patience with this.

I am pleased to tell you that we have recruited Rose Allen as a new Meal Time Assistant. Rose has many years' experience in this role and we look forward to her joining the team. In addition, we welcome Evanda Hill, who has been appointed as a casual Meal Time Assistant and Breakfast Club cover. Evanda has also experience of working in schools. This appointment replaces Hannah Moyse, who has moved on after many years of being a reliable and valuable casual Meal Time Assistant. We wish Hannah every success in the future.

Mrs R. Alford

Executive Headteacher

## Safeguarding at Halwill

### The Safeguarding Team

#### **Designated Safeguarding Lead:**

Mrs R Alford

#### **Attendance Officer:**

Miss S Revers

#### **Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:**

Mrs A Rothery

Miss J Miners

Mrs R Cawsey—SENDCo

#### **Safeguarding Governor:**

Mrs A Clark

We thank Gail Marshal for her many years as Safeguarding Governor. Due to Gail's other commitments, she has stepped down from this role and Alison Clark is now the new Safeguarding Governor.

## **Snapchat**

Snapchat is an app with an age restriction of 13. If messages are sent they disappear so it has the potential to be used as a form of bullying. Some children like the filter elements which allow you to change the way they look e.g. as an animal or a baby. It is advisable that if they are using Snapchat filters in this way, that they are supervised by an adult and that any images are not shared with others. Please see further information about Snapchat below.





Snapchat is a photo sharing app for mobile phones and tablets. The app allows users to share images for a limited number of seconds, chat with users before messages disappear, and share images with their friends list through a 'story'.



# What parents need to know about SNAPCHAT

## SNAP MAP

In 2017, Snapchat introduced a new feature called 'Snap Map', which allows users to see the EXACT location of the people on their friends list in real-time and watch stories from around the world. Users can view a map called a 'Snap Map'. This feature completely exposes your child's location and users can potentially follow your child from their home to their school.

## 'SNAP STREAKS'

'Streaks' tell users how many days in a row they have spoken or sent 'snaps' to one another. What's dangerous about this? It forces young people into putting a false sense of importance on a superficial number to the extent that it becomes something that can make or break a friendship. For example, if a person forgets to message or send a picture to their friend, breaking their 200-day streak, this could cause a confrontation between the friends. This can put an incredible amount of pressure on children to keep streaks.



## SCREENSHOTS

While Snapchat's gimmick is that all photos, videos and text disappear after a maximum of 10 seconds, users can still screenshot or save them. Users may sometimes forget that screenshotting is a possibility in the app and send an image to someone they trust.



## SEXTING

Due to 'Snaps' disappearing soon after they're received, (users can even send a one second photo or video), Snapchat has become the chosen platform for sending sexually explicit images or 'selfies' to someone. The short amount of time gives children the confidence to send the pictures.

Once a photo/video has been screenshotted, this can lead to further dangers, such as blackmail and cyberbullying. It is illegal to make, possess, download, store and share sexual images, photos and videos of a person under the age of 18. This also includes any sexual images, photos and videos that a child may have taken of themselves.

However, if a young person is found creating or sharing images, the police can choose to record that a crime has been committed, but that taking formal action isn't in the public interest.



**National  
Online  
Safety**

# Top Tips for Parents



## THINK BEFORE YOU SNAP

Ensure that your child knows that 'Snaps' can be screenshotted and teach them that if they post anything potentially embarrassing or harmful (either of themselves or someone else) it can have severe consequences, as if the message lasted forever.

## TURN OFF 'QUICK ADD'

'Quick add' helps friends find each other on the app. This is based on mutual friends or if their number is in their phone book. Explain to your child that this feature can open up their profile to strangers. We highly recommend that your child turns off the 'Quick Add' feature.

## EDUCATE ABOUT RISKS OF SEXTING

It can be slightly awkward talking about this topic with your child, but if it helps them protect themselves, then it is worth it. Talk to them about the consequences of sexting and make sure that they're aware of the risks prior to using Snapchat.

## REPORTING INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

If your child is receiving inappropriate content, it's important that you report it. First block the sender to prevent any further messages. You can then report this by sending an email to [safety@snapchat.com](mailto:safety@snapchat.com). If the problem persists, contact CEOP at [ceop.gov/report](http://ceop.gov/report).

## RESTRICT WHO CAN VIEW THEIR STORY

Your child can add videos and images to their 'Story' throughout the day which last for 24 hours. By default, anyone in their friends list can see their story. We recommend that children only have their close friends and family on the app.

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## ENTER 'GHOST' MODE ON SNAP MAPS

We highly recommend enabling Ghost Mode on the app so that your child's location will no longer be visible to anyone on the 'Snap Map'. To enable this, go onto the Snap Map and tap the cog in the top-right corner. Here, change your settings to 'Ghost Mode'.

## HOW TO DEACTIVATE SNAPCHAT

If your child wanted to delete their Snapchat account, simply deleting the app from their phone is not enough. To deactivate the account, users will have to log in to their account on desktop or on their mobile device (not through the app). Here, you:

- 1) Go to [support.snapchat.com/delete-account](http://support.snapchat.com/delete-account)
- 2) Here, click on 'Delete my account'
- 3) You will then be asked to enter your username and password again

## DISAPPEARING ILLEGAL CONTENT

Snapchat 'deletes by default' which means every opened snap image or video is automatically deleted. If your child has seen criminal activity on Snapchat, you should report it immediately - See 'Reporting Inappropriate Content' above.

Sources: <http://home.bt.com/tech-gadgets/internet/social-media/what-is-snapchat-a-safety-guide-for-parents-11364852742537> <http://www.independent.co.uk/it-style/gadgets-and-tech/news/snapchat-snap-map-latest-news-parents-protect-privacy-children-safety-grooming-messaging-videos-a7823521.html> <https://support.snapchat.com/en-US>

### *Dates for your diary:*

#### February

3rd                      Class 4 assembly 9.15am  
 13th to 17th        Half term  
 24th                   Class 1 assembly 2.45pm

#### March

3rd                      Class 2 assembly 2.45pm  
 10th                   Class 3 assembly 2.45pm  
 31st                   End of term

#### April

17th                   Start of summer term

#### May

1st                      Bank holiday  
 8th                      Bank holiday  
 29th May to 2nd June   Half term

#### June

5th                      Non-pupil day

#### July

21st                    Last day of term



### The Carey Qualities

**Relationships by being Resilient, Resourceful, Reflective and Respectful**

Each Thursday children are awarded certificates in our Celebration Assembly for making a significant effort to develop one of our Carey Qualities. Last week the following children were awarded certificates. Well done to them all.



For building <b>Relationships</b>	For being <b>Resilient</b>	For being <b>Resourceful</b>	For being <b>Reflective</b>	For being <b>Respectful</b>
Class 4—Caleb	Class 1—Daisy Class 3—Joshua Class 4— Lily	Class 1—Chloe Class 2—Freddie Class 2—Ryan Class 4—George	Class 3—Chloe S	

Please remember to order  
 your School lunches via  
 schoolmoney by Friday of each week.  
 This helps us cater correctly. Thank you



# Special menu on Tuesday 24th January.

Please order on SchoolMoney

(All previous orders on this day will have been cancelled.)

Thank you



## Menu

**Chinese Style Chicken & Rice**

or

**Vegetable Noodle Wrap**

**& Rice**

served with

**Stir Fry Vegetables & Bean  
Shoots**

followed by

**Mandarin Jelly**

**& Ice Cream**

**Chilled Fruit Juice**



**SOUTH WEST  
horse**



## Home to School Transport Consultation

Devon County Council is consulting on its arrangements for home to school transport. Currently Devon County Council charge £600 per annum (with a £30.00 discount if the full year cost is paid in full) for concessionary seat passengers and post-16 passengers. This annual charge is a contribution towards the cost of the transport we provide.

We are consulting on increasing these charges to £800 per annum from September 2023.

Full details are available at: [www.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/home-to-school-transport-consultation](http://www.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/home-to-school-transport-consultation)

The changes, if approved, would apply to all new and existing passengers. Responses to this consultation will help to inform the Transport Policies being considered by Devon County Council's Cabinet.



We welcome comments. Please submit all comments by the closing date of **2 March 2023**. A survey for responses is available as part of the Home to School Transport consultation via the weblink above. Alternatively, please email: [schoolconsultations@devon.gov.uk](mailto:schoolconsultations@devon.gov.uk)

**SOUTH WEST  
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**HALWIL COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**JOB VACANCY**

**KITCHEN MANAGER**

**Monday to Friday**

**08.30am – 1.30pm**

**(25 hours/week, term time only)**

**£10.15 an hour**

**£900.60/month**

**(Paid 12 months a year)**

**Duties to include:**

Food preparation/serving meals to children/Stock Taking and Purchasing/ Weekly Paperwork recording via a tablet/Staff training.

Washing up dishes/General Kitchen duties/Manual Handling.

**Full training given & uniform provided**  
**A Southwest Norse DBS check will be carried out for this role**

For more details please contact  
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**Have you moved house?  
Changed your mobile  
number?**

**No longer have a  
landline?**



Please ensure you keep us informed of all changes to your contact details. This can easily be done by using the SIMS parent app or email the office. Thank you

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