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Message from the Head

Diary Dates

Monday 23rd October-Friday 27th October 2023
Half Term

Non-Pupil Days for the 2023-2024 Academic Year

Monday 2nd October 2023
Wednesday 15th November 2023
Wednesday 13th March 2024
Friday 7th June 2024

School Dinners

Please see our school website for a copy of the School Dinner Menu.

w/c Monday 11th September
Week 2

ATTENDANCE

Please note that if your child is absent from school, it is your responsibility to contact the school by telephoning the office and reporting the absence directly to a member of staff, which is in accordance with our Attendance Policy and Absence Procedures. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

The school gates open at 8:35am and registration takes place at 8:45am. The school day finishes at 3:15pm.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our new academic year at White Hall Academy. It was lovely to see the children returning well rested, happy and ready for the new school year.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that the school times have changed. Children are required to be in school sitting at their desks for registration by **8:45am** and collection time is now **3:15pm** for all children.

We are currently setting up a new online system for payment of school dinners, wraparound and school trips. Whilst the system is being installed, there will be a member of staff outside the school office collecting cash payments. We apologise for any inconvenience in this regard and we are grateful for your patience and co-operation.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Eames

Headteacher

LATE CLUB/WRAPAROUND & SCHOOL MEALS

If you would like to access the Wraparound Provision, please book a place, or places at:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rqhnVjY-bkmsUYihtBXSrusqua2htX1OnuzqxmtRHxBUQ00zS0NYWTA00TZZSVpQTIBFVDVIRE5GWC4u>

Completing a form and making payment will guarantee your child's/children's place within our Wraparound Provision.

Children need to be booked in before 12.00am in order to secure a space on the day. If you have already booked a place and you no longer require this, please ensure that you inform Wraparound by emailing Wraparound@whitehallacademy.essex.sch.uk.

Please be aware, if you are late collecting your child from school, the following charges will be applied:

3:15pm to 3:45pm - £1.50

3:45pm to 6:00pm - £8.00



www.themazegroup.co.uk



**Thursday 14th September, 9:30am - 11:30am
Ambition Cafe, Tendring Education Centre
Jaywick Lane, Clacton-on-Sea**

**For parents / carers of children and
young people with any kind of
neurodiverse condition
(with or without diagnosis)
No booking necessary**



The MAZE is a unique approach to SEND which offers insights into how children with additional needs experience the world.

We have free monthly coffee mornings in Colchester, Frinton, Clacton, Mistley and Harwich, a specialist weekly programme available online and face-to-face groups in Colchester, Clacton and Harwich. In addition, we offer an online course on navigating the SEND system and a support programme for parents who have additional needs. Our aim is to guide, advise and support you for as long as you need us.



MAZE Parenting Programme

The MAZE Parenting Programme is a structured specialist 12-week programme (10 weeks online) for parents/carers of children and young people with any kind of additional needs (with or without a diagnosis).

There are several visiting professionals from health, education and independent organisations who join us to deliver specialist sessions on a range of topics such as sensory processing difficulties, resilience, behaviour and anger management, continence, sleep, diet/eating, therapeutic interventions and mental health. A key strength of our programme and approach is the multi-agency collaboration, with ongoing support by trained, experienced Parent Mentors.

MAZE SEND Programme

This course will help you learn how the SEND system works and the influences and pressures on all of its parts, the law and your rights. Additionally, how to manage your emotions and understand how to master your own responses, so you can have difficult or seemingly impossible conversations, persevere until you get the outcome you want and then maintain this standard over time, through effective meetings and monitoring where to find sources of reliable information and independent support.

ND Parent Support Group

This support group aims to help parents with Neuro Divergent conditions to make connections with other parents who may think and experience the world in a similar way. A range of topics will be covered during the group sessions.

We aim to match the topics covered to the needs of the group, allowing for new topics to be added when needed.



Coffee Mornings

Monthly coffee mornings are held in Colchester, Harwich, Mistley, Clacton and Frinton for parents/carers of children and young people with any kind of additional needs (with or without a diagnosis).

Please do come along to any of the venues. No booking necessary.



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Wednesday 13th September 2023
9:30am - 11:30am
White Hall Academy
Please contact the school office for referral.



Step by Step - Primary



Step by Step Primary is open to all parents of children aged 4-11 years. This 9 week programme aims to help parents develop positive relationships with their child; increase confidence in handling children's behaviour and help parents to make good links with their child's school.

The topics covered are: being a parent; developing relationships through play; listening and talking; feelings; praise and rewards; routines, rules and limit setting; managing behaviour and problem solving.

Thursday 21st September 2023

9.30am - 11.30am

White Hall Academy, Clacton

Held in partnership with White Hall Academy

For more info or to book a place call EXTRA on **01255 475001** or



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