



## HEADCORN HEADLINES: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a good summer break!

This is an additional Headcorn Headlines Edition to update you with some important information. Please read on to find out about changes to collection times and gates, PE Uniform days, our 'Meet the Teacher' opportunity and much more.



We look forward to seeing you on Monday!  
Miss Symonds



### Meet the Teacher: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September: 3.15 – 4pm

We would like to offer parents and carers the opportunity to come in to school to see where your child will be learning and to meet their teacher and Teaching Assistants. Parents/carers will collect their child/ren first and then go to rooms.

### PE Uniform & Allocated PE Days

At Headcorn Primary School we ask that our children wear their PE Uniform to school on their allocated PE days along with their purple jumper, cardigan or fleece. As this is in place of wearing their usual school uniform, we expect children to be smartly dressed in the correct PE uniform items.



#### Our PE Uniform consists of:

- Purple Cardigan / Jumper / Fleece
- School house colour T-shirt with school crest (House colour is assigned by the school)
- Black or navy shorts / skirt / skort
- Trainers – that your child can fasten independently (no Plimsolls please)
- Black or navy tracksuit bottoms, leggings and sweatshirt, hoody or fleece for colder months

When the weather turns colder we will allow tracksuit tops, hoodies or sweatshirts to be worn in place of purple jumpers, cardigan or fleece.

#### Year Group PE Days:

Please note, if your child's PE day is on a Monday (Years 1, 3, 4, 6) we will **not** require PE Uniform on the first day back. PE days will start from Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Year R: Wednesdays (from Term 2)

Year 1: Mondays & Thursdays

Year 2: Tuesdays & Fridays

Year 3: Mondays & Wednesdays

Year 4: Mondays & Thursdays

Year 5: Tuesdays & Fridays

Year 6: Mondays & Fridays

### What can children bring to school

We try to limit what children need to bring to school as we provide many resources that are needed.

- **School bags** must be small enough to fit in lockers. If they do not fit then they will not be allowed to bring them to school. Years R and Year 1 only need to bring a bookbag.
- Every child needs a **water bottle** with their name on it as there are many children with the same ones! Please do not send your child in with juice or squash.
- Children do not need to bring pencil cases. Their contents can often cause distraction. Sharpie Pens are not allowed in school as they bleed through paper and will mark our new tables.
- **Reading Records/Homework Diaries and Reading Books** should go to and from school on a daily basis. Your child's class teacher will inform you of book change days in the first Headcorn Headlines Newsletter once we are back in the swing of things.
- Acceptable **Breaktime Snacks** are listed below. Fruit is provided for Years R, 1 and 2.



### **Nut Free Site**

Please be aware that we are a **nut free site** as we have a growing number of children with significant nut allergies.

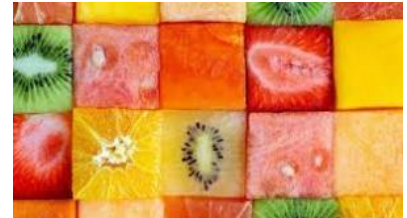
This includes foods that contains traces of nuts, also products such as Nutella/Chocolate spreads. Please check ingredients on snack or packed lunch items for information on nut or traces of nuts.

### **Snacks!**

I understand that this is a controversial subject and that some children just do not like eating fruit. However, it is the school's duty to encourage a healthy lifestyle which includes limiting what children are allowed to eat at break times. Please work with us to ensure that your child has something healthy to eat:

We can allow:

- Any fresh fruit
- Dried fruit eg raisins, apricots, etc
- Vegetables eg carrots, peppers, mini tomatoes
- Fruit alternatives such as fruit winders
- Breadsticks
- Small cheese portion eg Babybel



**Please be aware:** Fruit leathers, fruit strips, and fruit roll-ups are healthy sounding snacks. However, many of these contain too much added sugar and possibly even artificial ingredients. Please check the ingredients and sugar content of these items before selecting them. Fruit, in its whole, unprocessed form, is the healthiest fruit snack we can eat as it is a natural food item.

Unfortunately, we cannot allow the following as these are messy foods for carpeted classrooms:

- Crackers with or without toppings
- Humous or other dips
- Contents of children's packed lunch boxes

If for any reason your child has a dietary issue that means they cannot eat from the foods above, please contact [admin@headcorn.kent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@headcorn.kent.sch.uk) to discuss this.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this matter.



### **School Uniform**

Please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct school uniform. The up to date uniform list is attached. If for any reason your child is unable to wear the full and correct uniform, please inform the school in writing via [admin@headcorn.kent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@headcorn.kent.sch.uk)

Most items of school uniform can be purchased from any supermarket or high street retailer. Items that are specific to our school or with school logos can be purchased from our uniform supplier 'Simmonds' who have a shop at Newnham Court Shopping Village (Bearsted Road, Weaving, Maidstone ME14 5LH) or on-line using this link: <https://simmonds-ltd.com/headcorn-primary-school/>. Items in **red** on the attached uniform list can **only** be purchased from our uniform supplier.

**Dates for your Diary:** Very soon we will be sending out a comprehensive list of all the proposed dates for the whole academic year so that you can plan ahead.

**In the meantime, this term's key dates so far are:**

**Thu 1<sup>st</sup> Sept: INSET Day 1: No children in school**

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept: INSET Day 2: No children in school**

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Sept: Start of the new school year**

**Thu 8<sup>th</sup> Sept: Year 6 Grammar Entrance Test day**

**Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Sept: 3.15pm – 4pm Meet the Teacher for Years 1 - 6**

**Tue 18<sup>th</sup> & Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Oct: Parent Teacher Consultations (after the school day)**

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Oct: End of Term 1**

**Thu 20<sup>th</sup> Oct: INSET Day 3: No children in school**

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Oct: INSET Day 4: No children in school**





Please note that we are a Smoke and Vape-free site.



Please remember that we do not allow dogs on site even if they are being carried. Only Guide and Assistance Dogs will be allowed through the gates.

## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**Please remember that your child's new teacher will take a little while to recognise a whole set of new parents and family or friends who regularly collect members of their class. Please help them by saying the name of your child until they do so. Thank you.**

### **New Collection Times:**

We will be opening the gates 5 minutes later from **3.15pm** until 3.30pm.

This is to make the most of as much learning time as possible, and to ensure that children in Years 2 – 6 aren't standing outside for 20 minutes when it will get colder and wetter later on this term.

The school policy is that children not collected by 3.30pm will be put into After School Club for a cost of £5 per child. If you are running late please phone the office as soon as possible and let them know or inform them of who you are giving permission to collect.

### **Please remember:**

- We will not release children to anyone other than those adults on your Collection Permissions Sheet. Please update these if necessary or email/phone the school office to inform them of any person who you give permission to collect your child that day. This includes family members not listed on your Permissions Sheet.
- We will not release children to anyone under the age of 16.
- Year 6 will only be allowed to walk home if they have written permission from a parent/carer.
- Year 6 with permission to walk home without an adult cannot be responsible for younger siblings.

### **New Collection Gate Opening!**

Our KS2 Gate is reopening from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

We ask that if you have a child in Year 3 – 6 that you gather in the carpark at Glennie House which is now the Year 6 building (where Juniors Daycare was previously), enter via the wooden gate there which leads to the KS2 playground.

**Any families with children in Years 3 – 6, please collect your KS2 child/ren first** before walking down past Keeler House and out through the Green Side Gate to collect Year 2 children and then walk on to the Early Years Gate to collect Years R and Year 1 children from their classrooms. This will also support KS2 children not having to wait so long standing outside in potentially cold and wet weather whilst younger siblings wait in their classrooms.

**If you only have Years R, 1 or 2 children then you do not need to use the KS2 gate** and can collect your children from the following places:

**Year R:** Enter through the Early Years gate and exit via the wooden gate accessible down the path that runs along the side of the building. If you have a pushchair then you may cross the Early Years grass and exit back through the Early Years gate.

**Year 1:** Enter through the Early Years gate and wait at the blue Year 1 gate for your child to come out from their classroom to meet you. You may exit back through the Early Years gate.

**Year 2:** Walk down the path of the main entrance to collect your child who will be waiting by the main office entrance. Please exit via the Visitors carpark gate.