14th July 2025

**Reminders and changes for September 2025**

Dear parents and carers,

It has been quite a year! We will be celebrating our achievements in our final newsletter of the year on Friday but as the summer approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to provide some reminders about school expectations and routines.

**Uniform**

Children grow fast and I know many families will be buying replacement school uniform over the summer holiday. I would like to remind parents that children are expected to wear full school uniform except on PE days. In recent weeks, uniform has slipped a little. Please make sure socks are black, grey or white. If items are not branded with the school logo, colours should be as close to the school uniform as possible.

Shoes should be black. In very hot weather (i.e. over 24C), children are permitted to wear sandals with a heel strap as long as toes are covered.

PE kit should be worn on PE days.

A full explanation of school uniform requirements and how to order is available from:

<https://www.hemingtonprimary.co.uk/parents-information/school-uniform.htm>

Please remember that long hair should be tied back and no make-up, including nail varnish, or jewellery is permitted. A reminder that we have a selection of pre-loved uniform in school. Please feel free to come in and see what is available for a small donation.

**Attendance and punctuality**

Thank you for your support in helping the school raise attendance. Our attendance has markedly improved this year, but remains the lowest in our academy trust and in the bottom quarter of primary schools nationally. A child with attendance averaging 90% over the course of their primary school career will miss more than half a year of schooling having a big impact on their learning - so you can understand why low attendance is a concern. Please remember school is not allowed to authorise term time holidays. Term time absence can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances eg on compassionate grounds such as bereavement and should be agreed in advance. ‘Wellbeing days’ are not grounds for authorised absence.

Punctuality is also important. Please remember that lessons begin at 8:45am with children completing practice and recall tasks. Children who are regularly 5 minutes late miss out on this very important ‘little and often’ practice. Please make sure your child arrives in sufficient time to put their belongings away and arrive in class ready to learn at 8:45am.

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**Timings of the school day**

***Nursery and Pre-school:*** 9:00am - 3:00pm

***Reception to Year 6:***  8:45am - 3:15am. Gates open at 8:35am

**Trips**

We are busy researching and planning our trips programme for next year. We hope to be able to share this with you including approximate costs to help parents plan ahead in mid-September. We are very excited!

**Drop Off/ Pick Up**

Although our ‘one way system’ is voluntary, it is really helpful (and safer) if families can drive into Hemington village from the Faulkland direction. At Drop Off, we would encourage parents to use the zig-zag lines for a quick drop off; however, please do not park on the lines. This is especially important at Pick Up at the end of the day when a lot of children are all leaving the school grounds at the same time.

**Booking Breakfast Club and After School Club**

Please remember that all Breakfast Club and After School Club bookings should be made in advance via ParentPay. For emergency last minute bookings, please ensure you **email the office**. This makes it easier to ensure an accurate register is compiled for the staff each day. There is no charge (and no need to book) for children who are dropped off at school 8:30-8:45am.

**Booking Lunches**

Lunches need to be booked by midnight on Thursday before the week the meals are required. If lunches are not booked by this time, a packed lunch from home is required.

**Return date in September**

A reminder that Monday 1st September and Tuesday the 2nd September are INSET days. ***Children return to school on Wednesday 3rd September.*** All term dates and INSET day dates for the year are published on our website at: <https://www.hemingtonprimary.co.uk/parents-information/term-dates.htm>

Best wishes,



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