

HEPS News



Week beginning 07.09.2020

The Week Ahead...

Day	Information	Clubs
Monday—Friday 07—11 September 2020	Top gate will open at 08:50 for all parents/carers/pupils. Breakfast Club opens on Tuesday 8 September at 08:00.	Early Birds Breakfast Club OPENS TUES NO After School Clubs this week Busy Bees (15:30-17:30) OPENS MON

Message from the Chair of Governors, Russell Head

As the school year comes to an end, I would just like to pass on my thanks and appreciation to everyone. The school was inspected by Ofsted earlier this year and a fantastic result was achieved. This is not only credit to all the staff at the school but also you as parents and carers along with your children.

This was then followed by the whole nation going into lockdown and schools being closed to most pupils. Completely uncharted territory for everyone and a monumental task for us all to deal with. I would like to thank all of you—parents, carers, families and children—for how you have all coped through these very tough and unprecedented times. A lot of you will have had to juggle work, family life as well as home schooling. I can speak from personal experience of how challenging this can be.

I would like to thank you all for your cooperation with how school work was collected as well as your patience and understanding of the allocation of school places. There are lots of government guidelines and the safety and wellbeing of children and staff from the school are a priority as well as that of you all as parents and carers. So thank you. I know that everyone at the school would love to have had all children back in but it was an impossible task and difficult decisions had to be made.

I hope you all enjoy the summer break as much as possible with the various and changing restrictions in place. I look forward to all the children returning in September getting back to some sort of normality so they can enjoy seeing their friends and staff at the school. I know that all the staff have missed those children that have not been able to return to school and the weekly phone calls have helped.

So on behalf of the governors, thank you.

Take care of yourselves and best wishes to you all and your families.

Russell Head (Chair of Governors)

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HEPS Chair of Governors & Safeguarding Governor:

Mr Russell Head

Vice Chair:

Mr Sam Jackson



Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs Tiffany Doughty Davis, Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Miss Jenny Chadbourne



Letters/emails sent out w/c 13 July 2020:

School Readiness Guide (School Nursing Team)	- emailed to new intake parents/carers on 14 July 2020
Letter from Headteacher about next year	- sent to all parents/carers on 17 July 2020
Letter from The Levels Academy Trust	- sent to all parents/carers on 17 July 2020

Staff News: We are pleased to welcome **Mrs Lisa Newham** to our school community as Extended School Supervisor from September. We also welcome **Miss Natasha Andrews** (Class Teacher, Aller) and **Mrs Sarah Thompson** (Class Teacher, Parrett—Wed/Thurs/Fri—with Mr Feltham). Our new SENCo, **Mrs Claire Monk**, also starts at HEPS in September and initially will be working on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

After School Booster Clubs: We will not be running traditional after school clubs during this term. There will be Booster Clubs for invited children to ensure catch up for all pupils due to the school closure during COVID-19.

School Meals: Looking at more COVID-19 guidance, we are doubtful now if we will be able to provide hot lunches at least for the first half of the Autumn Term 2020. However, Huish Catering will continue to provide good quality packed lunches for all pupils in Reception (from second week of term when they stay for lunch), Year 1 and Year 2 plus those in KS2 entitled to free school meals. Children will be able to choose from two options on a daily basis. **The menu is attached with this newsletter.** This menu has been designed by Huish Catering using feedback from pupils and staff. It is also available on WisePay to book your options (free of charge for UFSM/FSM) or pay for KS2 pupils.

Early Birds Breakfast Club: Depending on COVID-19 guidance, we are intending to open our Breakfast Club on the second day of the Autumn Term 2020, Tuesday, 8 September 2020. If your places have been confirmed, please remember to go onto WisePay to book your child's slots. Reception children are unable to attend Early Birds until they are full time from Monday, 21 September 2020. **If you have not booked your slots for at least the first two weeks of term by w/c 31 August, we shall give the place (s) away to a family on our waiting list.**

Busy Bees After School Provision: Again, depending on COVID-19 guidance, we are intending to operate Busy Bees from Monday, 7 September 2020. This is open to all pupils and slots can be booked now on WisePay.

Music Tuition: Somerset Music tuition (ukulele) will start for Isle Class on Wednesday afternoons from 16 September 2020 followed by Northmoor Class (Spring Term 2021) and Kingsmoor Class (Summer Term 2021).

Roadwork Information: The A37 between Ilchester and Yeovil will be closed for re-surfacing for two weeks from Monday, 17 August 2020.

Safeguarding: Assemblies/Learn with Us: COVID-19 guidance clearly states that we are not able to hold 'Learn with Us' sessions or whole school assemblies (including Celebration Assemblies). We will incorporate this time into the subject curriculum which will help us catch up some of the time lost during lockdown. This is for the safety of all members of our school community.

If you are concerned about a child or young person who could be in danger please contact Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224, childrens@somerset.gov.uk or the Police. For more information, please go to:

<http://www.somerset.gov.uk/childrens-services/safeguarding-children/report-a-child-at-risk/>

Capture a Comment: *"The best thing about my week is that I have been to the beach and played with my sister lots. We have been doing lots of things with just me and mum like art and walking. I've really liked being at home but I miss my friends and my teachers. I can't wait to come back in September"* (Florence, Northmoor)

Question on the Gate: *"Will there be any trips next year?"*

"We cannot say for certain at this point. However, we are intending to run the team building trip in the first week of term. Children in Aller & Sedgemoor will be going on Thursday, 10 September and Northmoor, Isle & Kingsmoor children on Friday, 11 September. Children in Parrett Class will still be on their induction weeks and getting used to their new surroundings so therefore will not be attending. Please go onto WisePay to give permission for your child to go on the trip and indicate if you may be able to be an adult helper. Although it would be very easy to cancel this, we are keen for these trips to go ahead as they are organised to help each class bond as a unit which is particularly important in a school with mixed year groups where children do not always move together. This is all subject to government guidance regarding the activities and the transport arrangements."