



**Welcome Back:** It has been fantastic to see the children back and I have been so impressed with how smart they all look, how well they have settled into their new classes and how excited they have been to return to school. I wanted to say thank you to parents and carers for quickly adapting to our new start times, this has meant school starts punctually and the children can get on with their learning. Our site staff have been busy over the summer making improvements throughout the school and teachers and TAs have made sure all classes are looking great, ready for the start of the new term.

I am really excited about the year ahead and really hope that we can provide a normal school year with all the fantastic events, activities and trips that we pride ourselves on.

As ever, if you have any questions, please speak to or email your child's class teacher. However, if they are unable to deal with your concern you can always speak to their phase leader (Mrs Rogers in EYFS, Mrs Downer in Key Stage 1, Miss Jeremiah in Year 3 & 4 and Mr Padley in Year 5 & 6) and you can always catch me on the yard at the start and end of the day.

Thanks again for your ongoing support, Mr Hicks

**PE:** We will continue with children wearing their kit to school for the whole day as this has meant far less lost property and missed PE lessons this year 😊  
The PE days are as follows:

Day	Classes
Monday	Jaguars
Tuesday	Toucans
Wednesday	Parrots, Flamingos
Thursday	Badgers, Foxes, Hares, Lions, Tigers,
Friday	Dolphins

**Friday Afternoon Rainbow Club:** Please complete the form below (one for each child) to request a place at our Friday afternoon Rainbow club. In a change to last year, we are requesting that eligible children attend every session for the half term. This will help us ensure the correct number of staff are available each week.



Previously we have only allocated places for the weeks that a parent/carer was working. However, children will be allocated a place for the whole half term if their parent/carer is working on at least one of the Fridays of that half term.

**[Link to form - https://forms.office.com/r/EnDD67CRq7](https://forms.office.com/r/EnDD67CRq7)**

Please note that as we are now using Microsoft Forms to collect responses, evidence of contracts and rotas must now be emailed to [rainbowclub@heathfield.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:rainbowclub@heathfield.nottingham.sch.uk) to secure a place.

Parents of children who have been invited to Rainbow Club as they are in receipt of Pupil Premium Grant funding will be contacted directly by school.

Please contact the school office if you need further clarification.

## Reminder of drop off and collection times and locations from September 2021:

- The school day will officially start for all children at 8:45am with gates and doors opening from 8:40am for pupils to go straight into class.
- The school day will finish at 3:30pm Monday - Thursday and 12:50pm on Fridays when school will continue to close after lunch for all children apart from those attending Rainbow Club
- Drop off and collection point will remain the same, apart from collection for year 5 & 6. Year 5 & 6 parents/carers will now collect from the KS2 yard along with the parents from Year 3 & 4

**Dance Club with Kerry** Afterschool dance club will be starting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September. It will run from 3.30pm-4.30pm and is open to children in Years 1-6. If you would like your child to take part please complete our online form:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/dd63UvYiMb> You will be informed whether your child has a place by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September.



**Tigers Swimming:** A reminder that the Tiger class will be swimming on Wednesday afternoons. The first session will be on 8<sup>th</sup> September and the final one is on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October. Your child has been given a letter containing all of the details.

**Year 5 & 6 Children Walking Home Alone:** At Heathfield we give parents/carers of children, in Year 5 & 6, the option to let their children walk home alone at the end of the school day, without younger siblings. If you would like to give your consent for your child to walk home alone for certain days or the whole week, please complete this form. <https://forms.office.com/r/Zy0hfaNHpB>

**Things to bring to school EVERYDAY:** Children must bring in a **NAMED water bottle** and their **book bag** with reading book and Rainbow Reading Challenge card everyday. They should also wear suitable coats etc according to the weather for the day. Children do not need to bring pencil cases or other equipment as we provide everything they will require in class.

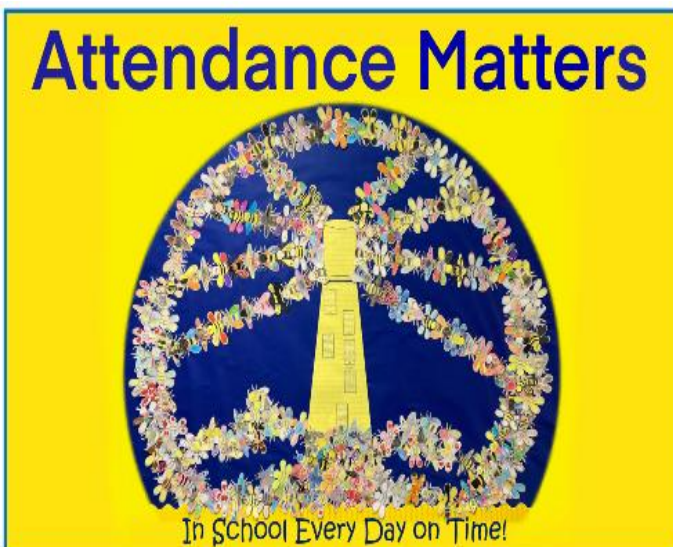
**School Facebook group membership:** We have a closed Facebook group if you would like to join this please search for Heathfield Primary and answer the membership questions in full so your request to join can be accepted.



**Attendance:** All pupils are expected to achieve the attendance target of at least 96.5%

### Attendance

- ✚ It is the parents' responsibility to contact school on the first day of their child's absence
- ✚ School will attempt to contact parents by text or telephone if the reason of absence has not been reported by 9.20am
- ✚ If school has not been informed of a child's absence by the following day, then the absence will be recorded as unauthorised
- ✚ If a child is absent for 3 or more days, parents may be asked to provide medical documentation to support the number of days taken for an absence



Families taking a holiday during term time are at risk of legal action and/or a Penalty Notice being issued

- **The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013** state that schools can no longer grant any leave of absence during term time **unless there are exceptional circumstances**
- Holidays do not fit into the criteria of an exceptional circumstance
- There are 13 weeks within the academic year that children do not attend school; it is the expectation that holidays, family visits, celebration, gatherings and appointments are booked within these periods
- It is the school's policy that holidays and time off to visit family during term time is recorded as unauthorised and this is the view of the Full Governing Body
- Leave of absence requests to attend a wedding will only be granted for the day of the ceremony

**Poor attendance is considered a safeguarding concern.**

Please help us to get all pupils into school every day and on time!



**Times Tables Rockstars and Numbots Launch Day:** On the 16th September 2021, we will be having a Numbots/TTRockstar launch day! They are apps children will use in school, and at home, to help their number fluency. On the day we will make sure all children have their logins and usernames and will be reminded how to use the apps. They can also practice using them. We hope you will help us get into the spirit by sending your child dressed up as a Robot or Rockstar to celebrate - the crazier the better!

**PARENT LITE APP:** As a school, we always need to ensure that your contact details and your child/children's information is up to date and accurate should we need to contact you for any reason. To support this we have a new convenient way for you to **access, review and request changes** to the data held on you and your children.

An activation email will be sent to you sometime over the next week to access this new parent app at your own convenience via smartphone, tablet or PC has been sent out this week. **Please note that your activation email is unique to you and should not be used by anyone else. Your activation email will expire after 14 days if it is not used, please contact your school if you require a replacement after this date.** If you have not received this please contact the school office so that we can check we have your correct email address on our system.

#### Getting started with the SIMS Parent Lite App

1. We will send you an activation email to the email address we have on record for you, simply click on the link from your tablet, PC or smartphone to activate your account
2. You can then login using your normal **Facebook, Twitter, Google** or **Microsoft** username and password
3. From your smartphone or tablet, download the app from the Google Play or Apple App store - search for **SIMS Parent Lite**
4. From a PC or Windows phone, login online at [www.sims-parent.co.uk](http://www.sims-parent.co.uk)

## Positive Mental Health and Well-Being at Heathfield

The best way to really improve well-being is through understanding that:

'Well-being is important for me'

'There are things that I can do to improve my well-being'

Although we can support young people and each other to be happy and healthy through the work we do, we all have the best chance of being able to stay happy throughout our lives if we learn how to take responsibility for our own well-being. The biggest difference we can make, is to give young people and each other the awareness and skills to look after and think about our own well-being.

Next week is the launch of our well-being area of **Connect**

With each class engaging in activities that support and promote connecting with each other, building and strengthening relationships and social networks both at school, home and the environment.

### Covid protocols at Heathfield

We are being cautious as we reopen as we want to keep our children and staff as safe as possible while there is still a high risk of transmission in the community. Our protocols remain in place from last academic year. The only difference to the children is we are enabling teachers to set their rooms how they wish them to be rather than the older children having to sit in rows. This is encouraging social skills and friendships but will continue to be reviewed if we get any covid cases in school.



Please follow this link to see the protocol document. <https://bit.ly/3DLuQog>

The Local Authority has also issued a revised Covid 19 Risk Assessment detailing the control measures needed in school. Please read these relevant points carefully as they are for the benefit of the whole school community.

- Pupils, parents / carers and any visitors, such as suppliers, are informed not to enter the school if they are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus:
  - a new, continuous cough
  - **or** a high temperature
  - **or** has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Note: Although there are other symptoms associated with the Delta variant, these three symptoms are still only used in determining whether someone must self-isolate.

- if your child has symptoms, you must arrange for a PCR test and report the result to the school. In the event that you undertake an LFD test and the test result is negative, this **does not allow** them to return to school earlier than the 10-day self-isolation period allows.
- Parents, other over 16s and other eligible individuals in households and are encouraged to access the vaccination programme
- The [latest NHS/PHE test and trace information](#) has been shared parents.
- Self-isolation of close contacts will only be undertaken on advice from NHS Test and Trace where they are over 18 **and** have not received both vaccinations (applies from 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021).
- Parents/carers' drop-off and pick-up protocols that minimise adult to adult contact are in place.

Parents/carers are instructed not to congregate in groups on, or directly outside the school premises

