



5th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school tomorrow and wanted to make you aware of some important information ahead of their return. We look forward to welcoming our new Nursery and Reception families; the staggered start information has been sent separately to these parents, but please take note of the whole school reminders in this letter as well.

School timings

The school gates will be open ready for children to enter school at **8:35am**. Children must be in class by **8:45am** to ensure that they are registered and are ready for the first lesson of the day. The day now finishes at **3:15pm**. Please ensure that you are on site to collect promptly at this time. All drop off and collection points remain the same. If you are not sure where you are going, there will be staff available both at the front gate and the car park gate to direct you.

The school site

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC). We do not have RAAC in our building and will be open as normal.

Uniform

Please refer to our website page for guidance on your child's uniform and PE kit: <https://www.heathlandschool.net/school-uniform/>. It is essential that all uniform is labelled, especially jumpers and coats.

Lunches

We are looking forward to working with our new on-site caterers, Harrisons and the menus were sent out yesterday. You are now able to order lunches in advance via ParentPay and guidance on how to do this can be found here: [Parent Pay lunch guide](#). We are transitioning to ordering online and are hoping that all parents will be using this system very soon. Your child can still order in school for the beginning of term.

We want to remind you that ALL children in the school are eligible for fully funded school lunches this academic year, so if you have previously sent your child with a packed lunch, please consider trialling the new menu.

The lunch timings have also changed as we will be trialling a split service, where some year groups eat in the Lower Hall. We believe that this will improve the lunchtime experience for children. The biggest adjustment will be for Year 5 who will be eating slightly later. If your child is in this year group, it is worth discussing with them packing a snack for breaktime.

Weather

We are experiencing high temperatures for September, so please continue to use safe sun practices by applying sun cream to your children before they come to school and sending them in their hats, with a named re-useable water bottle.

After School Club

After School Club will no longer be run by our staff, but led by Lets Leap. All bookings for After School Club must be made through them via this link: <https://lets-leap.childcare-online-booking.co.uk/>. After School Club will run from 3:15pm – 6pm. Bookings for Breakfast Club continue to be made through our Finance Team. Please email basc@heathland.harrow.sch.uk.

Meet the Teacher

This will take place on Monday 18th September and is an opportunity for you to find out further information about your child's new year group, where you can talk with their teacher and see their classroom. You will also be able to meet the new catering team, Harrisons. Support will be available then for online lunch ordering if you have any further queries.

PE Days

We are often asked to confirm the PE days for each year group, so we have included the table below so that you know which day your child needs to come to school in their PE kit. You do not need to worry about PE kits this week, but please begin to use this rota from Monday 11th September. We continue to work with Complete Sports on a Monday and Friday so that Years 1-6 have the opportunity to work with a sports coach for three half terms each. Swimming for Year 5 will take place on a Thursday starting on Thursday 14th September. A letter with more information about this will follow.

PE Days
Monday Coach day <i>Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 (excluding Gingko)</i>
Tuesday <i>N/A</i>
Wednesday <i>Reception</i> <i>Years 3 and 4</i>
Thursday <i>Year 1 and 2</i>
Friday Coach day <i>Nursery, Year 5 and 6 and Gingko</i>

Thank you in advance for your support in ensuring a smooth start to the year for the children.

Yours sincerely



Miss F R Hopkins
Headteacher