



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome back! We are so excited to see the children tomorrow and hope that they have all had an enjoyable and fantastic summer. As the new term starts, I thought it would be useful to write with some reminders for the upcoming school year and to outline key information.

School uniform

I am sure that the children will be returning to school looking very smart tomorrow and we look forward to seeing them arrive in their school uniform. There is still plenty of second hand uniform available from the school office so please get in touch if there is anything that we can provide you with. The requirements of the school uniform can be found on the school website at www.high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk under PARENTS – SCHOOL UNIFORM.

School times

A reminder that children in Nursery to Year 3 begin their school day at 8.40am and end at 3.10pm. The school doors will open at 8.35am to allow for a prompt start. Children in Year 4 -6 begin at 8.50am and end at 3.25pm. Siblings of the younger children can arrive at the earlier time and are supervised on the school playground until 8.50am. Similarly, younger siblings are able to wait in their classrooms at the end of the school day until 3.25pm to allow parents to collect all siblings at the same time. We do ask that parents adhere to the correct arrangements for their child's year group to enable us to ensure we have the correct staffing ratios. A member of staff will be outside at the beginning of the school day from 8.35am to supervise the children as they arrive and we do advise that the children are not left unattended on the school grounds before this time.

School menu changes

For the first half term, we are trialling the addition of a baguette option as part of our school lunch menu. We will continue to offer a jacket potato alternative to our main meal as well as a baguette option with either a tuna, ham or cheese filling. We must have prior notice in order to provide either the jacket potato or baguette option and this can be arranged by contacting the school office. Our school menus are on a 3 week cycle and can be viewed on the school website at www.high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk under PARENTS – MENUS – SCHOOL MEALS.

As we are returning to school on a Wednesday, the meals for this week are as follows:

Wednesday – Sausage in a bun

Thursday – Chicken wraps

Friday – Fish fingers

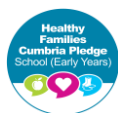
We will then begin our Week 1 menu next week commencing Monday 12th September 2022.

Parking / one-way system

As the traffic can be very busy at certain times of the day, we do advise a one-way system through the village at peak times which does help with the flow of vehicles. It is recommended that cars enter at the Penrith end of the village and exit at the Carlisle end. We do also ask that all vehicles are parked considerately and safely, ensuring that all driveways and pathways can be accessed. The bus bay is able to be used as a 'drop and stop' area in the mornings but should not be used to wait in or park in as access is required at all times.

Friday office hours

A reminder that Mrs McCullough, our Office Manager, will not be working on Fridays. We will endeavour to monitor the office telephone for urgent business on Fridays but, if you require any direct assistance from Mrs McCullough, such as to help with School Money, please ensure you contact her Monday-Thursday. It would be worth a reminder



that Mrs McCullough can be emailed directly at admin@high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk and, if you wish to contact the Headteacher directly, this should be done via head@high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk.

Class information

Your child's new class teacher will be in touch with any information that you may need that is specific to their year group. However, you can also find out more about what your child will be learning over the course of the year by visiting their class page on the website. This can be found on the school website under PUPILS – CLASS PAGES.

Changes to collection arrangements for your child

A reminder that, if you wish your child to be collected by an adult who is not part of your regular pick up arrangement, we do need to be notified of this by the parent/carer of the child in advance. This can be done by telephone, email or by speaking to the member of staff on duty at the gate in the morning.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 7th September 2022 – Term starts for Reception to Year 6

Thursday 8th September 2022 – Term starts for existing Nursery children

Monday 12th September 2022 – Term starts for new Nursery children

Friday 30th September 2022 – Play in a day for Year 5 (parents of Year 5 children welcome to watch at 2.45pm)

Friday 21st October 2022 – School closes for half term

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey
Headteacher