



## HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome back! I hope you have all had a really wonderful summer and we are so excited to see the children return tomorrow. 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 always 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](http://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

Our school menus are on a 3-week cycle and can be viewed on the school website at [www.high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk) under PARENTS – MENUS – SCHOOL MEALS. In addition to the main option, we 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. 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 and waffles

We will then begin our Week 1 menu next week commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

### Morning snack & water & milk

We ask that children bring a refillable bottle to school each day which contains water only. The children in Early Years – Year 2 are provided with a free piece of fruit for morning snack which is funded through the government's free fruit for schools scheme. Children in Year 3-6 are welcome to bring in a snack of their own if they wish but we asked that this is a healthy snack, ideally fruit based, and should not contain nuts, mango, kiwi or melon due to allergies in our school community. Milk is provided free of charge to pupils up to their 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday. After this, parents are able to order and purchase milk direct via Cool Milk [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com). Please allow at least two weeks for new orders to be processed.

### 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, does not work on Fridays. We 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023** – School reopens for the Autumn term (new Nursery parents have been advised of start dates separately)

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023** – Harvest Festival and Harvest lunch

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023** – School closes for half term

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey  
Headteacher