



# Newsletter July 2021



## Arrangements for September 2021

I sent a letter out last week providing tentative arrangements for the September 2021 return. The letter can be found on the school website or by following this link:

<https://www.foreland.kent.sch.uk/assets/Documents/Letter-to-Parents-14th-July-2021.pdf>



As stated in the letter, we are conscious that guidance could change over the holidays therefore, senior leaders will be meeting the week before the end of the summer holiday to look at the most recent guidance and plan accordingly. We will be updating the COVID-19 Risk Assessment and Parent/Carer Handbooks towards the end of August and will post these on

the school website. We will notify parents/carers of arrangement via ClassDojo, the website and by letter.

Please refer to the letter sent home last week (14.07.21) regarding changes to dropping off and picking up arrangements.

## Lateral Flow Device Testing

Secondary students are only required to continue testing during the holiday if they are attending a school setting over the holiday period.

In line with current recommendations, we ask that all secondary students, who are able to be tested, take 2 Lateral Flow Device tests, 3 to 5 days apart, on their return to school. The first of these tests should be taken the day before the start of term. This includes our Year 6 pupils moving up to the Secondary Department.

We are asking that students who are able, continue testing twice weekly until the end of September when this will be reviewed. LFD kits will have been sent home with children before the end of term however, should anyone need test kits, they can pick these up from any pharmacy or community centre. These kits can also be ordered online at

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>



### **Positive COVID-19 Reporting over the Summer Holidays**

Should any pupil/student test positive for Coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school (that is up to and including Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July), can we ask that parents/carers inform us by email in order that we can inform any close contacts that they need to self-isolate.

Parents/carers should inform us via the generic email account:

[foreland@foreland.kent.sch.uk](mailto:foreland@foreland.kent.sch.uk) This email account will be monitored on a regular basis. Could we ask that parents/carers inform us of the date that their child first developed COVID-19 symptoms or, in the event of them being asymptomatic, the date the test was administered. Parents/carers of any child identified as a close contact will receive notification via ClassDojo or email stating the required period of isolation and links to Government guidance.

Please note, parents/carers are not required to inform us if a pupil/student tests positive having developed symptoms more than 48 hours after being at school (specifically after Saturday 24th July). Parents/carers should instead liaise with NHS Test and Trace.



### **Reporting Absence**

When their child is absent from school, parents/carers should phone into the school office by 9.40am on the first morning of absence and keep the school updated on a daily basis of any further absence. Any absence not authorised in this way has to be recorded as 'unauthorised'.

Can we remind parents/carers that absence should not be reported on ClassDojo, or through drivers/escorts.

### **Trips**

The loosening of restrictions meant that many groups were able to take part in off-site visits this term. Suzanne continued with the Duke of Edinburgh hikes, which were much enjoyed by participating students.

We were able to send groups to Monkton Nature Reserve which proved popular with the pupils and students.

Many groups also had day trips to Wildwood which was a lovely end of term trip.

We are planning many more off- site experiences over the next academic year - restrictions permitting.

### **Free School Meal Vouchers**

Any parent/carer in receipt of Free School Meals should have received a voucher covering the holiday period. If you have not received vouchers by the end of this week (Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July) and your child receives Free School Meals, please contact Karen Glover, School Business Manager, on [karenglover@foreland.kent.sch.uk](mailto:karenglover@foreland.kent.sch.uk)



## Holidays in Term Time

Parents/carers are required to get permission from the Headteacher to take a child out of school during term time.

This can only be done if:

- An application is made to the Headteacher in advance.
- There are exceptional circumstances.

Exceptional circumstances could include:

- Service personnel returning from a tour of duty abroad where it is evidenced the individual will not be in receipt of any leave in the near future that coincides with school holidays.
- Where an absence from school is recommended by a health professional as part of a parent or child's rehabilitation from a medical or emotional issue.
- The death or terminal illness of a person close to the family.
- To attend a wedding or funeral of a person close to the family.
- Where there are exceptional and unforeseen circumstances that fall outside of 1 to 4 above.

Please note, evidence will be required in each case.

It is the decision of the Headteacher how many days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

## Uniform



We fully appreciate that after the lockdown period at the beginning of the year, many of our pupils/students had grown out of uniform and parents did not want to purchase new items prior to the summer holiday. However, after the break we will be expecting all of our pupils and students, other than those in our 6<sup>th</sup> Form, to attend school in full uniform. This can be purchased from the Schoolwear Centre in Addington Street, Margate. Please contact us if this causes any problems for parents/carers. The school holds a limited selection of second-hand uniform which can be purchased at a small cost. Please contact Sharon Bremner, Family Liaison Officer, for details.



### **Moving House / Changes to Contact Details**

If you are planning on moving home during the school holidays and are in receipt of school transport, please

contact [homeschooltransport@kent.gov.uk](mailto:homeschooltransport@kent.gov.uk) or telephone 03000 416777. Please also inform the school as soon as possible.

During the holidays we can be contacted via [foreland@foreland.kent.sch.uk](mailto:foreland@foreland.kent.sch.uk) This email address will be monitored regularly throughout the holiday and urgent emails distributed to the intended recipient.



Should any contact details change, including new mobile phone numbers, please ensure you inform the school office after the break in order that our records are kept up to date. Schools are required, where reasonably possible, to have more than one emergency contact number for pupils/students so please ensure that the school has these details.

### **Changes to Health Care Plans**

Should there be any changes to your child's health needs over the holiday, including changes to medication, please email Sam and Helen, our school nurses, copying in Chris Holmes, as you will need to book an appointment to meet to update your child's Health Care Plan. The nurses can be contacted on [kentchft.forelandfieldsnurses@nhs.net](mailto:kentchft.forelandfieldsnurses@nhs.net) Chris can be contacted via her email address [chrisholmes@foreland.kent.sch.uk](mailto:chrisholmes@foreland.kent.sch.uk)

# Hello!

After the break we will be welcoming some new staff to the school.

Kelly Hobbs, who has been teaching part-time for the past few terms, is joining full time from September.

We have an additional 2 teachers joining us in September. Kate McGuffog will be joining our Junior department and Maggie Colvin will be joining our Key Stage 3 department. Rachael Pritchard, who has worked in our nursery for the past couple of years, will be teaching our Year R class from September.

At this time of year, we inevitably lose staff who retire or decide to move on to pastures new.

Tish Allen who has worked at the school for a number of years will sadly be leaving at the end of term. We will all miss Tish and wish her well.

Gordon Weavers, who has also worked at Foreland Fields for many years, is also leaving. We will miss Gordon though he has promised to visit.

Gary Mayne will be joining another school within the KsENT trust. It is very sad to see Gary leave us but we will run into Gary from time to time. We all wish him well.

We will also be saying goodbye to Andi Gilmour who has been providing teacher cover in our Junior department. We would like to thank Andi for her contribution over the past couple of terms.

# Goodbye





## Year 14 Graduation

Our 6<sup>th</sup> Form graduation took place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Many of these students had attended the school for a number of years. It was great to be able to invite parents/carers and families (albeit a small number) into school to celebrate their child's time at the school.

We would like to say goodbye and good luck to our Class of 2021 – Tom, Vicky, Dominika, Joshua, Callum, Raymond, Domanic, Elliott, Merriott, Kallum and Andre.

## School Leavers

In addition to our Year 14 leavers, we would like to say goodbye to Dylan, Ralph, James and Esther who will be leaving at the end of the term. We wish them lots of luck in their new ventures.

## Foreland's Field of Dreams

It's great to see our amazing project finally underway; the incredible space and facility this project is going to provide will be such an asset for our children and I really can't wait to see the smiles once it's completed and being used.



I had the pleasure of taking a small group of older students to view the field last week. We had a quick chat about what it will mean to them to have their own space to play football. The excitement in them was moving to see and they told me they were looking forward to having somewhere accessible, playing together, practicing skills, and building stronger connections with local businesses and the community, as well as improving their play. One student said it was like a field of potential.





We have a lot of fundraising to do so that we can ensure our project is completed by 2023, with an estimated cost at £450,000.

The majority of this will come from applications to Trusts and Foundations for Grants towards the build, but we also need to

involve you, our parents/carers, plus the local community. We are looking for businesses, or individuals, that can support us either by making a donation, or supporting our fundraising efforts by holding events. If you know of a business that could provide support, please let them know about our project or pass their contact details to:

[fundraising@foreland.kent.sch.uk](mailto:fundraising@foreland.kent.sch.uk) Fundraising events will also be organised throughout the year, regulations allowing, so if you are able to help or volunteer in any way, or if you have a challenge you would like to take on, please do get in touch with me.

### Events update

There have been a few brave souls recently who have taken on challenges to raise funds for our project and we are truly grateful to them:

Foreland Fields staff – 6 staff members, Nanette, Hiver, Amy, Emma, Katie and myself, completed a sponsored Fire Walk in May, raising a total of £1,600.



Charlotte, one of our parents, raised an amazing £585 completing a 10,000 steps a day sponsored challenge throughout the whole of May

Hollie and Leanne, both parents, took part in a sponsored colour and foam run in June and raised over £550 between them. They both ran the course with their young daughters and it looks like lots of fun was had on the day.





Our summer raffle was drawn last week, with over 80 prizes on offer ranging from meal vouchers to toys, and even a burlesque lesson up for grabs. Thank you to everybody who either donated a prize or bought a ticket.

With everyone's effort we managed to raise £1,016.



We received lots of generous prize donations from local businesses and would like to thank: Thai Village Restaurant Ramsgate, Memalesque Margate, Morrisons Margate, Asda Broadstairs, Asda Ramsgate, Scentsy Wax Melts, E.L.C. Melts, Body Shop, Body Stassis, Minster Food Station, Little BakeHouse, Stir Crazy, Changes Ramsgate, Your Leisure, Wheelability, Hornby, Tesco Ramsgate, Lisa Evans Reflexology, Pamper and Polish Ramsgate, Maria Goldsmith Counselling, Lovelys Art Gallery, JK Party Hire.

I hope you all have an enjoyable summer,  
Hilary.

## Dates for your Diary

### Whole School Events

When we come back in September, we will start booking our whole school events. These are really popular with pupils/students and families and are a good time to come together as a whole school community.

We will inform you of the dates for these events once they are set.

#### **TERM 1 2021/22**

**Start: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021.**

Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd September 2021 are Staff Training Days and the school will therefore be closed to all pupils and students.

**Finish: Friday 22nd October 2021 @ 2.50pm**

We will no longer be finishing early at the end of Terms 2, 4 and 6. School will end at 2.50pm.

From September, **school will close at 2.00pm every Thursday** – not 1.45pm as previously stated. This will allow time for staff training and ensure opportunities for staff to meet to discuss pupils, provision and development. This decision was made following consultation last year however the change was deferred due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



We will be in touch towards the end of the summer break to update you all on the plans for September. Should you need to contact us at all over the holiday please email [foreland@foreland.kent.sch.uk](mailto:foreland@foreland.kent.sch.uk) This account is monitored across the holiday so someone will get back to you.



We look forward to seeing all pupils and students back with us on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.**

*Adrian*

