



Headteacher Newsletter July 2020



Arrangements for September 2020

We're Going Back To School



We are currently in the process of planning for September 2020. As previously stated, we are looking at all pupils and students

returning in September, unless individual clinical or public health advice dictates otherwise. We have been instructed to be clear with parents/carers that children of compulsory school age must be in school unless a statutory reason applies, for example - a leave of absence has been granted, sickness, or a necessary religious observance.

We are following the Government guidance regarding full opening which suggests various measures be put in place in order to minimise the risk of transition of COVID-19. This includes changes to normal school operation, changes to the curriculum and contingency planning in the event of an outbreak. We are in the fortunate position of having a thorough risk assessment already in place, though obviously this will need to be reviewed and updated following current, and any further, guidance.

There will be changes to arrangements for dropping off and picking up children. This will, in line with the guidance, involve staggered start and end times. We will be limiting interactions between individuals, which includes not allowing any visitors on site without prior arrangement, so part of this process will involve children being collected from vehicles.

Within all of this planning, all parents/carers have an important role to play in ensuring that they do not send their children to school if they, or anyone else in the household, are unwell. Also, we are asking that all parents/carers fully engage with the NHS Test and Trace process and that they:

- book a test if they or their child are displaying symptoms – pupils/students **must not** come into school if they have symptoms, and will be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them whilst at school.
- provide details of anyone they, or their child, have been in close contact with if they test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace
- self-isolate if they have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19).

We will be sending out full details of September arrangements towards the end of August. This will include an update to the Risk Assessment and Parent Handbook which are both available on the school website.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Any parent/carer in receipt of Free School Meals should have received a voucher covering the period up to 24th July. A further voucher covering the Summer holiday period will be sent out the week commencing 27th July 2020.

Please note, all vouchers must be redeemed by **14th August 2020**.

Safeguarding Cover

Since the beginning of the Coronavirus outbreak, we have provided 24 hour safeguarding cover to support parents/carers. Unfortunately, it will not be possible for us to continue to provide this cover over the summer break. This service will not be available from Wednesday 22nd July.

If a child is at risk of imminent harm you should call the children's Social Care Team on **03000 411111**: <https://www.kelsi.org.uk/special-education-needs/integrated-childrens-services/front-door>. If you need to make contact out of working hours, please call the Out of Hours Services on **03000 419191**. In an emergency, you should call the Police on **999**.

Uniform

After the break, we will be returning to some kind of 'normal'. This will include the pupils and students attending school in uniform. This can be purchased from the Schoolwear Centre in Addington Street, Margate.

A reminder that all pupils and students, other than those in 6th Form, should be wearing full school uniform. Please contact us if this causes any problems for parents/carers. The school holds a 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 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. 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.

Curriculum

COVID-19 impacted on the launch of our new curriculum pathways which we have had to defer until the next academic year. In September we will be introducing the Recovery Curriculum which will focus on rebuilding relationships and friendships, addressing pupil/student losses of structure, routine, friendships, freedom and opportunities, including the impact that the pandemic has had on our their mental health and well-being. The curriculum will provide targeted interventions to address skills that have regressed during the lockdown, such as physical skills, and will also incorporate a personalised transition into the next phase of each pupil/student's learning journey in school. Following the break, we will be sending home more details of this curriculum.



Goodbye ...

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

Flavia Pietroforte, our 6th Form Leader of Learning, is retiring and so will be leaving the school. I'm sure you join me in wishing her a long and happy retirement.

Kate Spatig is also leaving to join another school. We wish her all the best in her new venture.

We will be saying goodbye to Libby Lack-Jones, one of our Infant Department TAs.



.....and Hello



We have a number of new staff joining us after the summer break. Alice Towndrow will be taking up a post as a Key Stage 2 Teacher and Lianne Joss will be joining our Key Stage 3 teaching team.

We also have 3 new Teaching Assistants starting at the school, Lauren West, Emma Stone and Tom Martin and 2 new Middy Meal Supervisors, Natalie Uden and Sarah Beaumont.

Class Changes – Term 2



As you are all aware, when we return from the summer break the majority of our pupils/students will be returning to their old classes where, in most cases, they will have the familiarity of the same classroom and staff. We feel it is important that pupils/students settle back into school prior to a move to their new class. Therefore, class lists will not be released until early next term (Term 1) after which a personalised and planned transition will be implemented. Parents/carers will receive details of class changes in September.

Year 14 Graduation

Like many other events this year, we were forced to cancel our planned 6th Form graduation. We, however, felt it was important that these students, many of whom have attended the school for a number of years, have an opportunity to both celebrate their time at Foreland Fields and to say goodbye to their friends and the staff who have supported them.

We therefore held a small, socially distanced, event on Monday 20th July to say goodbye. We hope to be able to plan a larger event for these students later in the year, should restrictions be lifted.

We would like to say goodbye and good luck to our Class of 2020 – Charlie-Anne, Charlie, Kaycie, Jessica, Ryan, Tammia, Shaun, Emily, Peggy, Henry and Shelby.



School Leavers



In addition to our Year 14 leavers, we would like to say goodbye to Samuel who will be leaving at the end of the term. We wish Samuel lots of luck in his new school.



June Angliss – Pearly Queen

Our wonderful friend and supporter, Pearly Queen - June Angliss, has been making and selling face masks for family and friends during the lockdown.

June has very kindly donated all the proceeds from the masks to our school and so far has raised the incredible total of £849. We are so fortunate to have such a solid supporter and would like to thank June for her time, friendship and all of the money she raises for us.

If you would like to order a mask, or see what other items June makes, she has a Facebook page: Purlyqueensknitbits.

ASDA

Once again, Asda has been very generous in showing us support over the past few months. At the beginning of lockdown, we put out a plea for some compost. Asda came back instantly and were happy to donate the compost to us. Students and staff enjoyed filling planters with it and growing a variety of flowers and vegetables.



A few weeks later, Asda contacted us to say they had a trolley full of art and craft supplies that they wanted to donate to the school. It was a real pleasure to pick the items up from the community champion, Tracey, and the new store manager, Jeff. A few of our students worked really hard and made a fabulous 'Ladybird' thank-you card that we were able to post to them.

Thank you Asda for your continued support.

Halifax, Ramsgate

Back in February, the staff of the Ramsgate branch of Halifax held a raffle with their customers. The raffle raised a total of £486 and the staff agreed to donate the amount to Foreland Fields School. As the Halifax run a 'match funding' scheme on any fundraising organised by staff, a total of amount of £972 was received from Halifax.

Thank you Halifax, this money will make such a difference to our students.

Mylan

Mylan is a global pharmaceutical company with an office based in Discovery Park, Sandwich. Every few months they select a local charity to donate to, through their company's charitable giving programme.

Foreland Fields Charity was chosen by Mylan to support for the month of April and we received a donation from them of £250.

Thank you Mylan for your support.

Mayor of Ramsgate

The Mayor of Ramsgate, Councillor Raushan Ara, has always been a supporter of Foreland Fields School and we were fortunate to welcome her to a couple of school events held last year.

It was a lovely surprise to receive a cheque in June, to the value of £100.

Thank you Raushan, for your kind donation.



Amazon Smile



Don't forget, you can still help us raise money, even in these uncertain times, by shopping on-line with Amazon through the smile.amazon.co.uk website. Just sign-in as normal and choose Foreland Fields, charity number 1178764, as your charity to support.

Every time a person shops through the Amazon Smile website, Amazon donate a percentage of the purchase price to the school.

Please encourage family, friends etc. to shop via Smile, or even ask your workplace - if they purchase goods through Amazon they can also use Smile to support the school and help raise money for charity.

With the purchases already made through the Smile website we have received donations totalling £59.94. Thank you to all who already shop through Smile.

If you would like to support the school with our fundraising efforts, have your own fundraising ideas, or work for a business that can support the school then please feel free to get in touch with Hilary on 01843 268992, or email fundraising@foreland.kent.sch.uk

Dates for your Diary

With the current uncertainty regarding social gatherings, we are not yet in a position to release dates for any of our whole-school events. We will, of course, update you all of any planned events in plenty of time.

TERM DATES 2020/21

TERM 1 2020/21

Start: Thursday 3rd September 2020

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September 2020 are Staff Training Days and the school will therefore be closed to all pupils and students.

Finish: Friday 23rd October 2020 @ 2.45pm

TERM 2

Start: Tuesday 3rd November 2020

Finish: Friday 18th December 2020 @ 1.35pm

Monday 2nd November 2020 is a Staff Training Day and the school will therefore be closed to all pupils and students.

TERM 3

Start: Monday 4th January 2021

Finish: Friday 12th February 2021 @ 2.45pm

TERM 4

Start: Tuesday 23rd February 2021

Finish: Thursday 1st April 2021 @ 1.35pm

Monday 22nd February 2021 is a Staff Training Day and the school will therefore be closed to all pupils and students.

TERM 5

Start: Monday 19th April 2021

Finish: Friday 28th May 2021 @ 2.45pm

Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May 2021. School closed to all pupils and students.

TERM 6

Start: Tuesday 8th June 2021

Finish: Wednesday 21st July 2021 @ 1.35pm

Monday 7th June 2021 is a Staff Training Day and the school will therefore be closed to all pupils and students.

I am really pleased that after the break we will be getting back to some kind of normality – described as ‘the new normal’. I know I speak for all staff when I say that we are all really looking forward to having our pupils and students back at school in September.

I fully understand that some parents/carers may be anxious about their child returning to school. If you are at all concerned, please contact us and we will provide details of the measures we are putting in place to reduce the risk to your child whilst in school.

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. This account is monitored across the holiday so someone will get back to you.

I look forward to making contact with you all very soon.



Adrian