

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you have all enjoyed a lovely long break from school and that the children are all looking forward to their return. We just wanted to send a reminder out to say that we are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on Friday 3rd September and confirm arrangements for the start and end of the day.

There will be no one-way system in place and families can access the school using which entrance is easiest for them. There will be signs in place to show the children where to line up.

Drop off	Location	Classes	Collection
8.40am	Gate to the Triangle Playground	Tigers Flamingos Jelly Fish	3.15pm (Friday 2.00pm)
8.40am	Line up against new tennis courts	Lions Meerkats Ladybirds	3.20pm (Friday 2.00pm)
8.40am	Line up at front of building	Frogs Eagles Bumble Bees	3.20pm 3.30pm 3.30pm (Friday 2.00pm)
8.45am	Reception Gates	Minibeasts	3.10pm (Friday 2.00pm)

Minibeasts classes will be entering their class through the gate next to the 'drop off area' at 8.45am – parents will be asked to say 'goodbye' to their child at the gate. You will collect your child at the same gate.

Tigers, Flamingos and **Jellyfish** will be entering the triangular playground at 8.40am through the gate to the side of the primary entrance. You may enter this area with your child and guide them to lining up ready for their teacher to greet them. Please can we ask that parents do not allow the children and siblings to play on any of the equipment at the start or the end of the day. Children will be collected using the same gate at 3.15pm (2pm on Friday).

Lions, Meerkats and **Ladybirds** should arrive at 8.40am through the primary entrance where they should walk to meet their teacher at the area by the new tennis court. This will be repeated for collection at 3.20pm (2.00pm on Friday).

Bumble Bees, Eagles and **Frogs** should all enter the school site at 8.40am and should line up at the front of the building near the fence. This will be repeated for collection at 3.30pm for Bumble Bees and Eagles and 3.20pm for Ladybirds (2.00pm on Friday).

There will no longer be a one way system in place but we ask that parents and carers onto site are mindful of each other and can wear a face mask if required.

REMINDERS

We would like to give the children a few reminders to make the transition back to school as smooth as possible:

Uniform

Full school uniform, including ties should be worn each day (except for days when children are taking part in sports lessons – see below). We ask parents to ensure that all clothing in school is regularly laundered to maintain safety and hygiene both at school and at home. Details of the school uniform can be found on our website: <https://heyfordparkfreeschool.org/the-school/uniform/>.

Even if the weather is poor, children are likely to play outside and to take part in sports so it is essential that every child bring in a warm, waterproof coat each day. Children may also choose to wear a sweatshirt for outdoor sports as detailed in the uniform policy.

What do we need to bring into school?

Children do not need to bring pencil cases or other stationery from home into school.

The children in KS1 will need a book bag but children in KS2 (Year 3 upwards) are asked to bring a small bag only if they really need it. The lockers in school are small and cannot hold rucksacks or large bags. Children having packed lunch should bring in a clearly named lunch box each day. We also ask that all children bring in a clearly labelled water bottle; these will be sent home at the end of each day to be washed and refilled with water.

Snacks

Children in Key Stage 1 will be provided with a fruit or vegetable snack each day through the school fruit and veg scheme. Unfortunately, the scheme will not start in week 1 so for the first week only please provide your child with a piece of fruit or vegetable snack. This will be provided for Reception children. Children in Key Stage 2 are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack (such as fruit or vegetables or a cereal bar). Please remember that products containing nuts should not be brought into school and we discourage children from eating unhealthy snacks, such as crisps or chocolate.

Books

This term, to encourage a love of reading, each year group will be studying one or two specific texts in class. These texts will be read on a daily basis and will be discussed regularly. To allow the children to read along we will be providing them with photocopies of different extracts. However, if you would like to purchase a copy of the text for your child to read at school, copies are available from popular retailers such as Amazon and Waterstones (many are also available second hand). The list below shows the texts that are being studied in each class/year group. If you do decide to provide a copy for your child please clearly mark their name inside the cover of the book. We would really appreciate it if the children did not read these ahead of the class session so that the text can be shared together.

Key Texts for Autumn Term 1	
Tigers	The Chicken Squad by Doreen Cronin
Flamingos	The Chicken Squad by Doreen Cronin
Jellyfish	The Chicken Squad by Doreen Cronin
Lions	How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell
Meerkats	The legend of Podkin One-Ear by Kieran Larwood
Ladybirds	Blitzed by Robert Swindells
Frogs	Blitzed by Robert Swindells
Eagles	The Silver Sword by Ian Serraillier
Bumble Bees	When the sky falls by Phil Earle

PE Days

On the days that your child has PE we ask that they come to school in their full PE kit. Please make sure that all jumpers/sweatshirts are clearly labelled.

Children do not need to come to school on Friday 3rd September in PE kit. A list of PE days will be sent out by the phase leader or class teacher.

There has been little updated Covid guidance sent to schools and we will update you if anything changes in the final few days. In school good ventilation and hygiene procedures will continue and we ask parents to continue to be considerate of others and if you wish to wear a mask please do so.

We are all very much looking forward to seeing you all on Friday.

Best wishes

Mrs Nickelson(Executive Head of Primary)

Mr Marchant (Deputy of Primary)

Miss Stopper (Early Years Phase Leader)

Miss Ward (Key Stage 1 Phase Leader)

Mrs Jefferies (Lower Key Stage 2 Phase Leader)

Mrs Osborne (Upper Key Stage 2 Phase Leader)