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## Friday 3rd September

### RE: NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have had an amazing summer and are all well. We are excited about the start of the new school year and look forward to welcoming children into school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

### MEET THE TEACHER

We will be hosting a Meet the Teacher event on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 3:30pm (in school) or 4:00pm (virtually via MSTeams)**. This is a brief, informal meeting where you can meet the class teacher and they can share important messages about the year ahead. **If coming into school and you are able to, we ask parents/carers to wear a face covering.** We ask only **one** parent/carers to attend. We will send the MSTeams link out next week. If this is not a convenient time, please do not worry. We can share the presentation with all parents/carers via email and/or arrange an alternative mutually convenient time.

### PE DAYS

On PE days children should come into school wearing their Heathfield PE kits. (This is not a non uniform day). **Year 1 and Year 6 will start PE next week**, the other classes will start PE week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> September.

RECEPTION	MONDAY
YEAR 1	TUESDAY (Starting Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September)
YEAR 2	MONDAY
YEAR 3	MONDAY
YEAR 4	WEDNESDAY
YEAR 5	MONDAY
YEAR 6	Thursday (Starting Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> September)

### SEPTEMBER 2021 and COVID 19

As you will know, Step 4 marked a new phase in the government's response to the pandemic, moving away from stringent restrictions on everyone's day-to-day lives, towards advising people



on how to protect themselves and others, alongside targeted interventions to reduce risk. As COVID-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, **there is now an imperative to reduce the disruption to children's education. The priority now is to deliver face-to-face, high-quality education to all pupils.** The evidence is clear that being out of education causes significant harm to educational attainment, life chances, mental and physical health.

The key changes are:

- Children will no longer remain in class bubbles
- There will no longer be a staggered start and end to the day
- Face to face assemblies can now resume
- Adults can work across different classes to best support our children
- Children can enjoy playing with friends from other year groups at break and lunch times
- Adults that are double vaccinated and children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case.
- School is no longer responsible for track and trace. Parents will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace if their child has been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test
- As a school, we will write to parents/carers should we have a positive case in school so that you are fully informed and warned

Should cases start to increase across school, it may become necessary to reintroduce 'bubbles' for a temporary period, to reduce mixing between groups. **Any decision to recommend the reintroduction of 'bubbles' would not be taken lightly.**

Of course the above changes are very much welcomed but the virus has not gone away and so we will still have some control measures and procedures in place to restrict the spread of the virus.

1. **Ensure good hygiene for everyone.**
2. **Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.**
3. **Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.**
4. **Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.**

We will continue to use the external one way system around the school site so children can sanitise/wash hands as they enter the building.

In school we will continue to have additional cleaning throughout the day from our site team.

If a child develops symptoms, **they must not come to school** and get tested.

If a child develops symptoms at school, parents/carers will be contacted and asked to arrange a PCR test.

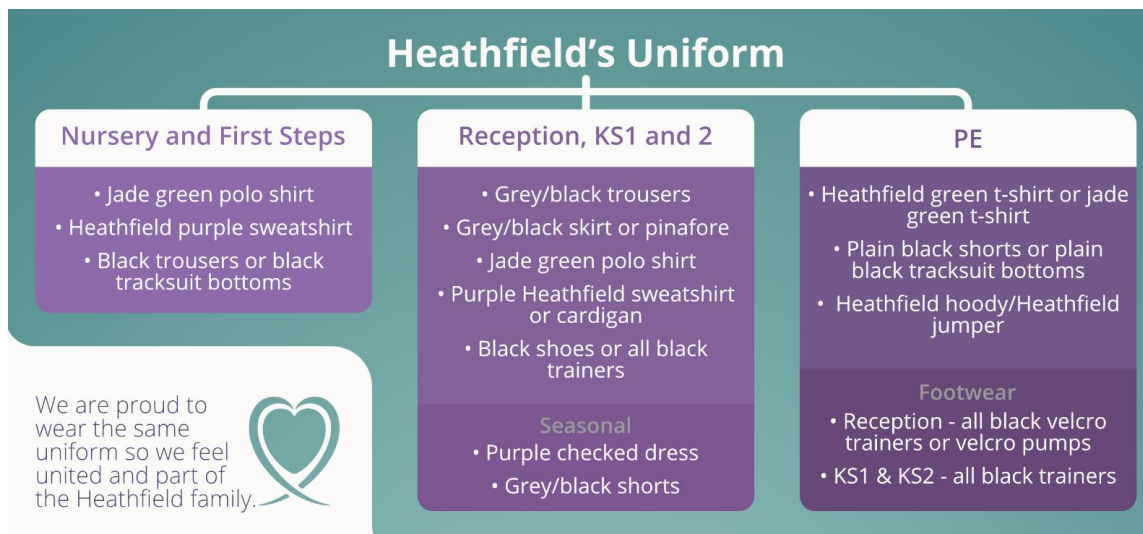


For some of you, these changes will be a welcome relief. For others they may cause some worry. All the way through the pandemic we have tried to balance the safety of everyone in the Heathfield family, the day to day operation of the school and our children's right to their childhood and education. We will continue to do this. If you have any concerns, please email [parents@heathfield.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:parents@heathfield.bolton.sch.uk) or speak to me before or after school next week.

### SCHOOL OPENING TIMES

First steps and Nursery	AM session 8:40 – 11:40 PM session 12:10 – 3:10pm
Reception – Year 6	8:55am – 3:15pm <b>Doors will open from 8:50am</b>

### UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS – HEATHFIELD GOLD STANDARD



**As you know, we have the highest expectations for our children and so we will be checking carefully in September that children are meeting the Heathfield Gold Standard, in particular PE kits and ALL BLACK TRAINERS/shoes**

### CLASS NAMES

This year we have named our classes after sporting legends. Children will learn about their class name throughout the year and by the time they leave Heathfield Primary they will know about a range of sporting heroes.

FIRST STEPS AND NURSERY LOFTY	Lofty the Lion	Bolton Wanderers mascot
RECEPTION LOFTHOUSE	Nat Lofthouse	Footballer
YEAR 1 BOLT	Usain Bolt	Sprinter
YEAR 2 BROWNLEE	Alistair and Jonny Brownlee	Triathletes
YEAR 3 WILLIAMS	Serena and Venus Williams	Tennis players
YEAR 4 SIMMONDS	Ellie Simmonds	Paralympic swimmer
YEAR 5 ALI	Muhammad Ali	Boxer
YEAR 6 KENNY	Jason Kenny	Cyclist



## FAMILY NAMES



We have updated our family names this year also. Years 1 – 6 are split into 4 families and children can earn family points when they meet the Heathfield Gold standard during lessons and/or around school. The family with the most points at the end of each week receive a star and the family with the most stars at the end of the term, receive the 'Family reward'

We have chosen KS1 'History Heroes' for our family names. This is deliberate and to help ensure key knowledge is stored in children's long term memory.

**Which family will win this term?**

FAMILY 1	Samuel Crompton	FAMILY 3	Amy Johnson
FAMILY 2	Mary Seacole	FAMILY 4	Tim Bernes Lee

I hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week.

## KEY DATES

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September** Children return (Transition for some Early Years children)

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September** Big Question Launch days

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September** Meet the teacher 3:30pm and 4:00pm

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September** Woodwind recital from Bolton Music service

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September** Year 2 parent/carer SATs meeting (More details to follow)

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** Year 6 parent/carer SATs meeting (More details to follow)

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September** Mental health and Wellbeing YOGA da

**Yours sincerely,**

**Mr. M D Thornley**

**Headteacher**