



Wednesday 3rd September 2026

Dear Families,

We hope you have had a restful summer break and are enjoying the last parts of the summer sunshine. We would like to welcome back all our existing families to Woodlands and extend a warm welcome to all the new families that will be joining us this term. We are writing to you today with several health and safety items and notices at the start of the new academic year.

We would like to Welcome Pembury House Nursery School to the HEYSA federation. Tara will take up her new role as Head of School this half term. Sian will continue to be the Executive Headteacher and will work across the three schools.

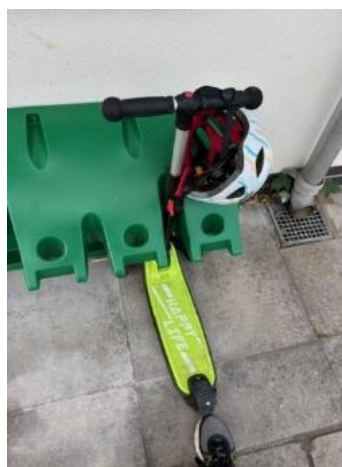
Storage From September 2026

Following the numerous letters in the summer term, we wish to remind families about the health and safety procedures for buggy, bike and scooter storage.

Scooters must be parked in the bike and scooter stations outside the school. They can be secured with a simple lock that you will need to provide. They cannot be left in the front entrance, storage space.

Bikes will only be able to be stored in the bike or scooter stations or on the hook racks in the window. We continue to look at alternative storage for these items.

Pushchairs will only be permitted for storage if they are umbrella fold or hand luggage sized. Large buggies will no longer be permitted for on site storage from September.



Unfortunately, if families do not adhere to these new health and safety procedures, they will no longer be able to leave these items in the school during the day.

Our Chickens

Our chickens have been very happy over the summer closure. I would like to thank the staff that have come into work during their holiday to look after them.

Eggs

We would like to assure all families that all eggs are cooked completely when served on the school menu.

New Forest Area

We have had the forest area in Blue room refurbished over the summer break. We should be able to use it by the end of next week as the builder complete the works.

Being on Time!

We would like to remind all families that being on time for school is important for your child's education and ensures we keep our school safe during the school day. Children who arrive late at school sometimes don't have the best start to the day as many of the activities and learning opportunities will already be in full flow as will children's free flow play with their friends

The school and reception area opens at 8am. If we experience adverse weather, we will open reception a little earlier.

If your child is here for an all-day places, you may drop them off between 8-.40am

If your child is a morning place you can drop them between 8.30-8.40am

If your child has an afternoon place you may drop them between 12.30-12.40pm.

Please be prompt when collecting your child at the end of the school day or at the end of your child's after school club. This ensures we maintain the statutory ratios in the EYFS.

Please be patient when buzzing the front door, it is important that we verify your identity through our video CCTV system before opening the door. This is to maintain the health and safety of our school community.

Play Scheme Booking

We would like to remind all families that government funding is not available for play scheme bookings. Full fees apply during these period as per the information displayed on our website.

If you would like to book into play scheme please or change your booking please do so in a timely way. Ad hoc changes to booking cannot be accommodate unless we have capacity or there is an exceptional circumstance. This is something that is explained clearly on our website and on the play-scheme booking form. Bookings for this years play schemes will be open soon.

Parent Governor

Later this term there will be a parent governor election. More information will follow from our chair of Governors.

Building

We have decorated parts of the building during the summer break and had a deep clean. Our green room sleep room has been painted and the windows have been repaired at the front of the building.

The upgrading of the fences both front and back are now complete making our school a safe place for children and their families.

We look forward to working in partnership with you this year to provide the best start for your child offering outstanding education and care.

Your sincerely



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