

KEA NEWS 13 September 2019

A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN AND MAKE FRIENDS

Welcome back

Welcome back to school and a particularly warm welcome to all our new families. We've enjoyed hearing news from children about their various holidays, activities and adventures over the summer. Children have come back to school looking very smart - many of them in brand new school uniform, and most are very excited about new learning this term. We are particularly delighted to welcome the new YF children, all of whom have made a fantastic start. Staff have been working hard over the summer and lots of exciting learning opportunities have been planned for this term.



You will receive the link fortnightly for our school newsletters. Please keep a close eye on the school website, particularly class pages, for information about learning and the curriculum.

Please send your child to school with a coat as weather can be changeable. Please ensure that all items of clothing and lunch boxes etc are clearly labelled. We look forward to working with your children and you this year. If you have any queries or concerns please don't hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or me - either briefly in the playground in the mornings or by making an appointment for a meeting via the school office.

Thank you. Katherine Hunkin Headteacher

Mr & Mrs Hunkin

I was overwhelmed to receive so many kind words, cards and gifts for our wedding this summer. Huge thanks for your generosity. I was particularly thrilled to receive two beautiful framed paintings and a Emma Bridgewater tea pot and mugs, collectively from parents and pupils. Thank you so much. We had an amazing day and lovely holiday afterwards. I am gradually getting used to my new name.



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School Routines & Procedures

I would like to remind all our parents, new and existing, of our school routines and procedures to ensure that everything runs as smoothly as possible at Kea.

The School Day

Children should not be dropped to school before 8.45 am in the mornings as the main playground is not supervised until this time. Wake and Shake will take place every morning at 8.50 am on the school court, please come along and join in all the family welcome. The bell rings at 8.55 am and pupils need to be in school at this time so that everyone are in their classes ready to register at 9.00 am. If you are unavoidably late in the morning please remember to bring your child and sign them in at the school office, so we know they're in school. School finishes at 3.30 pm and children need to be collected promptly at this time. If you are unexpectedly running late can you please ring us on 272265 so that we can let your child know so they do not become anxious. Children who are not collected at 3.30 pm will be brought to the school office. If you need any before or after school care for your child please contact the Kea Pre School on 260299.

Drop Off & Collection for Year 5 & 6 Children

For those children who are in year 5 or 6, your child needs to be dropped to the main playground along with all the other year groups in the morning but can be collected from either outside the Victorian building or at the white gate in the carpark at the end of the school day. Some children that live close to school may be walking or biking to and from school. Please complete the collection arrangement consent slip to confirm your child's collection arrangements. If you are running late and you miss the bell at 8.55 am you still need to sign your child in at the school office and then take them up to the Victorian building.

Collection from School

Teachers and Teaching Assistants will only discharge children in classes Year F to Year 4 to their parents or a known collection adult at the end of the school day. If there is a change to your child's normal collection arrangements, please let your child's teacher know in the morning or the school office.

<u>Sickness</u>

If your child is sick it is the responsibility of parents to let us know as soon as possible. Messages can be emailed to secretary@kea.cornwall.sch.uk or telephoned through to the school office on 272265. Please note that we cannot accept messages from other pupils at the school. In order to avoid the spread of bugs, please keep your child off school for 48 hours after any sickness or diarrhoea.

PE Kit and Pupil Belongings

Named PE kits need to be in school every day so that pupils are equipped for PE lessons. All uniform and personal belongings, such as lunch boxes, must also be named so that any lost items can be returned to their rightful owners. Any lost property is put in the green box in the parent shelter in the playground.

Dinner Money

Autograph Foods runs the school kitchen. School meals will need to be booked and paid for in advance using the on line Parent Pay system. Please note that even if your child is entitled to a free school meal or a universal infant free school meal, meal choices will still need to booked online using Parent Pay.

Correspondence for the School Office

There is a box in the school foyer for parents and pupils to return any correspondence to the school office. Hopefully using this box will reduce waiting times for those parents who have enquiries and need to speak to the office staff. Please note that the school office is very busy first thing in the morning between 8.30 am and 9.30 am and again in the afternoon between 2.45 and 3.30 pm.

Appointments during the school day

Parents/carers who need to collect their child during the school day for a medical appointment must sign out their child from the school office. Please do not go direct to your child's classroom. This is for health and safety reasons. You do not need to complete a absence form for medical appointments.

After School Clubs

Information regarding after school clubs was circulated at the end of last term. Children cannot stay for any after school activities unless the office has received the online booking form.

Contact Details

It is really important that you keep us up to date with any changes to your contact details in case we need to contact you in an emergency. Please update any changes using the SIMS Parent App.

Absences during Term Time

If you unavoidably need to take your child out during term time you need to complete an absence request form. Forms are also available from the website under information and hard copies are also available from the school foyer. Please note that family holidays during term time are not authorised and your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

<u>Parking</u>

Can parents please only park in the marked spaces in the main car park or out in the road, avoiding the marked double yellow lines, when dropping off or collecting children from school. Please do not park in the bays marked disabled or in the row of spaces at the front of the car park marked staff only. Thank you for your assistance.

School Routines & Procedures Continued

Queries or Concerns

If parents have any queries or concerns about any aspect of school life then please do come and talk to us. We are always happy to talk through any concerns with parents. The normal procedure is to talk to the class teacher first as most matters can be sorted out with your child's teacher. If the problem is not resolved in this way then do make an appointment to see our Headteacher, Mrs Hunkin. If the concern still remains unresolved then the matter can be referred to the Chair of Governors Mrs S White. At Kea we work really hard to develop positive working relationships with parents and we will always take the time to listen and endeavour to help wherever we can.

Break Time Snacks

Children in the Foundation Stage and Years I and 2 will be provided with a free piece of fruit each day for midmorning break. You are also welcome to send your child to school with a healthy snack in a labelled plastic container. Children may bring a piece of fresh fruit, vegetables (e.g. carrot batons), low fat cheese or a plain biscuit/ cracker to school to eat at playtime. No other food item is permitted at snack times, unless your child has a requirement due to health issues. In this case please advise the Headteacher. On a Friday children may bring in a treat such as crisps, other biscuits but we do not allow sweets. Whilst we appreciate that children would like to celebrate their birthdays by sharing food with friends, we do not allow cakes or any other sweet treats to be shared with their class. **Please do not send your child to school with any food or drink containing NUTS. We are a NUT free school.**