



Headteacher News

It is incredible to think that we are nearly half way through the term already! It's also exciting to hear the news that a vaccine is on its way and we could be looking at returning to some normality in the not too distant future.

As parents, I understand that you are not fully involved with the school and you are likely to be feeling slightly detached. The lack of face to face contact, not being able to attend Learner of the Week Assemblies or visit the school as part of our open days, are just some of the restrictions that are contributing to this.

During our Zoom assembly this morning I was able to show the children the film that was made of the school to show parents what life is like at Coxheath. This will be on our website hopefully by the end of the day. Every day I continue to be amazed at the children here at Coxheath. They are just incredible and there is not a day that goes by where I don't sit back and think how incredibly lucky I am to work in such a wonderful school.

When I joined the school in September 2019 and talked to all the staff and children, I shared with them the importance that I place on relationships at every level. I believe they are at the heart of everything that we do. I hope that you see in the video just a glimpse of these relationships and why it makes Coxheath such a special place to be.

Have a lovely weekend.

Giacomo Mazza

Headteacher

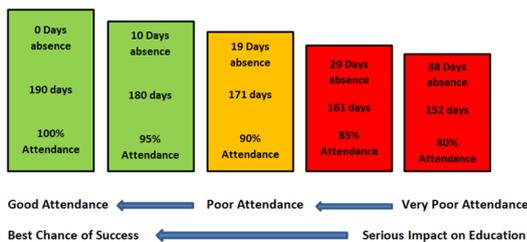
Good attendance means...



Being in school at least 95% of the time (180-190 days a year)

There are 365 days in a year and 190 days in a school year.

This leaves 175 days for holidays, shopping, birthday treats and non-urgent medical appointments.



Dates

Please see dates and times below
Events for parents are identified in red.



Academic Year 2020-2021

Term 2

27 Nov - Non uniform day - donation for PTFA funds.
16 Dec - Christmas lunch - details to follow
18 Dec - Last day of term

Term 3

04 Jan - Staff development day. Children not in school.
05 Jan - First day of term
14 Jan - Deadline for Primary Admissions applications for Year R 2021

All dates are subject to change depending on Government and Department of Education guidelines.

Covid-19 Guidance for Schools

For up to date Government guidance for parents please refer to the following link <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare>

Absence

Please can we remind parents that you must call the school office no later than 9am if your child is going to be absent from school. Please ensure you state your child's name, class and reason for absence. This is incredibly important due to the current Covid-19 restrictions in place.

There is an absence line available to leave a message should you wish to use it. Please 'press 1 for attendance' on the system options. Using this will save us making any unnecessary calls to parents to find out why children are not in school. Thank you.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must not return to school for 48 hours after their last episode. For NHS advice on treatment for diarrhoea and vomiting, please visit the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/>

Returning to school after absence

If your child has been off school for any reason, they should come to the school office front door for a temperature check on their return to school. Thank you.

Childrens Safety

Please Note: Children are not allowed to play on any of the outdoor equipment, climbing frames, playgrounds or outdoor resources at any time before or after school. This is to avoid cross contamination of bubbles.
Thank You. Mrs Evenden

Collecting children from school

For safety reasons we would like to remind parents of the importance of collecting children on time. We have a number of children who are regularly collected late. When parents and carers are late collecting, this means the children have to wait in the reception lobby. We cannot always keep children within their year/family bubble if they are not collected from the classroom on time. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



Weekly Attendance

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| Dover | 97.98% | Leeds | 95.83% |
| Hever | 99.31% | Rye | 98.51% |
| Allington | 97.32% | Thurnham | 96.67% |
| Walmer | 97.95% | Bodiam | 97.42% |
| Tonbridge | 96.18% | Scotney | 96.88% |
| Rochester | 94.00% | Canterbury | 96.84% |
| Herstmonceux | 95.61% | Pevensey | 86.52% |

School Target
97%

Whole School Attendance
96.21%

Flu Immunisations

If your child did not receive the nasal flu vaccination you can book an appointment at one of the community clinics. Dates and locations of the clinics can be found on the website www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms please click on the clinic dates link. To book an appointment at a clinic please email kchft.cyp-immunisationteam@nhs.net

Bags in school

During this lockdown period we would ask children not to bring large bags and rucksacks into school. Small bags with essential items only to be brought in please. Please make sure a water bottle is brought in every day, children can refill them throughout the day if needed. Thank you.

School dinners

You are now able to book school dinners online through your ParentPay account. Please be aware there is a cut off time on Sunday for booking meals for the week. Please do not worry if you cannot book after the cut off time, your child can still ask for a hot lunch on the day if required. If you have not yet activated your ParentPay account please do so as soon as possible. Instructions on how to book can be found here https://www.parentpay.com/DOCH/school-support/index.html?page_id=9265.html

If you have any further issues please contact the school office and we will do our best to assist you. Thank you.

IMPORTANT - Nut Allergies in School

We would like to remind all parents that we are a nut free school. There are a number of children at the school who suffer from severe nut allergies, which in some cases could be fatal. Please do not send in food items that contain nuts in your child's packed lunch. **This includes snacks, cereal bars, Nutella, Kinder Bueno bars and peanut butter in sandwiches.** Please check the ingredients list if you are unsure. Many thanks for your help.

Your PTFA News!

Non uniform day Friday 27th November.
£1 donation in exchange for entry into a class raffle.
All proceeds will go straight to the school!

PTFA Committee

We urgently need a committee in order to continue to running a PTFA for the year. Please contact us at ptfa@coxheath.kent.sch.uk if you would consider taking on a role. Thank you to everyone who has offered to help in other ways- it really is appreciated.

PTFA Facebook page

Please join our Facebook group, to stay up to date with our fundraising efforts, online events and upcoming Christmas raffle details.

House Points Total

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| Farleigh | 273 | Loose | 267 |
| Linton | 291 | Hunton | 353 |

Parking outside school

Please do not drop off or park on the yellow hatchings by the pedestrian crossing for the safety of all children, also please do not walk across the car park, or stand in the car park entrance at any time, we have seen a few parents do this and it does not set a good example for the children. Please use the paths and the one way system at all times - this is for everyone's safety. Thank you.

Primary Admissions for 2021

If you have a child born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017, primary admission applications for your child to join Year R 2021 opened online on November 5th 2020. You can apply online at kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions and applications must be submitted before 15th January 2021. National offer day is 16th April 2021 and offers are sent by email after 4pm.

Cold Weather

Please make sure that your child has a coat in school every day. We like to be outdoors as much as possible regardless of the weather conditions. An extra layer such as jogging bottoms and sweatshirt is useful for P.E lessons too. Many thanks.

Learners of the Week

Congratulations to the children who received achievement certificates in our virtual assembly this week. Well done for all their hard work and effort!



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| Dover | Coming soon | Leeds | Coming soon |
| Hever | Finley B | Rye | Mya |
| Allington | Florence | Thurnham | William O |
| Walmer | Ashton | Bodiam | Kallie W |
| Tonbridge | April A | Scotney | Eve R |
| Rochester | Chloe G | Canterbury | Edith O |
| Herstmonceux | Lewis W | Pevensey | Oliver W |

Extended Services

All places for Breakfast and After School club must be booked in advance to ensure the correct social distancing measures are in place. If you do not book your child in we may have to refuse entry. Please email casc@coxheath.kent.sch.uk by 1pm to book your child in for the following day, or at any time if you need any additional information. Payments can be made via the Scopay system.

Medicines in school

We can only administer medicines in school that are issued on prescription, they must have the dispensing label detailing the child's name and dosing instructions. We cannot give any medications without correct parental permission paperwork and pharmacy labelling. Forms are available online <http://www.coxheath.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Forms&pid=53> Please bring all medicines to the school office.

Recycle with Michael

Thank you to everyone who recycled their unwanted clothing and shoes through our clothing bank. This has raised £75.00 over the past year for school funds.

Eco tips of the week from our Eco-Council members

- * Try to reduce your use of single use plastics.
- * Recycle plastic bags and batteries in your local supermarket. Tesco has recycling bins for these in store.



Thank you for recycling your inkjets through the school. This scheme has already raised £28.00 for the PTFA which will directly benefit the children. Please continue to drop any used inkjet cartridges into the school office for recycling. Thank you.