



Autumn Term

Wednesday Sep 8th

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Friday December 17th

Half Term

Monday October 25th

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Friday October 29th

Christmas Holiday

Monday December 20th

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Tuesday January 4th

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year!

I hope you all had a great summer break and enjoyed some quality family time. It is fantastic to be able to welcome the pupils back and have the school year up and running.

The summer holiday is always a busy time as the school building is changed, adapted and improved. Many areas have received a fresh coat of paint and some have been completely refitted. There is a new and exciting playground space in the middle of school, a refitted school kitchen, and resurfaced car park, just to highlight some of the improvements.

We have new students starting across the school in various year groups. Everyone is doing incredibly well and we are pleased with how well everyone has settled in.

We also have new staff across all roles, including Anthony, our new Deputy Head and two new teachers, Stuart and Amy. We welcome them all to Pathfield and look forward to opportunities when you can meet them too.

Unfortunately, COVID is still out there and in our community. The advice around bubbles has now ceased and close contacting is not undertaken by schools. Staff are still regularly testing with Lateral Flow tests and these are available for secondary aged pupils should you wish to test at home. Contact the office or the class teacher to ask for a set, if you require these and we'll send them to you. We currently have no plans to test pupils on site.

Devon is an Enhanced Response Area due to the number of cases in the county. This means that staff and visitors are wearing masks in communal areas.

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The vaccination programme has continued to widen and the age range it is available to has dropped, depending on medical needs and other factors. You can get the latest advice about this on the NHS website to see if your child is eligible- [Who can get the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk).

Please see the NHS advice below should your child develop symptoms:-

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste - this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, even if they're mild:

1. Get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) to check if they have COVID-19 as soon as possible.
2. Your child should stay at home and not have visitors (self-isolate) until you get the test result - they can only leave home to have the test. Check if you and anyone else your child lives with need to self-isolate.

We are really looking forward to an exciting school year working with you and your children!

Thank you for your support,

Stuart



Works around the school during summer

Our Premises team was very busy during the summer holidays updating our buildings and playgrounds. They put huge amounts of work and organisation into all the updates so big thank you to everybody who has been involved. Just to give you a little insight what has changed over summer, our kitchen has been fully refurbished, we have painted floors, updated middle playground with some new exciting equipment including in-ground trampoline, climbing wall and a balance trail. A shelter from our Forest School was put up in the lower playground and class N2 has also been refurbished. Last but not least, our car park has been resurfaced and is now looking very smart.



Financial support to care for a child who is self-isolating

You may be eligible for a [one-off Test and Trace Support Payment of £500](#) if your child has been advised to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or their education / childcare setting.

To be eligible, you must be either:

- the parent or carer of a child that is aged 15 years old and under
- the parent or carer of a young person aged 16 to 25 years old with an education health and care plan

You also need to [meet the eligibility criteria](#) which includes being on a low income, being unable to work from home or having to take time off work to care for a child who is self-isolating.

You will need evidence that your child has been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace.

Free school meals



Many families in Devon have seen their financial circumstances change due to the coronavirus pandemic.

If you didn't previously qualify for free school meals but your income has reduced or stopped, [please apply online through the Devon County Council website](#) to check if you are eligible for this support as soon as possible. Alternatively, please call their education helpline on 0345 155 1019.

Any child that is found to be eligible for free school meals will also attract additional funding for their school, this is known as pupil premium funding, which can be used to support your child in school or with the costs of uniforms or trips. Pupil premium funding can't be paid directly to parents or carers, but it makes a big difference to schools and eligible pupils.

Lunch Menu w/c 13/09

<https://www.pathfield.devon.sch.uk/parents-carers/school-lunches/>

Week 2

13/09, 04/10, 01/11, 22/11, 13/12

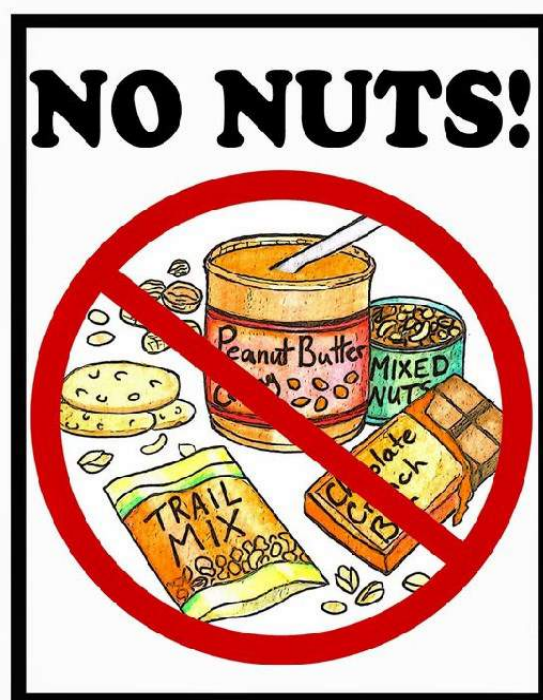
Mon	Pasta bolognese & garlic bread Jacket potato & beans Peas & carrots Rock bun & custard Yoghurt or fresh fruit
Tues	Cottage pie Cheese & broccoli quiche Green beans & swede Cookie & custard Yoghurt or fresh fruit
Wed	Roast chicken Lentil loaf Roast potatoes or pasta Cauliflower & cabbage Fresh fruit salad Yoghurt or fresh fruit
Thurs	Sausage rolls Vegetarian chilli & rice Mixed vegetables Chocolate/orange sponge & custard Yoghurt or fresh fruit
Fri	Fish fingers Roasted vegetable pizza Chips or pasta & peas Cherry cheesecake & custard Yoghurt or fresh fruit

We are a Nut Free School

Just a reminder that we are a Nut Free School.

We ask for parent's / carer's help in making appropriate choices for their children's snacks and lunches. Please do not bring to school anything that includes nuts as we have a number of children and staff who have severe nut allergies. This includes chocolate spreads, e.g. Nutella.

Thank you for keeping our school safe.



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HANDi paediatric app

The HANDi paediatric app is linked to paediatric services, pathways and advice in all four of our acute hospitals in Devon. The app is for parents and carers of young children who are looking for advice on common childhood illnesses.

The app has been developed by paediatric consultants and provides access to home care plans, as well as GP and hospital clinical guidelines, for the most common childhood health care conditions. More information about the app and how to download it is [here](#).



“The HANDi app has been incredibly beneficial for me since becoming a mum.”

“Hi, my name is Gemma, I live in Plymouth and I am a full-time Mum of three children aged 4, 6 and 11 years old. When my children were slightly younger, I got myself into a routine of regularly ringing the doctors whenever any of them started to show any unusual health-related symptoms – from a high temperature to skin conditions and everything in-between. I always want to make sure I am treating symptoms correctly and not mistaking them

for something more serious. It was not until my friend recommended that I download the HANDi App, that I realised how easy it is to get the professional medical advice I need and as a result, educate myself at the same time to improve my medical know-how. To any parents who do want to learn how to check and treat their children’s symptoms when they are unsure, I definitely recommend downloading the HANDi App to put your mind at ease.”



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