

At Enfield Heights Academy, we are KIND, RESPECTFUL, RESILIENT and BRAVE.
We are the Force for Positive Change.

8 September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this week's News Round-up, the first of the new school year.

Yay - the children are in!

It has been fantastic to have the children back at school this week. They settled almost instantly and wowed us all with their wonderful behaviour and curiosity for learning. Thank you to all the EHA staff for getting the classrooms ready and modelling the high expectations we have for the children in class and around the school this week.



Our School Values, Rules, Routines and Expectations

Enfield Heights Academy is a school that prides itself on being able to balance warm, friendly and kind relationships alongside high standards and high expectations for everyone. So in everything we do, we try to follow our school values and drivers to achieve our school's vision **to help as many children as possible to succeed at school and in life.**

Our school values of **Respect, Kindness, Resilience and Bravery**, as well as a set of non-negotiable behaviour expectations, are designed to keep everyone happy and safe and to provide an agreed framework in which we can all work and learn effectively. We are all here to work together, to learn and to have fun. We ask all our families to ensure that they are familiar with our key policies and school expectations - so that we are all pulling in the same direction. Our Policies can be found on our school website [here](#).

Congratulations to Michanne

We were all so proud when Mrs Brown received a special award from the Trust that manages our school. She received it for outstanding performance and for being such an import part of the school team.



The photo shows Michanne receiving her award from trust CEO, Marino Charalambous.

School Lunches – free to all children this year

Our preference here at Enfield Heights Academy is that where possible all children should have a freshly cooked, nutritious school lunch offered by our fantastic cooks Le, Dona and Jane. Lunch is FREE to all for this academic year as part of Cost of Living Support from the Mayor of London. Please contact the office to sign up.

However, if there are valid reasons why a child must bring a packed lunch, it is important it is **a healthy packed lunch**. Enfield Heights Academy complies with

regulatory standards for the foods we feed the children and it is often easier to get the essential nutrients children need into a school meal than into a packed lunch. However, if you would prefer to provide a packed lunch, please try to not give chocolate bars, crisps or other overly processed foods. **Please remember we are a strictly NUT-Free school.**

Reminder

Drop Off and Collection (2023-2024) unchanged

Year Group	Start time	Finish time Palmers Lane
Reception <i>*When full time</i>	8:45am (Pitfield Way)	3:10pm
Year 1	8:45am (Palmers Lane)	3:15pm
Year 2	8:45am (Palmers Lane)	3:15pm
Year 3	8:45am (Palmers Lane)	3:15pm
Year 4	8:45am (Palmers Lane)	3:20pm
Year 5	8:45am (Pitfield Way)	3:20pm
Year 6	8:45am (Pitfield Way)	3:20pm

Please note that this remains unchanged:

- No parents will be allowed on site during morning drop off (except for Reception).

We understand that Year 1 parents would like more time to ensure that their children get to their classroom safely. Please feel free to take your time settling your little one by walking them from the Palmers gate to the classroom door this half term.

Communication/Queries/Concerns

We are always available to hear your concerns and strive to resolve them in good time. We kindly ask that you follow the following pathway of communication:

- Pass any information about your child that could be relevant for the day by speaking to the office/a member of staff at the gate, or your class teacher.
- If you have a concern or would like to ensure no misunderstanding took place, please **address your class teacher/teaching assistant first**; request appointment/phone call.
- You can also speak to Mrs Salik (Year 1,2, 3 Teaching and Learning Lead) or Mr Currie (Year 4,5,6 Teaching and Learning Lead) to find answers to your queries and get help to resolve your concerns.
- If your matter has not been resolved, please request a meeting with /inform Mr Venn, the Deputy Headteacher (via office)
- If you are still concerned and situation has not been resolved, request an appointment with me by emailing or calling the office at heights@northstartrust.org.uk / 020 8805 9811.
- SEN concerns should be directed to Mrs Radmore (Senco) and Ms Monaghan (SEN Consultant). We are in the process of setting a designated email to reach our SEN Team. We will communicate this when we have it set up fully.

Meet your child's teaching team (Hall)

Thank you to Year 2, 3 and 4 parents and carers for attending their 'Meet the Teacher' session this week to find out about what their children will be learning this year. The remaining sessions are as follows:

Year Group	Date and Time
Year 1	Tuesday 12 th September at 9-9.45am
Year 5	Monday 18th September at 9-9.45am
Year 6	Monday 11 th September at 9-10.30am (Combined with Secondary Transfer Meeting)

Please come through the gate on Pitfield Way/Play Nest and into the school's hall. Some of the information will be uploaded onto the website after the meeting if you are unable to attend. Please view your child's learning journey here <https://www.enfieldheightsacademy.org.uk/curriculum>

Clubs

We will be running a range of clubs this year. The Newspaper club for YR 3-6 children with John Gilbert will commence on Wednesday 13 September at 3.15pm Year 3 classroom. Please check Arbor for available clubs to book a place for your child. Clubs will start on Monday 11 September. Please contact the school's office for more details.

Football -

We are excited to be starting a Year 4, 5 and year 6 Football team. We have entered a team to compete in tournaments and fixtures with other local schools later in the academic year.

The Boys Football Trials for Yr4/5/6/ will be Monday 11.9.2023.

Girls Football Trials for Year 4/5/6 will be Monday 18.9.2023.

Parents to consent on their child's Arbor account.

Young voices concert tickets – buy as soon as possible.

Young Voices concert O2 Arena for Year 4 . It is available on Arbor for parents to pay for now. See letter [here](#). Payment for these will be through Arbor and should be made no later than **Monday 25th September**.

Get the app on your phone!

Download the Arbor app onto your phone for messages direct from school. This will help us save £thousands on the costs of texts. You can see key information about your child and make payments to the school on the go.

Correct Uniform

All children must wear the correct school uniform from YR-Y6. We expect children to adhere to the school's uniform policy. You can find a quick reminder of our school uniform requirements in the letter sent on 17 July [here](#). This includes all the items of uniform and ways to purchase them. **Please remember that our uniform policy remained unchanged apart from a PE top** (white PE tops have been given out this week). **Please ensure that all parts of your child's uniform are clearly labelled.**

Children are required to wear a white shirt not a polo T-Shirt.

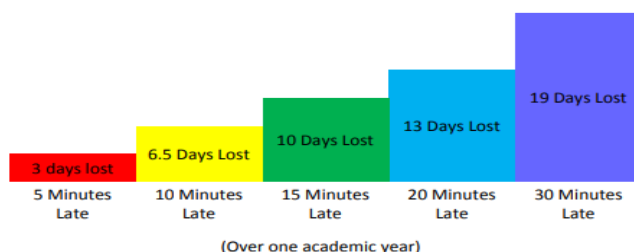


Attendance and Punctuality

We believe that regular attendance is clearly linked to pupils making good progress in their learning. It ensures that pupils settle into school and experience the stability and security they need in order to achieve their best. At a minimum we expect children to be in school for 96% of the time. This can still equate to 8 days of learning missed. If your child's attendance drops down to below 90%, this means almost 4 weeks of lost learning!

Every minute counts!

If a child is late every day, their learning, as well as the other children in the classroom, is disrupted. Below is a graph showing how being late to school every day adds up to lost learning time.



Parent volunteers

As a learning community, we welcome volunteers working with us on a regular basis in our school. Activities may include listening to children reading, helping in the library, accompanying children on educational visits.



If you are interested in becoming a regular parent volunteer, please contact us via the school office and we will work with our Community Outreach Team (pictured here), who will ensure that the appropriate safeguarding checks are in place for this, including DBS checks and volunteer induction. Don't worry, you will also receive training and guidance.

A member of the Outreach Team will also be available to talk to you every Thursday in the playground. If you have previously had a DBS check and have registered on the DBS Update Service, we will be able to use this providing you still have the original certificate you used to register and will need you to bring this in to Reception in order for us to perform the check.

Have a lovely and sunny weekend.

With my very best wishes,

Justine Paine

Headteacher