

Claremont Primary School

Newsletter 3 September 2021



Welcome Back to school!

I hope you have had a fantastic holiday, full of fun and laughter with your friends and family. I also hope you have enjoyed good health.

This morning it was amazing to open the gates to parents as well as children. It will take us a while to get used to all the 'old' routines, so thank you for your patience. Do remember you are able to access school from one of the three gates, and walk through to the front entrance. We don't need to operate a queuing system anymore- this will take us all a while to get used to, as we have been queuing for 18months! Very soon, it will all feel very natural again, and we will then be able to welcome parents to the office as well.

Today Mrs Seddon and I have done a live TEAMS assembly. We shared the slide below with the children to let them know that we are still working towards maintaining protective measures and also discussed how breaks, lunch and assemblies will work as we move them back to being all together. For some of our children they have never experienced this and we felt it was better to explain before it took place so that they could chat with their class teachers beforehand. From next week we will operate assembly in the hall as a whole school for the first time- we are very excited.



Have a good weekend and best wishes

Mrs Candi Roberts and the brilliant Claremont Team

Reminders and Updates from the School Office

A very warm welcome back from us all in the school office. It was so lovely to see the children coming into school this morning and we look forward to seeing more parents back in school soon! We have a few reminders and updates for you:

1. Please let the office know if your child is **absent** either via email or voicemail **by 9.30am**. Please give us a few details if your child is unwell.
2. Please email the office in the morning, before midday, if your child is going to be **collected by another adult**.
3. The **Home Time Arrangements** form will be coming home with your child today. Children in Years 4-6 will not be allowed to leave school by themselves unless we have your consent via this form. Please return the forms on Monday.
4. Please update the school office if your child has a new **medical condition**, or no longer has a pre-existing condition. Forms are all available on the website. [Claremont Primary School - Download a form/letter](#)
5. Please apply for **Free School Meals** if you think you are eligible. If you do qualify, this entitles your child to not only a free school meal but also the school receives additional funding allocated to your child. This entitles them to additional support in school. If you do already receive it, please don't forget to apply for any other siblings who are joining us this year. The link is: [Free school meals - Kent County Council](#).
6. The updated list for **After School Clubs** is on the website [Claremont Primary School - Clubs and Music](#) For any clubs run by the school, please look out for letters in the next couple of weeks. You can only sign up via these letters, not via the office.
7. In the first instance, please have a look at the **school website** for answers to any questions. We hope you will find everything you need there. We know that the class group chats can also be a useful source of information but we do ask that you take a look at our guidance surrounding this. Please scroll down to see the Class Whatsapp Groups protocol which we have put together with support from the PTA: [Claremont Primary School - Communication with school](#)
8. Lastly, we have attached to this email some guidance re **bringing in late items**, and **rules for using the school site**. We are aware that so many of you are not familiar with these as you have not been able to access the school site until now.

Thank you for all your support.

Jodi Stevens and Steph Kirk



If you would like to join our team please do visit Kent Teach to see the exciting opportunities.

Vacancies:

1. Assistant Head Teacher

[Assistant Headteacher Assistant Headteacher at Claremont Primary School, Tunbridge Wells \(kent-teach.com\)](https://www.kent-teach.com)

Parenting Children and Young People With Mental Health Challenges

Rhoda Scantlebury is a psychodynamic counsellor, registered with the British Association of Counsellors and Psychotherapists, based in Rusthall. She is currently running workshops for parents of children with mental health difficulties, that impact on family life.

She has some space for her next workshop on Monday 13th September, 10 am – 1 pm.

If you would be interested in this joining this session or any future courses, please look at her website below:

[Workshops | Rhoda Scantlebury Counselling](https://www.rhodascantlebury.co.uk/workshops)