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Dear Parents and Carers



Welcome back everyone! I hope you have had a wonderful summer. It has been lovely to see all the children settling into their new classes, with their new teachers, over the last few days. We have all certainly notched up lots more steps each day, with the temporary classrooms being situated on the school field.

WELCOME TO THE CANN HALL FAMILY!

It was especially lovely to welcome to our new EYFS children into school for their first official sessions, this week. They have settled beautifully and are already impressing us with their understanding. Thank you and welcome to our new parents too! You have been wonderfully supportive and have ensured that your children have had a fantastic start to their time at Cann Hall.



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A big thank you to the **PTA** who provided gift bags for the parents and carers dropping the children off on their first day of school, with us.

If you are interested in becoming part of the PTA or would like some more information, please get in touch via our Facebook page or pop into the school office.



They all look so smart in their new uniforms.

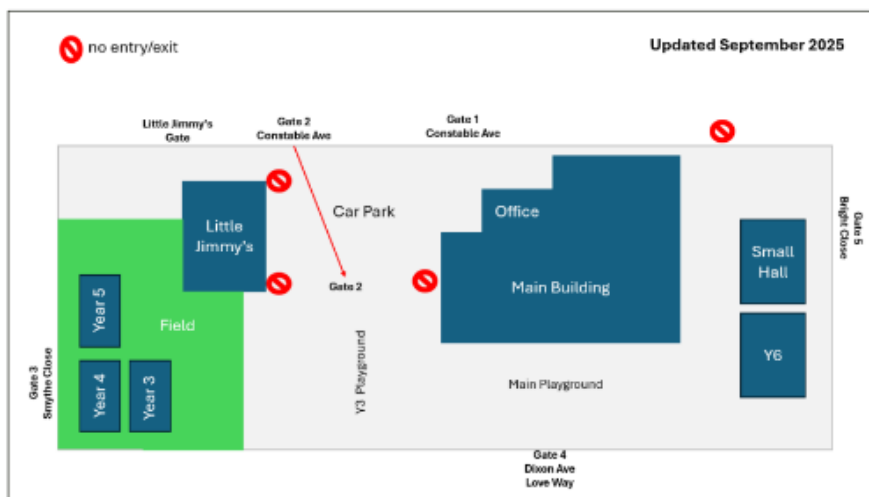
School Uniform Policy

While we are on the subject of school uniform, I would like to direct you to where, on our school website you can find our school uniform policy, [Cann Hall Primary School - Uniform](#). Please can I ask you to pay particular attention to the following, which has been taken directly from our policy:

Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back so that loose strands do not get in the way of children's learning. Make up and nail varnish are not allowed. Extreme hairstyles/dyed hair are not permitted either. Single stud earrings may be worn but must be removed for PE.

RAAC Update

Hopefully, by now, you will know which temporary classrooms are being used by Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 and which entrance/exit is easiest for you to use. If not, here is the map again to hopefully help you.



The replacement roof works are now well underway. Even though to look at the building it appears from the outside that that the entire roof is being worked on at once, this is not the case. It is being replaced in phases/areas and at no point, do any children or adults have access to these phases/areas, while the works are being carried out. These areas are cordoned off, from inside and outside of the school. This is why we have installed temporary classrooms on the field so that the children are not in any areas, where that the work is being carried out. As the building work progresses, through the school, classes/children will be moved into the areas of the school that have been completed. We will let you know well in advance of this, so you know where your child's class is being moved to.

School meals update



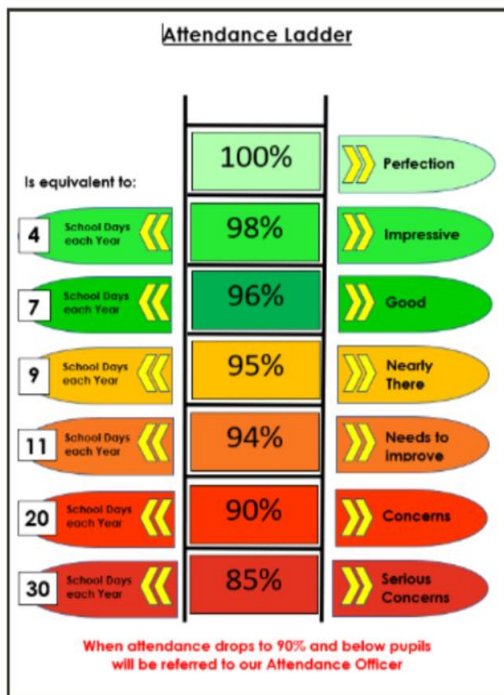
We mentioned at the end of the summer term that Chartwell's and Compass Partnership of Schools have made the difficult decision to increase the cost of our school meals in line with rising costs. The cost of the school meals will now be increasing to **£2.50**.

If you think your child may be entitled to receive free school meals and you haven't yet been checked by the school office, please come round to the main school office where you will be given a form, that we can help you complete to enable a quick check to be carried out on your behalf.

To see the latest menus, please visit our school website. [Cann Hall Primary School - School Meals](#)

Don't forget that if your child is in **EYFS, Year 1 or Year 2** they are entitled to a free school meal every day so please encourage your child to try the school meals. They can always bring a packed lunch with them, just in case they do not like the meal they have chosen.

School Attendance



Our Attendance Ladder shows how even only a few days missed schooling, each year, can negatively impact your child's overall attendance.

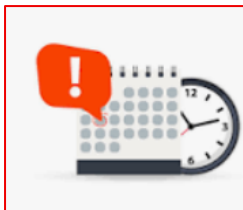
The government expectation is that school attendance should be 96% or above. Please help us to ensure that your child gets the most out of their education here with us, by ensuring that they attend school every day, when they are well enough to do so.

If your child, is unable to attend school for any reason, please make sure you let us know, by contacting the school on the morning of each day of their absence.

Just so you are aware, we are not permitted to authorise any term time holidays.

If you are struggling with your child's attendance, please come in and speak to us so we can see if there is anything we can do to support you and your child.

Appointments



We do understand that your child will need to attend different types of appointments, at some point, during their time here with us. When this is the case, please can we ask that you arrange appointments outside of school hours, so your child does not miss any of their learning time.

If you do need to take your child out of school for an appointment, please give the office 48 hours' notice, in writing via email cannhall@compassps.uk. You will also need to attached evidence of your appointment. Thank you.

Medications



Please can you ensure that all medication/inhalers are signed in through the school office. Teachers are not permitted to accept any medication at their classroom doors.

In accordance with School policy regarding the administration of medicines, staff will not be able to give medication to your child unless the "request for school to administer medication form" is completed and signed.

PRESCRIBED MEDICINES - must be supplied to the school in their original container as dispensed by the pharmacy, with the pharmacy label showing the child's name. **BLISTER PACKS CAN NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

NON-PRESCRIBED MEDICINES - will only be given when the parent is unable to come to school to administer it themselves. It is at the Head's discretion, for a limited and specific purpose.

Healthy Snacks



You are very welcome to send your child into school each day with a 'healthy snack' for them to eat at break time and we encourage you to send them in everyday with a drink of water or sugar free squash (no glass bottles).

Please see below the acceptable healthy snacks which have been agreed on as a school:

- plain biscuits, for example, rich tea, digestives
- breadsticks
- fruit (fresh or dried)
- vegetable or salad sticks
- plain rice cakes
- plain crackers

All the children in EYFS – Y2 receive a weekly delivery of fresh fruit or vegetables, which they are offered at snack time, each day.

The above healthy snacks have been agreed to keep those children in our school with serious food intolerances/allergies safe.

Amazon Wish List



As you know, school funding is very limited and providing the best learning environment, resources and experiences for the children often means going above and beyond what our school budget allows.

To help with these budget restraints, this year, we have created an **Amazon Wish List**, with items that will directly support your child's learning experiences.

If you would like to support the school, using our Amazon wish list, you can just scan this QR code, which will take you to the Cann Hall School Amazon page. Here, you can see what items have been added to the list, how many of each item we are asking for, and how many have already been donated to the school, by other families.



To complete the donation, add the item to your basket as you usually would but ensure that the address is the school's address: **Cann Hall Primary School, Constable Avenue, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, CO16 8DA**. The item will then be sent straight to the school office.

Any support you can give, will help to further enhance your children's learning experiences, while they are here with us so thank you, in advance for your generosity – it will truly make a huge difference.

Congratulations



Sending out huge congratulations to Miss Deal, our SENDCo, who got married over the summer holiday.

I am sure you will agree that the bride and groom make a stunning couple, and we wish them many years of happiness together.

From now on Miss Deal will be known as Mrs Newman.



This is me

Last year some of the EYFS children (now in Year 1) took part in a Young Artists 'This is Me' competition. For this, they had to draw a picture of themselves doing something they enjoy. We are delighted to announce that their pictures are being published in a book due out on 27th October. Each child also received a certificate for taking part. Congratulations!



Polite reminder



We have already had some concerns sent in from our neighbours in Smyth Close and Dickson Close about parking and the difficulty other road users are having getting through. We really do not want to have any accidents, so please be mindful of where and how you are parking, at drop off and collection times. We encourage walking to school, if possible, or parking a little further away and walking the remainder of your journey. Think of all the health benefits with those extra steps you are getting in this way!

Upcoming dates for your diary

8.9.25 – 10.9.25: EYFS Induction Part Days including lunch

10.9.25: EYFS children start full days

26.9.25: Individual Photographs

29.9.25: Harvest Festival

1.10.25: Flu Vaccinations

Kindest regards



Wendy Byrne