

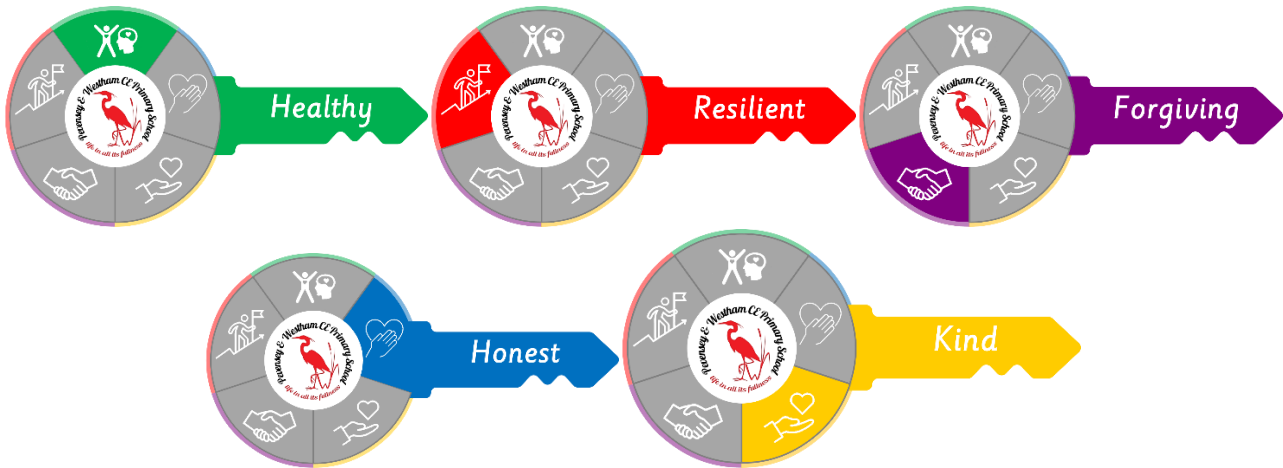
Meet the Teacher – September 2022

In-line with our school's [Values and Vision](#), we recognise the importance of the partnership between the school and our families in supporting all our children to *flourish, reach their potential and enjoy fullness of life*.

Please find below a summary of the key messages shared with all parents at our Meet the Teacher evenings this year.

Behaviour

At PaWS we maintain high expectations of behaviour. Children are supported in this through our 'Good to be Green' charts and this term we have reintroduced a House Point system. We are revising our Behaviour Policy and we will be seeking pupil and parent views with this. Throughout conversations about behaviour, staff at the school will regularly discuss the school values with children:



Online Safety

The partnership between parents and school in relation to online safety concerns is essential. In school, children have signed an age-appropriate acceptable use agreement which links closely to our school values.

As children progress through the school, they will be learning about how to keep themselves safe online, including the use of social media, as part of our preventative education. This year we will develop our pupil digital leader roles and undertake surveys with children to find out about their online habits. This will support us in shaping **our** curriculum to **our** pupils.

Please click below for parent guides to a range of websites, games and APPs. Parents and carers will also find guidance for setting up parental controls at home:

<https://pevenseschool.org.uk/safeguarding/online-safety/>

Healthy Eating

We are aiming to achieve the East Sussex Healthy Schools' Quality Mark this year. We ask that parents support in this by providing children with healthy snacks and lunchboxes. Suggestions for snacks include:

- Fruit and vegetables
- Granola bars
- Rice cakes
- Malt loaf
- Cheese and crackers
- Yogurt
- Unsalted popcorn

Children should not have crisp, chocolate bars or sweets for their snack.

We would also remind parents that children should only have water in their drink bottles and not squash.

<https://pevenseyschool.org.uk/parents/healthysnacks>

Lines of Communication

1. For the vast majority of any classroom-based queries you have, your child's class teacher should be your first point of contact with the school.
2. If you feel a query needs additional follow up, please contact Mrs Kerr or Mrs Delaney in the next instance.
3. For additional support with any matter, please then contact Mr Paramor.

To avoid missing any of messages we will be switching off the Dojo messaging feature (except for our Early Years children in Pixies and Elves) and asking parents or carers to contact the school or the class teacher via email. Furthermore, if the message relates to changes to your pickup and collection arrangements, parents should always copy in the office team along with the class teacher: admin@pevenseyschool.org.uk.

Staff will endeavour to respond to any emails within 48 working hours unless they require a more immediate response.

Finances

Many of our families will be facing financial uncertainty. If you feel the school can support in any way then please make contact. Any conversations will be treated confidentially. We have also updated our Family Wellbeing page on the website with links to local and national support networks.

<https://pevenseyschool.org.uk/parents/wellbeing>

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

For any families or carers who feel they may be entitled to Free School Meals, information for how to apply can be found here:

<https://pevenseyschool.org.uk/statutory-info/pupil-premium>

Attendance and Punctuality

At PaWS we expect pupils to maintain high levels of attendance wherever possible. This is especially important following the impact of Covid-19 during the last 3 years. The school will not be able to authorise any term time holiday.

Punctuality is also incredibly important. Children regularly arriving late disrupt other children's learning and miss out themselves on important learning at the start of the day.

<https://pevenseyschool.org.uk/parents/attendance>

Parking and the Walking Bus

We would like to remind all parents of the importance of **parking safely** and to also park respectfully towards our neighbours. We would rather your child arrived late than a child was put at risk of an accident.

Parents can park for free at the castle carpark – please collect a permit from the school office.

To reduce traffic on the High Street, the 'Walking Bus' leaves the castle carpark at 8.30am each day. We would like to start another 'Walking Bus' from the train station. If any parents are able to support a member of staff each day with this, please contact our Business Manager, Rachel Smith:

rsmith@pevenseyschool.org.uk.

Uniform

We have limited the branded items that pupils need to the school jumper, PE shirt and the book bags for younger children. Our supplier will no longer stock branded polo shirts.

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery at school. Children with pierced ears can only wear small studs.

<https://pevenseyschool.org.uk/parents/uniform/>

Books sent home

If families have any book belonging to the school at home that are no longer being read, please can these be returned. Some children have repeatedly lost books at home or returned them damaged. The school will ask for a contribution for a replacement where this is the case.

Photo Permissions

Parents may wish to review the photo permission set up on Arbor. This is following some disappointment from parents when photos shared on the school's Facebook or Classdojo pages have had their child's face covered.

Parent Forums

We will soon be sending out information regarding upcoming Parent Forums where we can share information and ask for parents' views into a range of topics. We will start with forums in relation to behaviour and online safety.