



# Hedgewood School Newsletter

## Message from the Co-Heads

Dear Parents & Carers,

We extend a warm welcome to all our new and returning families. The Autumn Term has begun on a positive note, with pleasant weather during our first week back. We have an exciting term planned and will keep you informed about upcoming dates and activities. We are eager to collaborate with you and are available to address any questions or concerns you may have. Please feel free to contact us at [office@hedgewood.org](mailto:office@hedgewood.org).  
Mrs Greenwald & Mrs Smith

### School Day

Mon-Thurs  
8.30am—3pm

Friday  
8.30am-2.30pm

The gate will close at 8.45am.

## This Week

We've had a wonderful first week back, with all pupils settling in smoothly after the holidays. Our teachers are focusing on establishing clear routines in the classroom to help children adjust quickly and comfortably. At the same time, we're creating positive and engaging experiences to foster a love of learning. We're excited to see the enthusiasm and joy as everyone returns, ready for an exciting new term ahead!

## Parentmail

Hedgewood is a cashless school and does not accept cash payments for any school-related transactions, except when collecting donations for events like Red Nose Day.

All purchases, including uniforms and bags, should be made through ParentMail. If you do not have access to ParentMail, please contact the school office for assistance.



## Attendance Officer

We are delighted to see such a positive start to the new academic year, particularly in terms of attendance and punctuality. We would like to take this opportunity to gently remind you of a few key points to help maintain this positive momentum.

- Parents are required to notify the school before 9.00am on each day that your child is absent. This can be done by contacting the school office via telephone, email, ParentMail, or by contacting the 'Attendance Officer' directly on Seesaw.
- Please remember that the school gate opens at **8:30am** and closes at **8:45am** each morning. Could we please also remind you that school finishes at **3:00pm** from Monday to Thursday and at **2:30pm** on Fridays.

Education is of the highest importance to us and we know that higher attendance leads to the best outcomes for our pupils. Thank you for your cooperation and dedication to ensuring our pupils education remains a top priority.

## Family Services

We are pleased to introduce our Family Services Team to all our new families. This dedicated team, consisting of Ayo Akinnola and Jo Major, are here to provide a network of support and guidance for parents and carers. They are committed to fostering a welcoming environment and strengthening links between home and school, and offer a variety of engagement opportunities for our Hedgewood community. These include Parent/Carer Coffee Mornings and Afternoons, extended school clubs (Breakfast Club, Saturday Club, Holiday Club), Parent workshops and more.

As certified Mental Health First Aiders, Ayo and Jo serve as points of contact for anyone experiencing mental health challenges or emotional distress. Their aim is to ensure that families have access to the right support at the right time.

We encourage you to stay informed about Hedgewood Family Services by keeping an eye on Parentmail and Seesaw announcements for the latest information. Should you require support or advice, please do not hesitate to reach out to Ayo and Jo directly. We are here to help you and your family flourish!



## Parking Reminders

We would like to ask for your continued support in maintaining safe and clear access for our buses and for our neighbours. We understand that parking can be somewhat challenging, but your cooperation in refraining from using the dropped curbs has been instrumental in maintaining safe passage for our families and buses at the end of the day. Kindly note that there are ample parking spaces available in the adjacent streets which are only a short walk away from the gates. Your commitment to this small yet significant gesture makes a big difference.



## Upcoming Events

**13th September—Roald Dahl Book day**

The children will engage with a variety of Roald Dahl stories in the school library!

