

BOLD FUTURES



Dear parents and carers,

We are coming to the end of our first year as a federation and are beyond proud of all that your children have achieved. Great strides have been made across all three schools towards inclusion and excellence in Aldershot.

Thank you for your ongoing support for your child's education. This year has seen enormous progress for our pupils and that is due in no small part to your dedication, willingness to bring children to boosters, help with homework, daily reading and so much more.

We will shortly be launching our new federation website, through which you can access all school sites. Please note: you can still access the individual school sites without following this link.

<https://www.boldfutures.co.uk/>

We hope you have a wonderful summer holidays and take some well-deserved rest together as a family if possible. However, we know that the summer holidays can be a difficult time too—please reach out if you need any help. Emails to school offices will still be monitored, though response times may be longer.

We wish you all the best and look forward to seeing you again on **Thursday 4th September**.

Mrs Webb

Mrs Harman-Box

Mrs Pinto

Mrs Mark-Richards

Staying safe in the sun

We never know what the great British weather will do but please ensure that your child is sun safe.

Sun cream should be applied regularly, with a waiting period between application and children getting in a pool.

Sun hats should be worn to protect children from rays too.



Cold water shock

Jumping into cold water can be tempting on a hot day but please remember that guidance is that this can be fatal.

Cold water shock is sadly still a common cause of death for children and young people.

Encourage children to:

- Stop and think before jumping in
- Acclimatise themselves to water slowly
- Swim under appropriate adult supervision

Familiarise yourself with:

- Recognising the signs of struggle swimming
- Basic first aid to respond to difficulty swimming



Supervision

Playing out independently is an important part of growing up. However, this needs to be balanced with a good level of supervision.

Please ensure that older siblings are not responsible for younger ones, particularly if the younger sibling is of Infant School age.

We want every child to have a safe and fun summer.

Thank you for your support.

Across all three schools, there will be some changes in leadership to ensure that we are providing the best education possible for your child. Please see below for the key leadership structures. Please note: a full staffing structure for your child's school will be sent out to you in September.

Talavera Junior School

Amanda Webb Executive Headteacher		
Laura Harman-Box Head of School		
Sarah Mark-Richards Inclusion Lead		
Lucy Coombs Assistant Headteacher	Naomi Heaton Assistant Headteacher	Clare Litwin Executive SENDCo
Charlotte Horner SENDCo		

Wellington Community Primary School

Amanda Webb Executive Headteacher	
Alexis Pinto Head of School	
Russell Davies Assistant Headteacher	Clare Litwin Executive SENDCo & Assistant Headteacher

Marlborough County Infant School

Amanda Webb Executive Headteacher
Laura Harman-Box Head of School
Clare Litwin Executive SENDCo & Assistant Headteacher
Alex Houghton School Operations Lead & EYFS Lead

Reminders for September

Earrings:

These should be single studs only. Your child will be asked to remove them or you will be asked to remove them if they wear other earrings. Children cannot wear earrings for PE as this is a health and safety issue.

Bracelets/ other jewellery:

Please ensure that your child is not wearing other forms of jewellery. These are not safe to wear in school and your child will be asked to remove them.

Full uniform:

Wearing your child's school uniform correctly, tidily and appropriately is a sign that they are proud to be a part of our community. Specific reminders for your child's individual school will go out in September but please ensure that they are wearing school shoes, not trainers.

Bags/ pencil cases:

We endeavour to ensure that children are safe with each other things. However, we cannot guarantee that any personal items which come into school will be protected. Alongside this, we have a limited amount of space and school provides all resources that your child needs for their education.

For this reason, we will be saying that children are not to bring backpacks from September. Children can use a drawstring bag for their lunch, reading record and homework. PE kits should also be in bags like this.

We will be sending home backpacks so please do **not** buy one over the summer holidays.

Please ensure your child's name is written on the bag. If it is not, we will do this in the first week of school.

If you do not know where to find a bag of this type, please note that they will be on sale from school during our uniform sales in the summer holidays. Further information about these will be released.

Bags will **not have keyrings or other elements attached to them**. Your child does not need these through the school day and they unfortunately do go missing.

Similarly, children do not need pencil cases and these will be sent home.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that our schools are safe, equitable places.



Parental mental health

We know that the summer holidays are long and can be a period of stress for families. If you know that you need help for your own mental health, please access one of the services listed by the NHS:



<https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/mental-health-services/>

If you feel you are in crisis, please reach out to the Samaritans or to the NHS through 999.

Thank you and please look after ourselves.

Additional support:

Please remember that services such as the Grub Hub, The Vine Centre and the Farnborough Food Bank will still run over the summer holidays.

Please reach out if you need help.

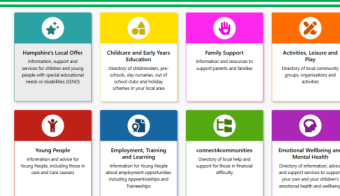


FISH

Hampshire's Family Information and Services Hub can offer lots of support, including directing families to holiday clubs and respite care if you are eligible.

Take a look at the website below:

<https://fish.hants.gov.uk/kb5/hampshire/directory/home.page>



Online Safety: The NSPCC released their 'Targeting Girls Online' report which looks at how online services enable the abuse and harassment of girls. Specifically, researchers were looking at the design features that enable and facilitate abusive communication, e.g. direct messaging, livestream and in-game chat, gifting and rewards.

The study looks at 10 popular social media, gaming and livestream platforms through abusability testing with fictitious 14-year-old accounts, identifying 19 high-risk features that make it quick and easy to find under-18 girls. these high' risk features are things like:

Always visible profile photos, bios and usernames, even for private accounts, including no granular controls over which profile elements are public.

- Adult search results routinely surface child accounts.
- Adults can look through a child's friends/followers list for more potential targets.
- Researchers found that:
- 10-15 year olds suffer the highest rates of online bullying and peer sexual harassment.

It is worth remembering these points as your child may spend time on their device over the holidays.

Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF)

You may be eligible for your children to attend a HAF programme, particularly if your child receives Free School Meals. Please follow the link below to sign up:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities/holidayactivities>

Please note that you **must** sign up for these clubs so that eligibility can be checked.

If you need any help to do this, please pop into a school office and let us know.



See beyond the silence—Hampshire's Domestic Violence campaign

Hampshire have launched a new domestic violence campaign with focus on its impact on children. If you have any concerns or worries around domestic violence, whether this relates to you or someone else, please remember the following:



1. Children and young people are victims of domestic abuse

Not just witnesses—living in a home with domestic abuse can have serious emotional, psychological, and developmental impacts.

2. Children may not always speak up—but their behaviour often does

Signs like anxiety, withdrawal, aggression, or fearfulness can be indicators of abuse at home.

3. You don't need to be certain. You just need to care

Adults who interact with children—teachers, neighbours, friends, relatives—are encouraged to trust their instincts and take action if something feels wrong.

4. There is support available

You are not alone in helping a child. Local safeguarding teams and domestic abuse services are here to support you.

5. Summer holidays can increase risk

With children spending more time at home, the campaign highlights the importance of vigilance and early intervention during this period.

6. Language matters—be trauma-informed

The campaign promotes the use of sensitive, respectful, and non-judgmental language when talking about domestic abuse and its impact on children.

If you wish to, please find the video that Hampshire have released alongside this campaign:

<https://youtu.be/FMivRU4Z7uI>