



# Catshill First School and Nursery

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## Our value for September is Relationships



As we return to school, one of the things the children have told us they wanted was to see their friends and their teachers again. It has been lovely to reconnect, restore and rebuild those friendships and relationships. We are working in all our classes on exploring the value of relationships.



## epraise

Following on from our recent emails we are now using epraise for our communications to yourselves. You will receive all letters, emails and other correspondence through this so it is very important that you register if you have not already done so. If you have any problems registering please contact the school office. Like yourselves, we are still getting used to the new system so please bear with staff whilst they become accustomed to it. We hope to have a tutorial video to share with you all soon.

### ARRIVING AT SCHOOL



Thank you to all parents/carers who are keeping their distance on the playground at the start and beginning of the school day. Both entrances will remain open children can arrive at school between 8:45am and 9:05am. We thank you for not blocking pathways or crowding around doorways and remind you that the tyres and climbing wall should not be used at these times. This is a safety precaution to avoid the spread of Covid 19. We thank you for your continued support.

### ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL

We are restricting the use of the front entrance to school for pupils. This is to keep our children safe by reducing the chances of pupils from different bubbles cross contaminating within the school. Our extended opening time in the morning should support most parents who are running late and we thank parents for keeping within these extended times. Those who are late will need to sign their child in at the school office then take their child to the glass corridor (between school and Children's Centre) to await a member of staff who will escort their child to class.



Please see our website [here](#) for all the latest information regarding Covid-19 pupil related absence.

### Key Stage 2 - Blackwell Adventure

As advised in our last newsletter the planned Blackwell Adventure residential has been moved to March 2021 (17th - 19th at present however this may be subject to change and we will keep you informed). If there are any Year 4 pupils who had not originally requested a place and would now like to go please get in touch with the School Office. We will shortly be sending out letters to Year 3 children with details of how they can request a place and a schedule for payments. Please note that all payments have been carried forward and if you have been unable to make a recent payment we will be in contact with rescheduled payment dates.



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## Hangout Club - Wrap Around Care

If you need before or after school care, Hangout Club operates from the Tulip Tree Centre building on our school site. Details of wrap around care provided by The Hangout Club can be found on our website [here](#).

### School Meals



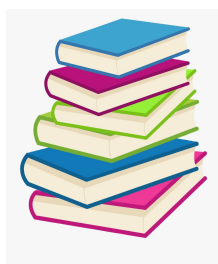
For pupils in Year 3 and Year 4, if you are not entitled to free school meals, dinner money should be paid for the entire week on Monday morning. Payment should be placed in a named, sealed envelope with the days of the week that dinner is required written on the front. The dinner menu is available on our [website](#) to enable you to check which meals your child wishes to have on any given week. Please note that Shire Services are unable to accept payment on a daily basis for meals (in an exceptional circumstance please call the school office for advice before 9.30am).

### Free School Meals

Has your situation changed? Do you think you might be entitled to Free School Meals? If you believe that you might be entitled, please use this link to apply [Apply online | Applying for Free School Meals](#)



## Home Reading Books



Please return any books that were given out last year.

Any books that are returned to school will be quarantined for 3 days before being redistributed.

School will be purchasing additional books in order to make sure that we can continue to support our families to be able to read at home every night.



## Tik Tok Safeguarding message

We have been informed from the LA Safeguarding team that it is possible for children through the use of **TikTok** to inadvertently come across inappropriate social media content of suicide.

Here are some useful sites which can give you support to keep your children safe online:

- [www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/)
- [www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers)
- [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/)
- [www.ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting/](http://www.ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting/)



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## E-safety Reminder

We will keep this reminder about e-safety on our newsletter as we know that the use of internet and technology has increased. Please continue to be mindful of the dangers of being on-line as well as the advantages. Please see our school website for further details [eSafety](#) or use the support on the Think You Know website [Thinkuknow - home](#).



### Catshill First School and Nursery Term Dates for Academic Year 2020/21

#### AUTUMN TERM 2020

TERM STARTS	Wednesday 2 September 2020
HALF TERM	Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October 2020
TERM ENDS	Friday 18 December 2020

#### SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Inset 1 – Tuesday 1 September 2020  
Inset 2 – Friday 2 October 2020

#### SPRING TERM 2021

TERM STARTS	Tuesday 5 January 2021
HALF TERM	Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February 2021
TERM ENDS	Wednesday 31 March 2021

#### SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Inset 3 – Monday 4 January 2021  
Inset 4 – Thursday 1 April 2021

#### SUMMER TERM 2021

TERM STARTS	Monday 19 April 2021
HALF TERM	Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2021
TERM ENDS	Wednesday 21 July 2021

#### SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Bank Holiday – Monday 3 May 2021  
Inset 5 – Friday 28 May 2021



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