

Prospectus 2019-2020

Peacehaven Heights Primary School and Nursery



Welcome to our School

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Welcome to Peacehaven Heights Primary School and Nursery. We hope this prospectus gives you a flavour of the exciting, fun and meaningful learning that takes place here!

At Peacehaven Heights, we have high expectations for our pupils in all aspects of school and community, including academic standards, behaviours, creativity and citizenship.

We strongly believe that all children are entitled to an excellent education and our team of dedicated and committed teachers and support staff work hard to meet the needs of all pupils and aim to enthuse, inspire and support pupils in learning how to reach their full potential.

We are committed to providing an outstanding knowledge-based curriculum and stimulating learning environment, both inside and outside the school.

We are very proud of our lovely school and the children and families that we work with. We look forward to working in partnership with parents and carers to provide a safe, nurturing and inspirational place in which to learn.

We would be delighted to show you around our learning environment. To arrange a visit or for further information please contact the school office on 01273 575989.



'I like going out on Beach School.' Year 3 Pupil

'My favourite subject is Maths and I love our library.' Year 6

'We are so proud of our school. Everyone helps us to be the best we can.' Students at School

Admissions

Children are admitted to school in line with East Sussex County Council policy. A detailed description of admission arrangements is contained in the booklet '**Applying for a school for your child 2019-2020**'. If you wish to apply for a place for your child, you can apply online at www.eastsussex.gov.uk

All applications need to be completed by 15th January 2020.

For help and advice you can contact the Family Information Service [0345 60 80 192] or our school office will be pleased to help you with any questions.

Admissions to the Nursery Class

The Nursery class admissions are made through the school in accordance with the Nursery Admissions Policy (agreed by the Interim Executive Board). Applications will be considered on a termly basis, in accordance with our Admissions Policy. Applications for September entry should be submitted no later than the end of the Spring term previous. Those for Spring and Summer term entry should be received by the closing date for half -term break in the term preceding entry. All applications received by that date will be considered together against the Policy.

The Nursery is open from 8.30am-3.00pm. We offer both 15 hour and 30 hour funded places. The 15 hour sessions can be used in a variety of ways: 8.30am - 12.00pm daily or 12.00pm - 3.00pm daily. You can pay for a lunch slot (11.30am - 12.00pm) and join an am and pm session together. Please see our Nursery Policy for further information.



Vision and Values

Relationships between teachers and pupils are excellent, and as a result, pupils work hard. There is strong learning ethos in the school.'

Ofsted 2016

We believe:

'Childhood matters and learning is meaningful'

We aim to create a secure and stimulating environment in which all our pupils can achieve their full potential. Staff are totally committed to equal opportunity and we constantly strive for a positive, inclusive education for all.

We provide:

- An environment where everyone feels safe, cared for and valued Effective teaching and learning
- A happy, structured, stimulating learning environment inside and out
- High standards in basic skills
- Exciting and meaningful first hand experiences in school and on the beach/in the forest
- Whole school behaviour management strategies
- Strategies for helping each child to learn

School Ethos

All members of staff, both teaching and non-teaching, share and endorse the school ethos: Our school is a forward thinking and caring school, committed to the intellectual, social, emotional and physical wellbeing of all who work and learn there, and is an integral part of the local community.

There is:

- An exciting, well balanced knowledge-based curriculum
- Warm and caring relationships between adults and children
- Well organised and stimulating learning environments including outside the classroom
- High expectations that are age-appropriate
- A positive learning culture throughout the school
- Equality of opportunity for all
- Opportunities for parents to become involved
- Challenging professional development for staff
- Strong links with the local community

All about the School

Peacehaven Heights is a vibrant and exciting Primary School where childhood matters and learning is meaningful, relevant and fun. Our school provides an excellent purpose-built learning environment for Foundation through to Key Stage 2 on two sites. Foundation and Key Stage 1 on our Infant Site and Key Stage 2 on our Junior Site.

The school is two-form entry, with a Nursery Class. Currently, there are approximately 420 children on roll, including those in the Nursery.

The school is led by motivated, experienced and dedicated professionals who have a passion is the education of Early Years and Primary aged children.

'Central to the school's caring approach is the importance of each pupil.' Ofsted 2016

The School day

Nursery

30 hour funded sessions

8.30am - 2.30pm

15 hour funded sessions

8.30am - 11.30am

12.00pm - 3.00pm

Reception & Infant Site

Playground gates open 8.30am to 8.50am

Break time 10.30-10.45am

Lunch time 12.00-1.00pm

Afternoon session 1.00pm - 3.00pm

End of Day 3.00pm

Junior Site

Playground gates open 8.40am-8.50am

Break time 10.30am-10.45am

Lunch time 12.00pm-1.00pm

Afternoon session 1.00pm-3.15pm

End of Day - 3.15pm



School Uniform

We are proud of our school uniform; it was chosen by our children and parents. The wearing of uniform is compulsory. All items with the school logo can be purchased from our on-line uniform supplier www.brigade.uk.com/direct

Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly named, any unnamed items are placed in the lost property. Please ask for this at the School office.

Winter Uniform - This can be worn throughout the year:

- Black or grey traditional trousers or **knee length** skirt/pinafore dress
- White polo shirt
- Dark purple sweatshirt or cardigan embroidered with **Peacehaven Heights** logo
- Plain black low heeled shoes or boots
- Plain black, grey or white socks/tights

*Fashion trousers such as jeans style trousers or leggings are not permitted
Trainers or multi coloured shoes or boots are not permitted*

Optional Summer Uniform

- Purple and white checked dress or black/grey traditional shorts
- Black or white sandals

Flimsy or multi coloured sandals or flip-flops are not permitted

PE Kit Essential Items:

- Plain white polo shirt
- Plain black shorts
- Plimsolls or trainers
- Jogging bottoms

Permitted jewellery:

- One pair of small ear studs (must be removed for PE)
- Wristwatch

No other items of jewellery are permitted

Hair:

- Long hair should be tied back
- Hair should be of natural coloured appearance and all one colour

Extreme hairstyles and shaved designs are not permitted

Nail varnish, Make-Up and tattoos are not permitted

Beach School

Peacehaven Heights is a designated **Beach School**. Our regular outdoor sessions enable the children to explore and use the local environment in order to enhance their learning experience. The Beach School staff are a highly qualified and enthusiastic team who ensure that through enjoyable and exciting activities many elements of the curriculum are covered and supported. We also foster a more holistic approach to child development focussing on skills such as teamwork, resilience, building self-esteem and respect for each other and the environment.

You can get a flavour of what the children have been learning at Beach School through the dedicated Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/PeacehavenHeightsBeachSchool/>



'My favourite thing at school is Beach School. I like working outdoors and learning about the area. My mum likes it when I teach her things I have learned at Beach School, like about deciduous trees and making a shelter.'

Year 5 child.

Personal, Social & Health Education

The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is good. Pupils spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is supported well.'

Ofsted 2016

The important citizenship and personal skills are taught through the creative curriculum, circle time and assemblies. There are 3 areas of the PSHE curriculum:

- Health and wellbeing
- Relationships
- Living in the wider world (including economic wellbeing and aspects of careers education).

Pupils Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) development is a high priority and through this we promote the Fundamental British Values of:

- Democracy
- The Rule of Law
- Individual Liberty
- Mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

These are taught explicitly through the diverse curriculum and assembly programme.



We promote the Core Values of Resilience, Respect, Compassion and Courage; these are displayed across the School and celebrated in our weekly 'Celebration Assembly'. The School has an Anti-Bullying Policy and this is available on the school website. The pupils learn about the different types of bullying at School and develop a 'toolkit' to help them know where to go if they have a relationship problem.

The school council represent the pupils' voice and are democratically elected. We also have a pro-active Eco-Committee and a Digital Leader programme.

'They make sure we are safe and are always there for us.'

School Council 2018

Safeguarding

The health, safety and wellbeing of every child is our paramount concern. We listen to our pupils and take seriously what they tell us. Our aim is that we all have a happy, enjoyable and safe time at school. We work in partnership with you to help your child achieve his/her potential and make a positive contribution to the wider community. On rare occasions, our concern about a child may mean we have to consult other agencies including Children's Services. In taking this action, we are not making a judgement on parents/carers but following a strict procedure and carrying out our duty of care.

Every adult that works in the school, including volunteers, is subject to statutory enhanced DBS identification checks.

The School Policy on Safeguarding and Child Protection, which follows the East Sussex guidelines, is available on our website and this is updated annually.

Behaviour and Safety

The behaviour of pupils is good,

Ofsted 2016

We work hard to make sure our school is a safe and happy place. Responsible, mature and considerate behaviour is encouraged by our Behaviour Policy. We have three important statements we ask our children and these are as follows.

- We are happy
- We are safe
- We are ready to learn

The Behaviour Policy helps children to self-regulate their behaviour and develop strategies to cope within school and transfer these skills into all areas of their life.



School Meals

All Infant pupils (Reception, Years 1 and 2) are entitled to a free lunch under the Universal Infant Free School Meals programme (UIFSM)

All school meals are cooked freshly every day. The daily menu offers a number of choices, including a vegetarian meal, and this published on our website. A hard copy of the menu is available from the office. Key Stage 2 children will need to pay for School lunches on a *daily* basis and the current cost is £2.10 per day, which must be sent in with the child each day.

Parents may wish to provide children with a healthy packed lunch. These are eaten in the School Hall and should be brought to school in a suitable named container. Guidance for healthy packed lunches include:

Recommended:

Sandwiches with healthy fillings
Fruit and/or vegetables or salad
Pasta salad or wraps
Drink - juice or water

Not Recommended:

Snack type meals
Chocolate or sweets
High salt or sugar snacks
Fizzy drinks

Peacehaven Heights is a nut free environment as we have several children with life threatening nut allergies.

Although all Reception and KS1 children are now entitled to a school meal, it is vital for all parents/carers who think they may be entitled to free school meals, to apply. Applying for free school meals means that the funding for our school is increased which enables us to provide additional support in school and benefits such as subsidised school trips, clubs and many other activities. If you are not sure if you might be entitled to free school meals for your child then please call the school office with your National Insurance number and date of birth, and we can check on your behalf.

Free school meals are available to any Key Stage 2 child whose parents receive any of the following:

- Income support
- Income based jobseekers allowance
- Support under part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Seekers Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, providing you are not entitled to working tax credit and have an annual income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue that does not exceed £16,190

Breakfast Club

The School has a Breakfast Club which runs every day from 7.30am at the Junior Site. The club is open to both Infant and Junior children. There is a Walking Bus facility for the children from the Infant Site. There are a range of healthy breakfasts on offer and the cost is £3.50 each day. The cost covers breakfast and staffing. Children currently on free school meals may attend breakfast club free of charge.

'The Breakfast Club provides a good, nurturing start to the day.'

Ofsted 2016

Special Educational Needs

Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

We are an inclusive school, providing for all children including those with all types of special educational needs and disabilities. The staff and Interim Executive Board fulfil their statutory duty towards pupils with SEN or disabilities in accordance with the guidance set out in the *Children and Families Act 2014* and the SEN Code of Practice. The SENCo (Special Needs Co-ordinator) role across the school is fulfilled by two teachers with specific expertise in the area of SEND. We aim to identify a child's special educational needs (SEN) as early as possible, enabling all pupils to achieve the best possible outcomes. A team of class based teaching assistants, with a range of skills within the area of SEND, support children in their learning and emotional development.

The Interim Executive Board

The Interim Executive Board (IEB) is responsible for the strategic management of the school, for policies and standards. The IEB meets monthly and the minutes of these meetings are available on the School Website.

Attendance

School Matters!



'Attendance matters and absences can affect a child's rate of progress.'

Ofsted 2016

Please ensure that your child arrives on time every day. All children are expected to be in school **before** registration at 8.50am. Any child arriving late must report to the school office and be signed in.

With the exception of serious illness, there are very few good reasons to miss school. If your child is tired they are still capable of going to school. If your child has a minor illness that is not contagious then please send them into school.

If your child requires a doctor, dentist or opticians appointment please try to make these out of school hours.

When your child is absent, please notify us, initially by phone or in person on the first day of absence before 8.50am. If we have not received any notification from you by 9.00am we operate a first day phoning system and an attempt will be made to reach you. However we must stress that while we will do everything possible to establish where your child is, it is **YOUR** responsibility to inform the school about absence.

We are required to publish details of absence rates. Persistent or unexplained absence or lateness is followed up by the Local Authority's Education Support Behaviour Attendance Service.

Holidays in term-time

In line with all the Havens Schools, holidays during term-time are not permitted and any requests for absence are to be made in advance using a 'withdrawal from learning' request form available from the school office. Withdrawal from learning **will** result in a penalty notice of £60 per parent per child.

Home Learning

We ask that all children read daily at home. This has a direct impact on their writing, widening their vocabulary and understanding of the English language. Children are also encouraged to practise their number fluency and number calculations eg number bonds and times tables.

Each year group will set homework, when necessary, to support the children's learning within the subjects being taught in their class.

Homework tasks will be shared with children and parents throughout the academic year.

Communication with Parents/Carers

The relationship between parents, carers and the school is very important to us. A strong partnership can be very beneficial and result in better outcomes for children. Teachers and other staff are very open to communications about children and are generally available at the end of the school day. For important messages at the start of the day, please contact the school office or a member of staff at the gate.

Parents are encouraged to sign up for ParentMail so we can contact you quickly and easily with the latest communications. Newsletters are fortnightly and are e-mailed and published on the website. Text messages are regularly used for a range of reminders and information.

Parent teacher consultations are held twice yearly and all parents are expected to attend wherever possible. Annual reports to parents are published in July.

Remember to check the website for all the latest information

The Link

All parents are automatically members of our Parent/School link association, known as The Link. We have a small committee formed by parents from both sites. Parents are informed through Newsletters and ParentMail of when meetings and events are taking place.

You can contact the committee by emailing TheLink@peacehaven.e-sussex.sch.uk or going to the page on the school website.