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Henhurst Ridge Primary Academy

Reception Parent Pack

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Welcome to our School

I am thrilled to welcome your child to **Henhurst Ridge Primary Academy** this September. Starting school is a big step—for children and parents alike—and it's natural to feel a mix of excitement and nerves. Please know that our whole team is here to support you, making this transition as smooth and positive as possible.

At Henhurst, we pride ourselves on being a warm, joyful, and nurturing school where every child is known, valued, and encouraged to flourish. Our community is at the heart of everything we do, and we look forward to welcoming you and your family into it, sharing memorable events, learning experiences, and everyday moments together.

You can be confident that your child will be cared for, challenged appropriately, and supported as they grow both academically and personally. We are committed to walking alongside you throughout this journey, celebrating achievements and providing guidance whenever it's needed.

Thank you for trusting us with this important chapter in your child's life. We are excited to begin this journey together.

Charlotte Hopkins

Headteacher

'Henhurst Ridge Primary Academy – providing the roots to grow and the wings to fly.'



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Quick Links & Key Information

Please click on the quick links below to take you straight to our key information:

Henhurst Ridge Primary Academy Website:

Henhurst Ridge Primary Academy

School admissions:

Admissions Policy – Henhurst Ridge Primary Academy

School policies:

Policies – Henhurst Ridge Primary Academy

School term dates:

Term Dates – Henhurst Ridge Primary Academy

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We're proud to be part of REAch2 Academy Trust—the largest primary-only trust in England, supporting over 60 schools across the country since 2012.

At the heart of REAch2 are its Touchstone values: learning, leadership, enjoyment, inclusion, inspiration, responsibility, and integrity. These aren't just words—they guide everything we do.

REAch2 is a family of schools, working together, learning from one another, and supporting each other to give every child the best start in life. This spirit of collaboration runs through every classroom, staffroom, and playground.

As a REAch2 school, we share in the Trust's mission to provide exceptional education built on strong values and a deep commitment to community.



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Our Curriculum

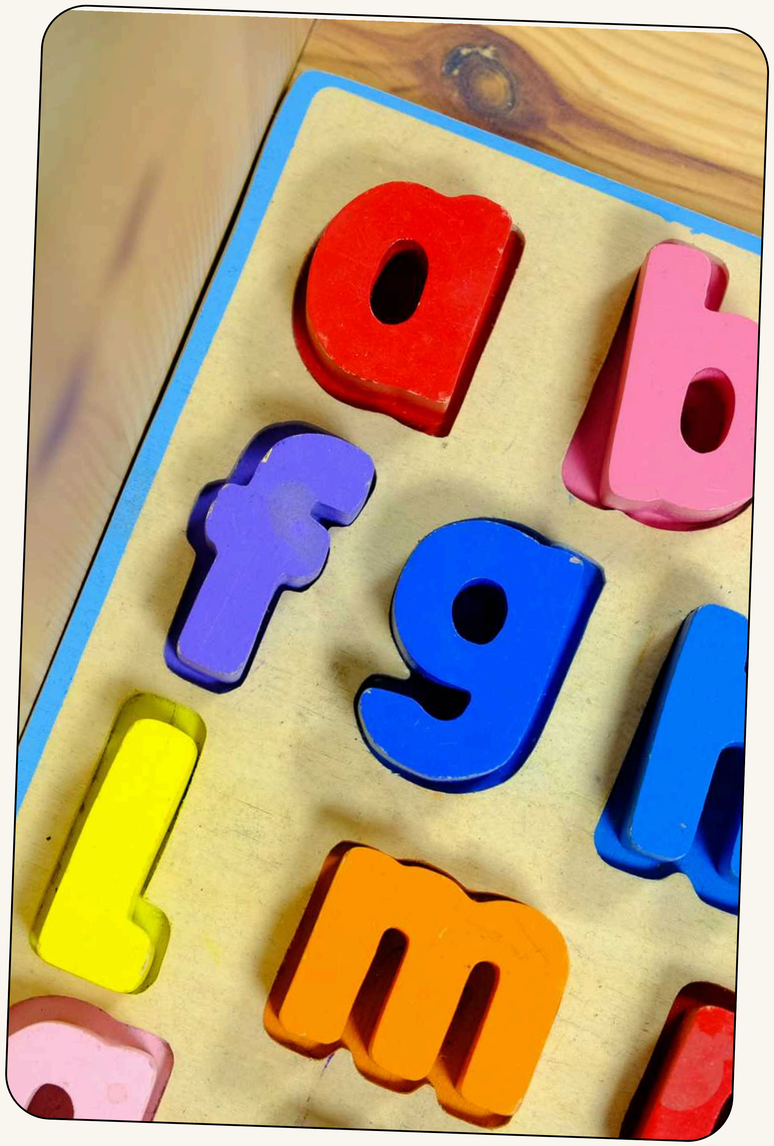
In our Early Years setting, we provide an ambitious and exciting curriculum designed to spark a lifelong love of learning.

By encouraging curiosity, independence, and creativity, we lay strong foundations that help children flourish both in school and beyond.

We know that every child learns in their own way and at their own pace, and we celebrate these individual differences. Our learning environment invites children to explore, ask questions, and think deeply as they make sense of the world around them.

Parents and carers are an important part of this journey. Building positive, constructive relationships between home and school is central to everything we do. Each half term, we share a curriculum overview, highlighting what your child will be learning, upcoming events, and key learning goals. We also provide simple home learning suggestions so you can support your child, celebrate their progress, and enjoy sharing their growing knowledge together.

We value this partnership and are grateful for your commitment to making your child's school experience happy, enriching, and successful.



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REAch2's 11 Before 11 Promise

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At our school, learning goes far beyond the classroom. We want every child to discover just how much they're capable of—to grow in confidence, build lifelong skills, and realise they can be extraordinary.

As a staff team, we're guided by values like leadership, integrity, enjoyment, and inclusion. These shape how we teach, how we support, and how we inspire.

Through 11 Before 11, we promise every child 11 memorable adventures during their time with us—from Reception to Year 6. These moments push boundaries, build resilience, and create joyful memories that last a lifetime.



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School Uniform

Our school uniform is a special part of who we are. Wearing it helps children feel proud of themselves and their school, while also building a sense of belonging and supporting positive behaviour. We ask that all children come to school each day in the correct uniform.

School Uniform consists of:

- Maroon sweatshirt, cardigan or zip-up top (Henhurst Ridge logo available)
- White shirt
- Henhurst Ridge tie
- Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress
- Black school shoes (sensible/plain)
- During the summer months, children may wear yellow check dresses or grey shorts.

PE Kit consists of:

- Maroon polo shirt (Henhurst Ridge logo available)
- Black shorts
- Black plimsols or plain black trainers
- In colder weather, black jogging bottoms, a black tracksuit top or jumper is recommended. Please note earrings must be removed on PE days.

Jewellery- Please note that children are only permitted to wear a single pair of stud earrings and a watch. Teachers cannot remove or replace earrings, and the school cannot accept responsibility for any accidents caused by jewellery.

To help us keep belongings organised and ensure lost property can be returned promptly, we ask that all clothing and personal items brought into school are clearly labelled

Link to uniform page on school website: https://henhurstridgeacademy.org/uniform/

Link to My Uniform Ltd: https://myuniformltd.co.uk/find-your-school/junior-primary-schools/henhurst-ridge-primary-academy/



A Typical Day in Reception

TIME	ACTIVITY
8:30 – 8:45	Arrive, morning activity and register
8:50	Phonics
9:45	Literacy
10:15	Snack
10:30	Continuous Provision
11:45	Lunch Time
12:45	Maths
13:15	Continuous Provision
15:00	Story Time
15:15	Home Time



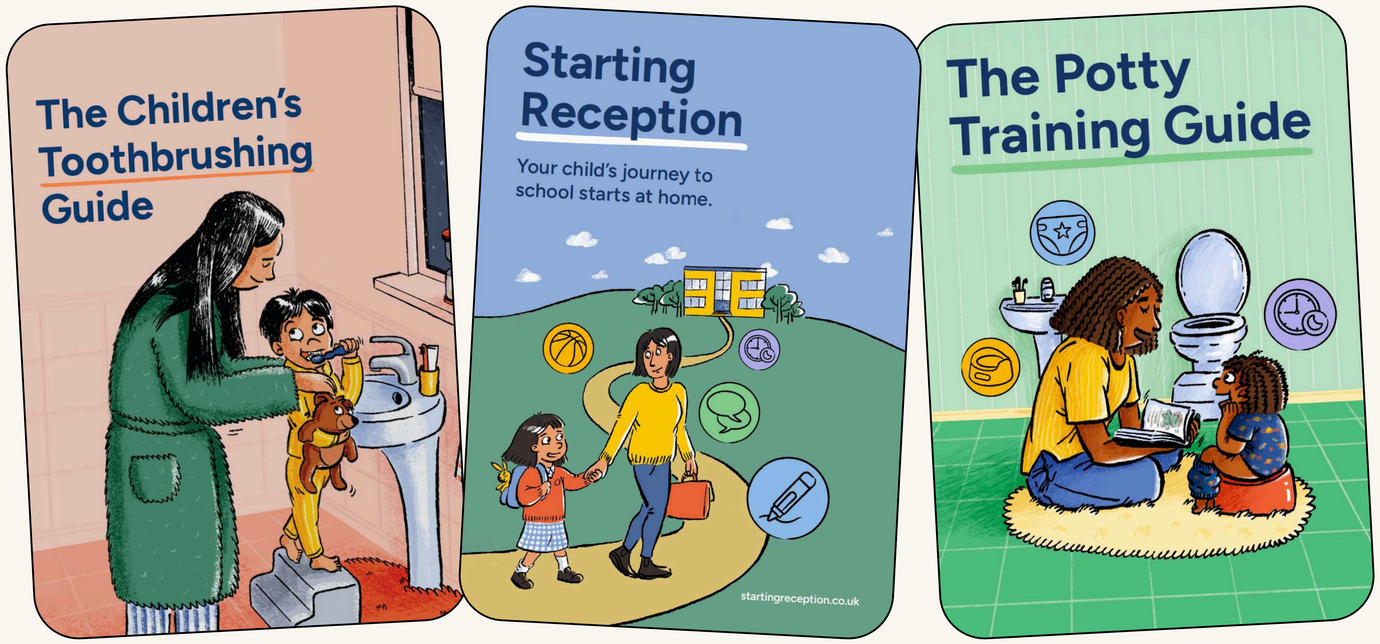
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School Readiness

There are many things you can do as a parent to help your child prepare for school.

To help make the transition as smooth as possible, education and early years experts, including REAch2 Academy Trust, have created Starting Reception – a practical guide filled with expert advice, tips, and activities to support your child.

Find out more: https://startingreception.co.uk





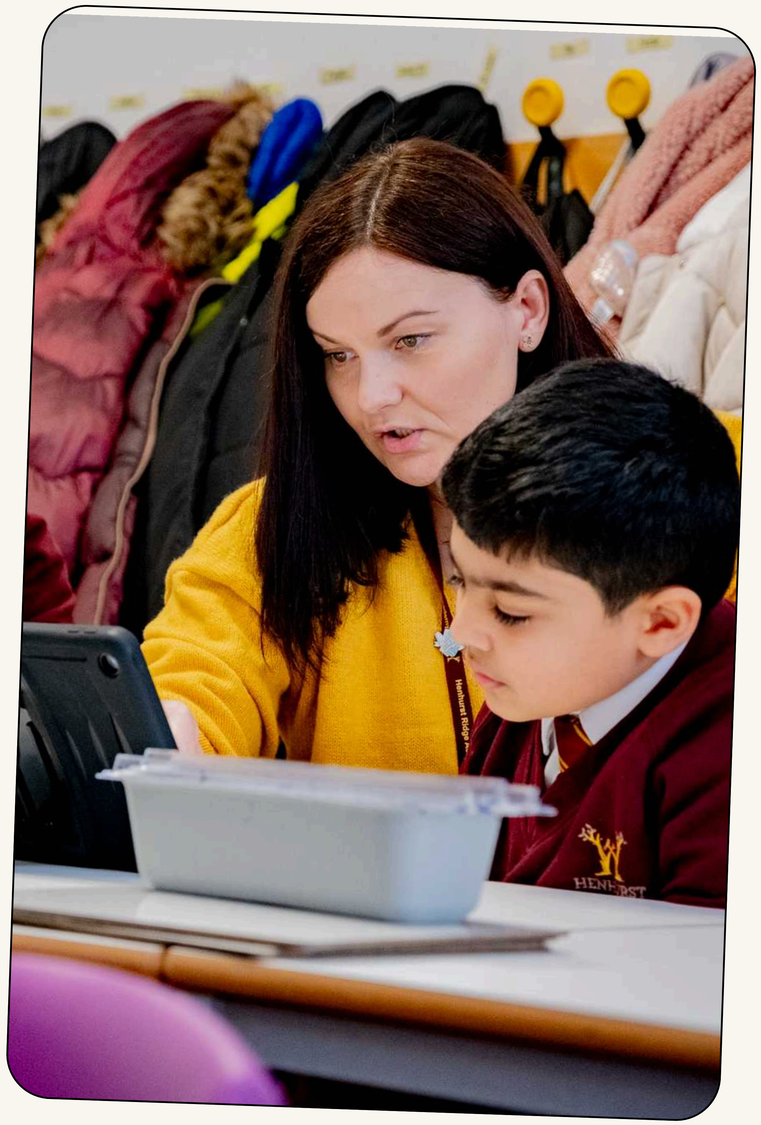
Home–School Communication

Our friendly staff greet children at the classroom doors each morning and pass on any messages to the right teachers. If you'd like to meet your child's teacher or a member of our Senior Leadership Team, just contact the school office and we'll arrange a convenient time.

We keep families up to date through our weekly newsletter, which is also available on our website so you can access it anytime, anywhere.

To make communication simple, we use **Arbor,** a user-friendly system for managing student information, contacts, and attendance. Through the **Arbor app**, you can update your child's details, check your child's attendance and book parent–teacher meetings, all from your phone.

For Reception families, we also share regular updates on your child's learning through **Tapestry**, an online learning journal. You'll receive all the information you need to get started when your child joins us.



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School Meals & Healthy Eating

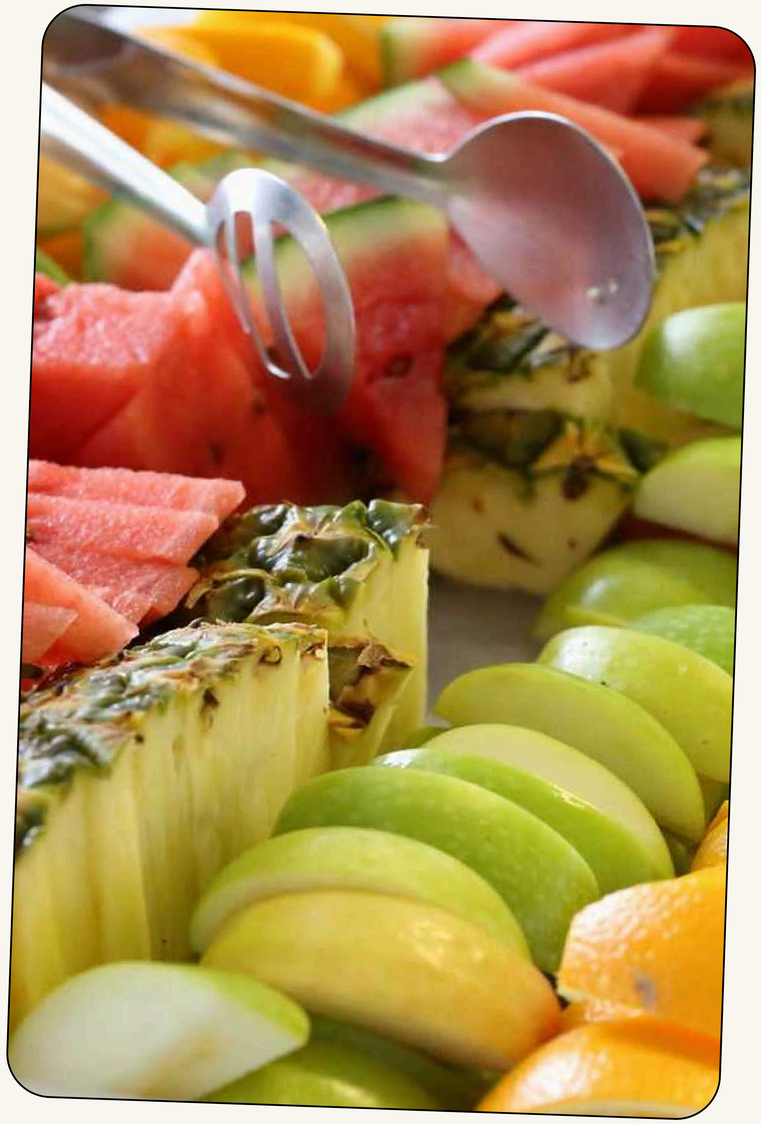
All children in **EYFS and KS1 (Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2)** are entitled to **Universal Free School Meals.** We are proud to support this initiative, as a balanced, nutritious lunch helps children feel well and ready to learn.

Our meals are freshly prepared onsite by **HCL**, offering a variety of options each day, including a vegetarian choice, dessert, and a drink. As children move into **Key Stage 2,** school meals are paid in advance through the **ParentPay** system, with flexible options to pay weekly, monthly, or termly. More details will be shared as your child approaches Year 3.

For children bringing a packed lunch, we encourage healthy and nutritious choices. Lunches should be in a secure, clearly labelled container, with water provided in a watertight bottle.

Pupil Premium & Free School Meals
If you would like guidance on applying for Free School Meals, please contact the school office—we are happy to help—or visit: https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/financial-support-school/free-school-meals

To help safeguard children with severe allergies, we request your cooperation in keeping our school nut-free. Please check food labels carefully and avoid sending any items in to school that list nuts as an ingredient.



Wrap Around Care & After School Clubs



After-School Clubs

Our **after-school clubs** are a chance for children to try new things, make friends, and have fun while building confidence.

Each half term, we share a menu of clubs, with a mix of free and paid options. Whether it's football, fencing, Nerf-wars, or archery, there's something exciting for every child to enjoy—and plenty of adventures to choose from!

Places are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis via **ParentPay**.

Wraparound Care

We are proud to offer our **wrap-around care**, so your child is always looked after by familiar, trusted adults in a safe and welcoming environment. Children can relax, play with friends, and be supported to thrive.

Breakfast Club starts at 7.45am and runs until the start of the school day.

After School Club runs from 3.20pm to 5.45pm and is split into two sessions.

All sessions can be easily booked through **ParentPay** and should be reserved at least a day in advance.

More details will be shared once your child starts school.

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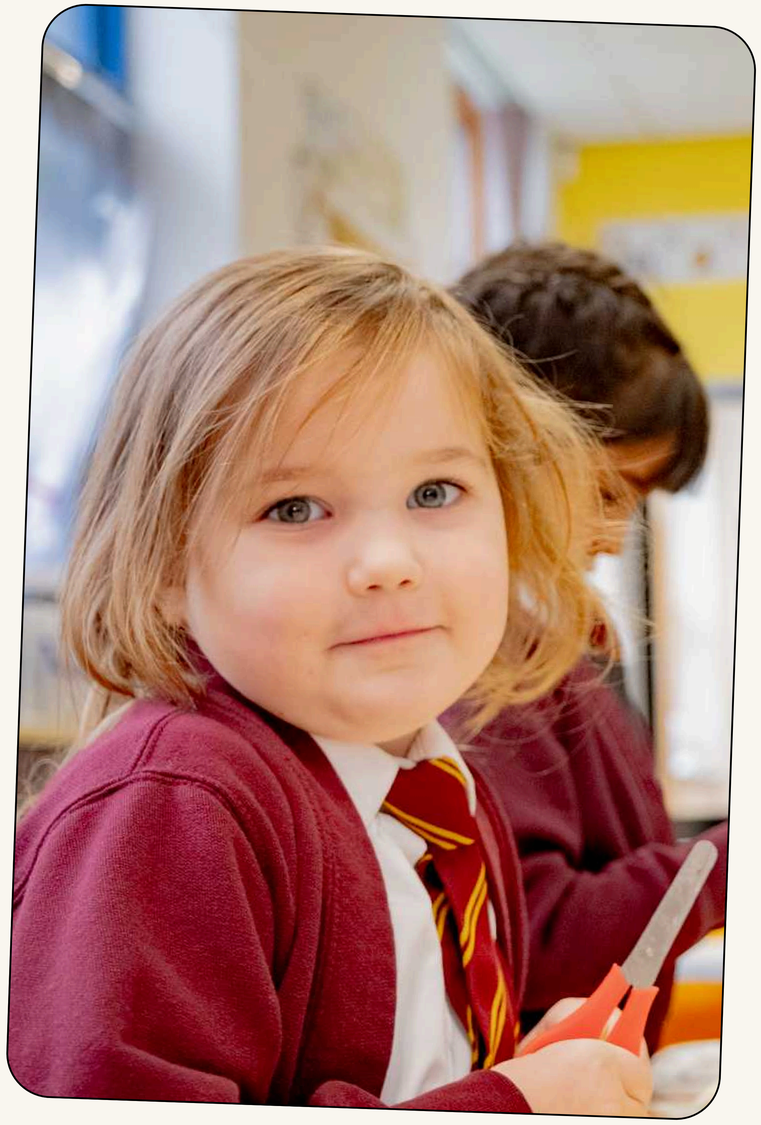
Why Attendance Matters

Every day in school counts. Good attendance gives your child the best chance to succeed—not just academically, but socially and emotionally too. Here's why being in school matters:

- To learn and achieve
- To make friends and have fun
- To build confidence and independence
- To develop respect and understanding of others
- To prepare for life and future opportunities
- To ensure no gaps in learning occur

How You Can Help

- Set a calm, consistent morning and evening routine
- Make sure your child attends every day and follows school expectations
- Aim for punctuality—being late adds up
- Book medical and dental appointments outside of school time where possible
- Let us know straight away if your child is unwell
- Avoid term-time holidays
- Talk to your child about school and show interest in their learning
- Celebrate effort and success, no matter how small
- Come along to parent evenings and school events
- Work with us if any concerns arise—we're here to help



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Positive Behaviour

At **Henhurst Ridge**, we encourage every child to live out our **'Henhurst Harrier' values:**

- Honesty
- Aspiration
- Responsibility
- Resilience
- Innovation
- Everyone Working Together
- Respect

We promote high standards of behaviour through a positive, nurturing approach. Strong relationships are at the heart of our school, and we work hard to build mutual respect between staff, pupils, and families. Children learn best when expectations are clear, consistent, and based on kindness and encouragement.

Our **Positive Behaviour Policy**, available on our website, explains how we help pupils take responsibility for their actions and develop self-discipline. We value our partnership with parents and appreciate your support when fair consequences are needed.

We are a fully **inclusive school** and believe every child deserves to learn in a calm, caring, and respectful environment, whatever their background or ability.



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School Governance & PTA

Our school governors are dedicated volunteers who form the ‘governing body’ – a team that helps guide and support the school at a strategic level.

They work closely with the Headteacher to make sure we’re always moving in the right direction. From overseeing budgets and buildings to ensuring high standards in behaviour, safety and staff support, governors play a key role in shaping our school’s long-term success.

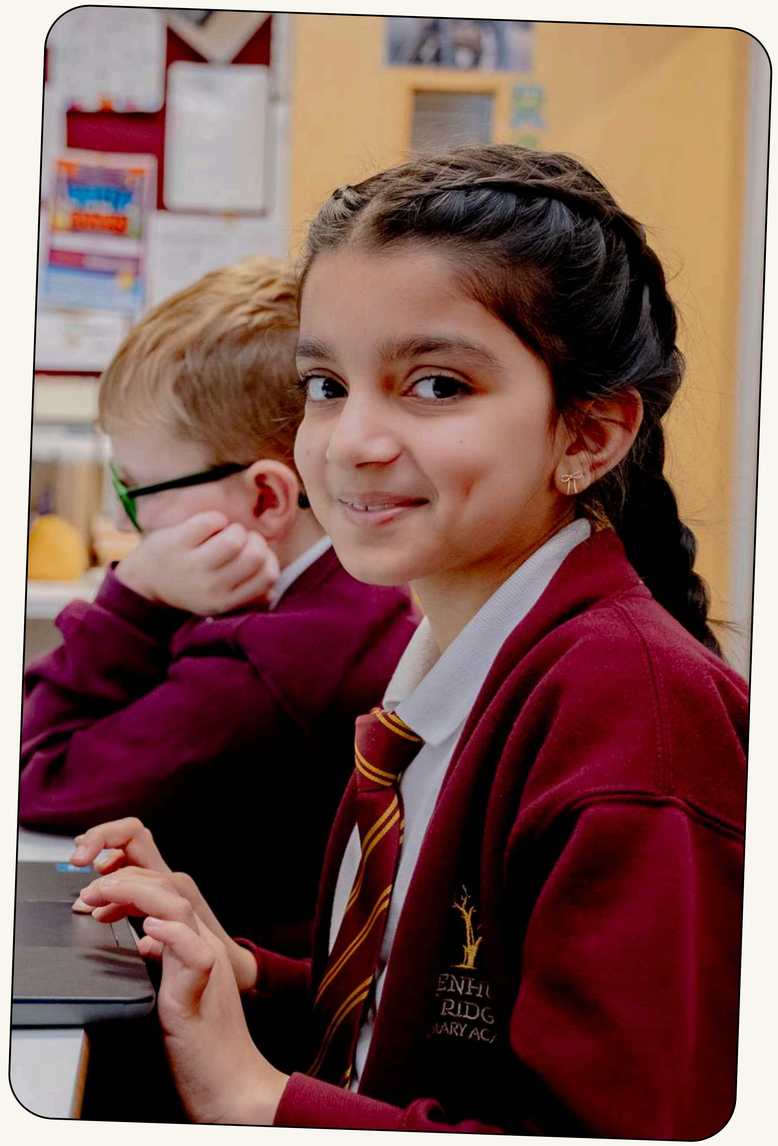
We’re lucky to have such a committed team helping us give every child the best possible start.

Friends of Henhurst PTFA

We warmly welcome all families to get involved in our school community. From funding new equipment to creating exciting experiences, everything we do is about giving our children the very best learning opportunities at Henhurst Ridge.

Could you spare a little time to help? Whether it’s a few hours now and then, or something more regular, every bit of support makes a real difference—and is always hugely appreciated.

If you’d like to find out more or offer your time, please contact the school office. We’d love to hear from you!



Pupil Premium

Making Sure Every Child Has What They Need to Succeed

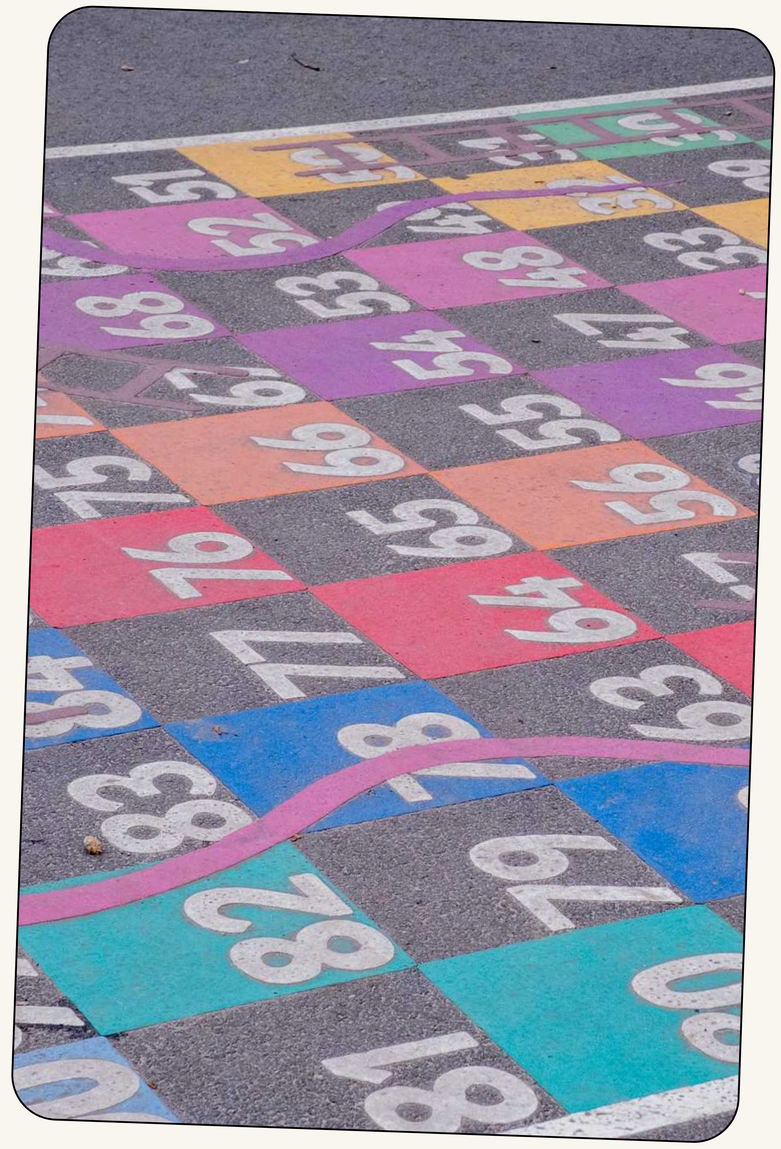
At Henhurst Ridge, we believe every child deserves the very best, no matter their background. That's why we make full use of the **Pupil Premium Grant** to ensure all children have an equal opportunity to thrive.

Pupil Premium is extra funding given to schools to support pupils who may face additional challenges. We use it for targeted support—ranging from academic help and enrichment activities to resources that make a real difference in school life.

Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1, or Year 2 and already receives a free school meal, applying for Pupil Premium means we can access extra funding to support them further.

If you think your child may be eligible, or want to discuss it, we're here to help: https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/financial-support-school/free-school-meals

Every child matters to us, and we'll do all we can to help them reach their full potential.



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Accidents, First Aid & Medication



Medical Tracker

If your child has a minor injury, bump, or fall, we'll let you know by email through **Medical Tracker.** For head bumps or anything more serious, we'll call you directly.

Please encourage your child to always tell an adult if they're hurt, so we can respond quickly and appropriately.

Medication at School

If your child needs prescribed medication during the school day, please speak to our Office Team. You'll need to hand in the medication and complete a short form so we can administer it safely.

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Emergency Contact Details

When completing your application form, please ensure you provide up-to-date emergency contact details, along with the names of all individuals who are authorised to collect your child from school. This information is essential to help us keep your child safe and ensure a smooth end to the school day.

If any of these details change at any point—such as a new phone number, change of address, or updates to collection arrangements—please inform the school office as soon as possible so that our records remain accurate.

We also ask that you make us aware of any legal guardianship arrangements or court orders relating to your child. This includes matters such as custody agreements or restrictions on collection. The school will need to see a copy of any relevant documentation for our records, so that we can act in accordance with these arrangements at all times.



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Working Together

Children thrive when school and home work together, so we aim to create a welcoming environment where parents feel part of school life and know they can talk to us at any time.

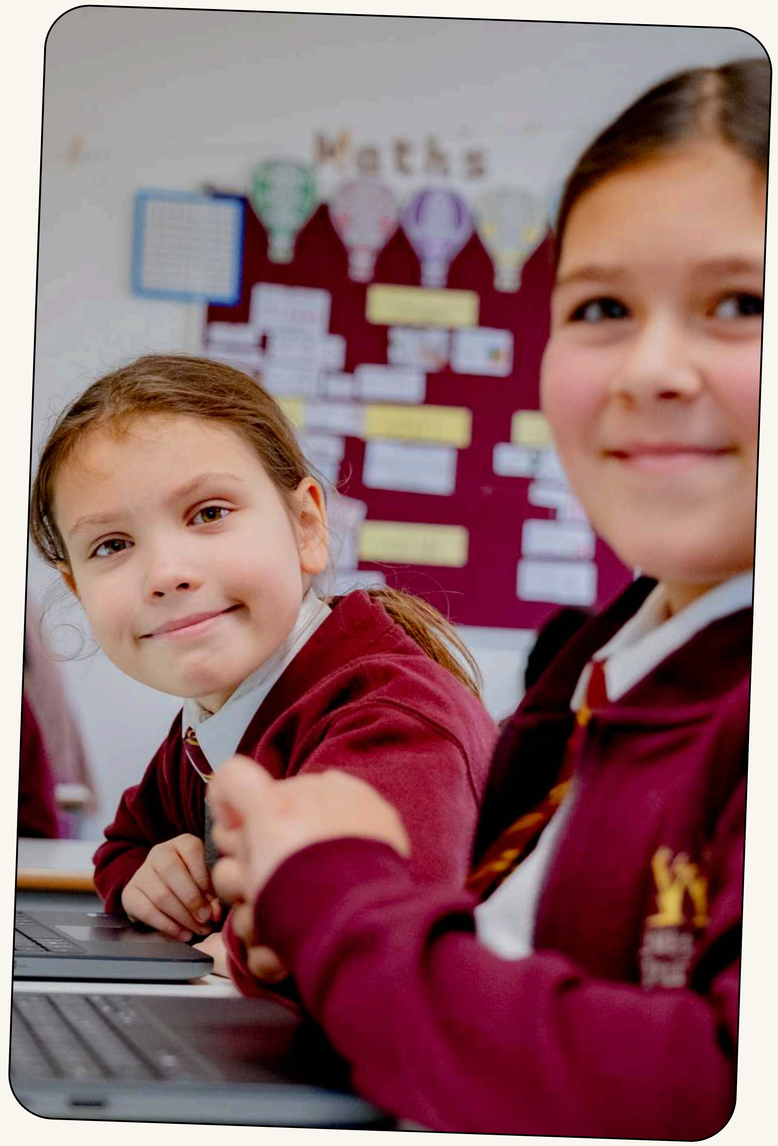
We keep you updated through newsletters, letters home, and text messages for key reminders—don't forget to check your child's bag, as paper notes can be sneaky!

Alongside termly Parent Consultations, our teachers and SENCO are happy to discuss your child's progress. While we try to be flexible, it's often best to book ahead to find a convenient time.

Our Home–School Agreement explains how we work together to support your child academically, socially, and emotionally.

We love welcoming parents into school life. Whether it's helping with reading, creative activities, or special projects, your time and talents are always appreciated.

You'll also be invited to school productions and class assemblies, celebrating your child's confidence, achievements, and hard work—it's always a joy to share these moments with you.



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One Last Thing

Thank you for taking the time to read through this pack. We hope it's answered your questions and helped you feel more at ease as you and your child begin this new chapter.

We're here to walk alongside you every step of the way. If you ever need support, guidance, or just a friendly chat, our door is always open.

We can't wait to welcome you properly into our school family.

The team at Henhurst Ridge



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