



# Welcome to Heelands School

# Part of The Blue Sky Federation



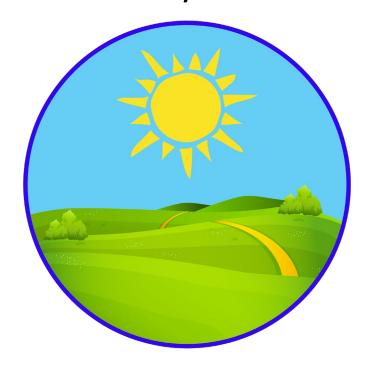
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# "The Best You Can Be – Everyone, Every Day"

#### **Executive Headteacher's Welcome**

At Heelands School, we are committed to helping every child reach their full potential in a supportive, inspiring, and nurturing environment. We are a two-form entry primary school, located in Heelands, close to the heart of Milton Keynes, and proud to be part of The Blue Sky Federation, alongside Summerfield School.

Our dedicated team of staff work closely with children from EYFS to Year 2, ensuring they receive high-quality teaching in small classes. We believe in developing the whole child—academically, socially, and emotionally—so they grow into lifelong learners and responsible citizens.

Strong relationships with families are at the heart of our approach. By providing the highest level of pastoral care, we create an environment where children feel safe, valued, and free to thrive. A happy child is a successful learner, and we prioritise their well-being to help them achieve their very best.

As a school community, we embrace diversity and celebrate the unique experiences and strengths of every individual. We know that children flourish when they are supported, encouraged, and inspired every day.

It is an honour to lead Heelands School as Executive Headteacher. We warmly invite you to visit us and experience our vibrant learning environment first-hand. Please contact us using the details provided to arrange a visit or to learn more about our school.

Best wishes, lan

# We look forward to meeting you



# **Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)**



In Early Years, children will experience high quality teaching within a very stimulating environment

During the first year at school, the curriculum follows the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage.

There are 7 areas of learning which form the beginnings of children's Primary education and shapes them for life.

#### The 3 PRIME areas are:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development

#### The 4 SPECIFIC areas:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

## **KS1** (5 - 7 year olds)

In Key Stage 1, the Sonar curriculum builds on the skills the children developed during the Early Years Foundation Stage and follows the National Curriculum. There are daily Maths and English lessons which involve a range of practical and problem solving activities that build upon the firm foundations established in the Early Years.

In addition to this, a rigorous programme of phonics supports the teaching of Reading and Writing. Throughout the children's time in Key Stage One, we cover a variety of History and Geography topics, such as The Great Fire of London and Around the World, and where possible, we link this to all areas across the curriculum, including Maths, English, Art and Music.

Experienced teaching assistants effectively support the teachers both in and out of the classroom, working with children and helping them with their learning.

We believe parental involvement is an important part of a child's education and so there are opportunities throughout the year for parents to get involved with their child's learning.

# **Sonar** Curriculum



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## **Forest School**

In Year 2 our children get to experience Forest School.

Carol Foster is our trained Forest School leader and children get to experience true outdoor learning – whatever the weather! – on our Forest School site.

They have the opportunity to climb trees, make dens, use tools and equipment and cook over the campfire which is always the highlight of the sessions.

Forest School gives children the opportunity to collaborate and work together to solve problems and to follow their own ideas independently.

In our surveys Forest School is always the thing that children love most about school!





We never give up and never give in.

We use mistakes as a purposeful tool for learning and persist in problem solving.



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We are responsible for ourselves, each other and our environment.



We show respect for everyone. We ask, 'would we like to be spoken to or about in that way?' and remind ourselves 'it's not just what you say, it's how you say it'



We work best when part of a community and to do so we need an understanding of how a community works, self-awareness of our responsibilities to that community and shared communications skills.



### **School Uniform**

We expect all the children to wear our school uniform. Most of the clothing may be purchased from any shop, but certain articles must be purchased from the Maisies Store in Wolverton.

#### **Boys**

- ♦ Plain black trousers (long or short)
- White/Red School Polo Shirts (with or without logo)
- ♦ Red sweatshirt/cardigan (with or without logo)
- ♦ Plain dark school shoes or black trainers

#### Girls

- ♦ Plain black trousers/skirts/pinafores
- ♦ White/Red School Polo Shirts (with or without logo)
- ♦ Red sweatshirt/cardigan (with or without logo)
- ♦ Summer dress (Red Gingham for the Summer Term)
- ♦ Plain dark school shoes or black trainers

#### PLEASE MARK ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME

EYFS - Year 2





#### PRE-LOVED UNIFORM EXCHANGE

A Uniform Exchange has been set up in school, so that items of uniform which are still in good enough condition to be worn can be issued. We welcome donations of uniform that your child may have outgrown, or when they move on to their next school, so that these can be added to the Exchange.

**EYFS to Year 2** children are currently entitled to **FREE** school lunches as part of the Government funded initiative;

Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM).



# **School Lunches**

Our lunches are provided by St Paul's Catholic School and children can select either a main/vegetarian hot meal or jacket potato.

School Lunches are a healthy option and cooked from fresh onsite using their own School Kitchen.

Please encourage your child to take up this entitlement; we currently have a number of children that split their school week between free school lunches and a home packed lunch.



When you start with us you will be sent a registration email from WisePay and once registered you will be able to order meals for your child/ren.



We are an **ALLERGY AWARE** school and we encourage the children who bring a packed lunch box to have a variety of foods that support a balanced diet. We also provide free fruit at break time.

Meals MUST be ordered online by midnight on Wednesday for the following week. You can place an order for the whole term if you prefer.

# **Pastoral Support**

At Heelands School, we understand that a child's well-being is key to their success in learning. That's why we have a dedicated Pastoral Coordinator, Emily Withington, who provides support to ensure every child feels happy, safe, and valued throughout their time with us.

Emily works closely with children, families, and staff to offer guidance on emotional well-being, behaviour, and any challenges that may affect a child's ability to thrive. She is also instrumental in ensuring a smooth and successful transition into Heelands School, whether your child is joining us in EYFS or at a later stage. From the first point of contact, Emily helps families feel welcome, provides tailored support, and ensures each child settles in confidently.

If you would like to discuss any pastoral concerns or transition support for your child, please feel free to contact Emily at <a href="mailto:ewithington@heelands.org">ewithington@heelands.org</a>

# Wellbeing is key

Children feel...

Safe and valued



Emily is here for children and their families

## **School Visits**

If you are interested in your child/ren attending Heelands School, please do contact us, we would love to show you around. We hold open mornings throughout the year, please do check our website for when the next one is.

If you have missed an official open morning, please get in touch, we are more than happy to give you a tour!

# **Applying for a Place**

Milton Keynes Local Authority currently co-ordinate the admissions arrangements for all children starting our school for the first time for a full-time place in September following their 4th birthday.

To apply online for a EYFS place for September 2026 please visit the Milton Keynes City Council Website. CLICK HERE







At Heelands School, we believe in nurturing every child's potential, celebrating their individuality, and supporting them to be

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We look forward to welcoming you into our school community and embarking on this exciting journey together.

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