

4th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week.

We have had a really positive first two days, and the children have returned with great energy, big smiles and a real enthusiasm for learning. It has also been lovely to see everyone settling back into school routines so quickly.

A huge thank you to all our amazing staff who worked so hard over the summer to prepare the classrooms and school for the new academic year. Thank you also to parents and carers for supporting the children to return in smart uniforms and with such positive attitudes.

During my first assembly with the children, I shared the book *Try* by Rob Burrow and Kevin Sinfield. We talked about what it means to be a hero and linked this to the Hadrian Academy values, particularly the importance of showing respect and kindness to one another, persevering and always trying our best.

High Expectations and Routines

This week, we have been focusing on establishing high expectations around our school routines. All classes have been working hard on the following areas, with a particular emphasis on our wonderful **walking around school**:

1 Transitions and Movement Around the School	2 Classroom Behaviour	3 Playtimes and Lunchtimes	4 Assembly	5 Lunch hall behaviour	6 Uniform
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These routines and expectations help us to create a calm, respectful and positive environment where everyone can learn and thrive.

Welcome to the Hadrian Team

I am delighted to welcome two new members of staff to the Hadrian team.

Mr Cornwall has joined us as our new Site Agent. We are very pleased to have him on board.

Miss Neil started with us today as a new Lunchtime Supervisor and will be supporting the children during lunchtime in the hall. Please join me in giving both of them a very warm welcome to Hadrian Academy.

Healthy Snacks

Please can all parents and carers take a moment to read our guidance regarding healthy snacks:

Hadrian Academy: Guide to Breaktime snacks

Many children require a snack at morning break to keep them going through the day.

EYFS, Y1 and Y2

Children in EYFS and KS1 have a daily snack of fruit or veg provided for free by the government, so additional snacks for these ages are not required.

Y3, 4, 5 and 6

We encourage children in Years 3-6 to bring in healthy snacks to eat at morning break. These will help contribute to their 5 daily portions of fruit and vegetables, keep them alert and help them to concentrate. If you are intending to send in healthy snacks with your child, please limit them to those below:

Vegetables/ vegetable sticks – such as celery, cucumber, peppers or carrot.



A piece of cheese (cheddar cheese or Babybel).



A piece of fresh or dried fruit – pineapple, mango, kiwi, plain raisins, apricots, blueberries, banana slices.



Bread sticks, plain pretzels, banana bread, malt loaf, oat cakes and small pitta breads



Rice cakes



Yoghurt or cereal bars (no nuts please |)



We are aiming for a common-sense approach, with the key being to keep it healthy.

No chocolate, sweets or crisps during breaktime

Hadrian Academy aims to be nut-free school

- Parents and carers, please do **not** provide any **Nutella** products or **Ferrero Rocher**.
- Please also check all protein, cereal and granola bars for their ingredients to ensure they do not have hidden nut contents.

Government advice on allergies in schools:



We adhere to Benedict's Law at Hadrian Academy and all first aiders have been allergy trained (June 2026):



Have a great weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday.

Mr Griffin

Principal

Hadrian Academy

Dates for your Diary			
Thur 17 th Sep	Welcome back – Coffee Morning What's new at Hadrian this year?	All	
Fri 18 th Sep	Bikeability Level 1 24 places available	Year 4	Details sent via ParentMail
Fri 25 th Sep	Tempest Individual and Sibling Photos	All	Smart uniform
Thur 8 th Oct	Coffee Morning MHST- help dealing with anxious children	All	
Half term 26 th – 30 th October			

Safeguarding

Please contact Mr Griffin, Mrs Auker, Mr Roxburgh, Mrs Sparrow or Mrs Norris should you have any safeguarding concerns.

Click onto [this link](#) for further details on our school website.

Safeguarding

We want all children and families at Hadrian Academy to have happy, safe lives. The following are useful links about where to seek help and support if you are worried about your own, or another child/young person's safety:

Reporting a concern:



Escalating your concerns further:



NSPCC - Keeping children safe



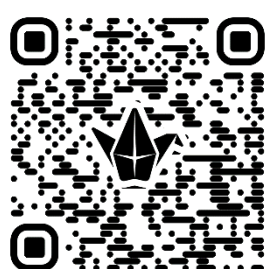
Mental Health Support

Central Bedfordshire Mental Health Support Teams Mental health services and resources for Children and Young People (CYP) collated by the MHSTs across Central Bedfordshire.

Parent / Carer Padlet



Children and Young People



CAMHS

