

SUMMER INFORMATION



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Last Day of Term: Thursday 21st July

Staff Training Day: Thursday 1st September

Staff Training Day: Friday 2nd September

First Day of Term: Monday 5th September (Pupils return)

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SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Free holiday camp places with The Sports Trust

Families eligible for benefits-related free school meals have received digital vouchers that they can use to book places on the holiday camps, free of charge. Please note these places are limited and need to be booked on the e-voucher system.

Not in receipt of free school meals? You can book sessions for a fee. Search for 'The Sports Trust' on Facebook for more information.

Fun and Food in the School Holidays

Free holiday
camp places with
The Sports Trust

Speak to us about vouchers
for F51, Folkestone Sea Sports
or Three Hills Sports Park

Running
25th July -
2nd
September
2022

Free for children eligible for free school meals



**Kent Children
and Young People**

RECONNECT KENT

The KCC Reconnect project has organised the free bus passes (see overleaf) as well as leisure centre offers, and pulled together lots of free or low cost activities for families over the summer.

Take a look at their digital brochure for more information:

<https://learn.thebeacon.kent.sch.uk/document/reconnect-kent-2022/>

Further links:

- <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/reconnect/reconnect-leisure-centre-passes>
- <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/reconnect/things-to-do>

FREE BUS PASS

Thanks to Kent's local bus operators, young people and families with children can enjoy this summer holiday with free bus travel between 23rd July and 31st August 2022.

Family passes allow a family of up to four (max. 2 adults) to travel for free on the bus this summer. Digital passes will be available to order online from 20th July, or if you don't have a suitable mobile phone, you'll be able to pick up a printed version from a collection point, after 20th July.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/reconnect/free-bus-travel-for-young-people-and-families>



FAMILY SUPPORT

If you need help over the summer holidays there is support available:

- **Check benefits you're entitled to:**
 - <https://www.gov.uk/check-benefits-financial-support>
- **Find a food bank:**
 - <https://www.kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/care-and-support/benefits/home-essentials-in-a-crisis/find-a-foodbank>
- **Apply for free school meals:**
 - <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>
- **Emotional wellbeing and mental health advice and support for young people and their families across Kent:**
 - <https://www.nelft.nhs.uk/kent-cypmhs-get-in-touch/>

- **Help through Hardship** - free helpline for people struggling to afford the basics. Advice and support to help address the underlying causes of hardship, as well as a quick and seamless referral to a food bank, if required. Call 0808 208 2138, 24 hours a day.

For more links to family support resources please visit:

<https://learn.thebeacon.kent.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/family-support/>

FREE SCHOOL MEALS VOUCHERS

Families who receive benefits-related free school meals will receive vouchers for the summer holidays by email by the end of term. If you have any questions or need to get in touch with someone at school, please email office@thebeacon.kent.sch.uk.

We hope you have a lovely summer. See you in September!