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21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Summer Term Newsletter No.2

We made it to the end of another busy year! We are all so proud of the children and how well they have coped with all the uncertainty that this year has brought. The level of resilience they have shown has been unbelievable.

I hope they have enjoyed these last 3 days of school, we were very clear that we wanted '3 days of fun' after our enforced closure, so hopefully you have heard tales of *bouncy castles, Colchester United sports sessions, ice-cream van visits, pirate days and visits from Captain America himself.*

It is that time of year where we need to say some goodbyes, I also need to share some bits with you ahead of September.

#### Goodbyes

Today we say goodbye to Mr Frances. Mr Frances has been at Market Field School since September 2011 as a teacher and more recently as Assistant Head. He has been a valued member of our leadership team and we will miss him. We wish him well as he joins Lexden Springs to become their Deputy Head.

We say goodbye to Mrs Effi. Mrs Effi has worked at Market Field for 9 years on and off in our Autism base classes predominantly. She is leaving us to return to Greece and we are all very jealous of the lovely weather she will have! Again, we wish her well.

Miss Gridley leaves us temporarily to become a Mummy and Miss Jaymi leaves school site to move to College. Good luck ladies.

From our LSA team we say goodbye to Miss Gimena and Miss Sydney who are off to do their teacher training, Mr Miller and Miss Watling who are off to university. Miss Chloe and Miss Molly are joining the Chatten School in September, we wish them well. Miss Catherine is also leaving us and we wish her well.

I would also like to say goodbye and good luck to the children who are leaving us today and to wish them well at College or at their new schools. We will miss you all.



### **Leadership Team**

I am delighted to announce that Gary and I have extended the Market Field leadership team in order to build capacity. We welcome Peter Dwight as our Acting Deputy Head of School and Rebecca Norfolk (Stubbins) as our Assistant Head of School. I am excited to see the impact they will make across the school as we move into the new academic year.

### **Start of Term**

Term begins for all our existing students on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. All students who are in year 7 or above will have a lateral flow test on this Monday. Our kitchens will be open and running a full service, the menu will appear on the website towards the end of the holiday, when Pauline (Catering Manager) knows availability of produce. School dinners will remain £2.30 per day initially. A reminder that we are trying to be fully cashless so please log onto Sims Pay ahead of the new school year and ensure you top up your School Dinner account. If you are having problems logging in and need your account resetting please don't hesitate to contact Gemma at [gemma@marketfield.essex.sch.uk](mailto:gemma@marketfield.essex.sch.uk) and she will process this for you.

### **School Uniform**

All year groups will be required to wear full school uniform again from September. This consists of:

Grey/Black School Trousers / Skirt / Pinafore

Blue / Green Summer Dresses

Jade / Navy Polo tops for all classes except Yr 11's (15/16yr olds) Round necks are available for those who require.

Purple Polo tops for Yr 11's - (15/16yr olds only)

Navy Sweatshirt / Fleece (if preferred)

(School uniform can be purchased from [myclothing.com](http://myclothing.com) or [uniform7.co.uk](http://uniform7.co.uk))

Plain tracksuit bottoms in navy blue, black or grey are an acceptable alternative to school trousers where toileting is a concern. A school PE kit will be required from September which is a white t-shirt and PE Shorts, Trainers / Plimsols. Football shirts/non-uniform will no longer be acceptable for PE lessons. As of September, it is our intention that the changing rooms will be open, therefore all children can come into school in their school uniform and change into their PE kit in school.

All students are also required to wear appropriate formal school shoes from September or Orthopaedic 'Walking Shoes' (Piedro Shoes)

### **Track and Trace Procedures**

Should your child develop COVID-19 symptoms between now and Saturday or test positive for COVID-19 on either a lateral flow test or a PCR test, we ask that you let us know immediately: [ruth.whitehead@marketfield.essex.sch.uk](mailto:ruth.whitehead@marketfield.essex.sch.uk). This will enable us to alert the rest of the class and teaching team.

Should your child become ill after Saturday, follow the advice given to you by NHS Track and Trace.

### **Class Dojo**

Following consultation, I am delighted to announce that we will be returning to Class Dojo from September. Class teachers will send you an invite to join their class page on our non-pupil days, ahead of the 6<sup>th</sup> September.

We will keep the School story page running as before but we will not be routinely responding to comments on this. Information we put on this page is for informative purposes only rather than to open a discussion. If you have any queries about content on the Dojo School Story page, please contact us using the school contact numbers. Class teachers will respond to messages on class Dojo when they are able to during their normal working hours. However, they will not respond to messages into the evening or at the weekends as it is important that they also get a chance to switch off from work.

### **Useful information**

See flyers attached for ActivAte Essex & Disability Cricket.

The staggered start and finish times will now return to normal in September for all students. For those parents dropping / collecting, the school day will be returning to 9am - 3pm via the school office.

Have a lovely Summer holiday, please stay safe and we look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Sincerely



PP - Ruth  
Head of School

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# Essex ACTIVate

## FREE place within Essex ActivAte Holiday Activity and Food clubs

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to inform you that your child(ren) are eligible for free place(s) within Essex ActivAte holiday clubs this summer. This is on a first comes basis so please be sure to secure your places by booking.

Active Essex are pleased to be delivering the Essex ActivAte (Holiday Activity and Food) programme across the county on behalf of Essex County Council and the Department for Education. Through the school holidays we will deliver a blended offer of support, which will include face to face holiday clubs for primary school aged children, as well as a variety of activities taking place virtually through YouTube and activity packs filled with fun physical and enrichment activities and nutritious food ideas for all the family!

We are launching ActivAte clubs across Essex, including specialist clubs for SEND pupils and Mental Wellbeing Hubs. All sessions will include physical activity and creative tasks, plus every child will receive a tasty and nutritious meal! Clubs are completely free for young people who are eligible for benefits based free school meals, as well as those from working families who need additional support during the holidays. Club dates and times may vary slightly depending on locality, so please visit the link below to find out about the clubs near you.



*"This is probably the most amazing scheme that I have experienced. My children were so happy and it reduced my stress levels, which usually increase greatly over the school holidays. [...] We are on a tight budget and cannot normally afford to put the children into the expensive holiday clubs and they end up spending holidays in the house, not being very active."* - parent feedback during Half Term.

For any more information about our ActivAte holiday clubs, locations and bookings, please visit the Active Essex website - [www.bit.ly/3htuCI5](http://www.bit.ly/3htuCI5)

We hope you can join us for a fun and active holiday!

Kind regards,

The Essex ActivAte team  
Active Essex



# Essex ACTIVate



**Active Essex is offering a range of ActivAte clubs over the summer!**

These clubs are completely **free for young people** who are **eligible for benefits based free school meals**, as well as children from working families who are struggling financially and would benefit from this **additional support**. Clubs will feature fun physical and enrichment activities, as well as nutrition education.

Plus, each child will receive a **tasty, nutritious lunch!**

## Mental Wellbeing Hubs

Delivering **supported activities** over **shorter sessions**, in **smaller groups**. Activities will be **sensitive** to the children's needs, focusing on **gentle social transition** and **coping exercises** to help with the move back to community engagement.

## SEND Activity Hubs

There will be **SEND Hubs** across Essex, delivering **specialist workshops**. These will provide **coaching** and **inclusive physical and enrichment activities** for SEND pupils, to ensure they get the **best** out of their summer!



## Local Activity Clubs

Our holiday clubs, run by **locally trusted organisations**, offer a wide range of activities for children across Essex. Ensuring they have a **fun, memorable and active Summer Holiday!**  
**All clubs will be delivered within COVID safety guidelines.**

**If your child is eligible but does not require this face to face support, then we are pleased to also be offering fun activity packs and virtual resources!**

# JOIN YOUR LOCAL DISABILITY CRICKET CHAMPION CLUB



**Club Name:** Brightlingsea Cricket Club

**Date:** Starting 24th July (then each following Saturday morning)

**Time:** 9.30-10.45am (Recreation Ground, Regent Road, CO7 0NN)

**Contact for more  
information:**

Richard Hunt - 07464 195852