

Friday 22 May 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Welcome Day - Tuesday 23 June from 8.45am to 3.05pm**

We are looking forward to welcoming your child to The Weald in September 2026. As students get ready to say goodbye to their primary school, we are writing to inform you of the next stages in the process and some important dates to ensure a smooth and happy transition to The Weald.

Welcome Day provides our new students with the opportunity to enjoy their first full day at The Weald. They will have the chance to meet key staff, experience some introductory lessons and have a tour of the school.

Please complete the Welcome day response form by [clicking here](#) to confirm your child's welcome day place.

**FAQ:**

- **What to Wear?** Students should wear their current primary school uniform. They will not require a PE kit.
- **Start Time?** School begins at 8.45am for registration/assembly, although staff will be on duty from 8.10am to welcome students arriving on school buses or at the front of the school. Students should come to the front entrance of the school if they are being dropped off by parents.
- **Finish Time?** The school day ends at 3.05pm. Year 6 students traveling by school bus will be escorted to the bus lane. Parents collecting their child should do so from the front entrance at 3.05pm. Please note that parking via the Leisure Centre is limited, so early arrival is recommended. There is **no parking in the bus lanes**.

It is important that your child knows their arrangements for getting home before the day begins. Please discuss these arrangements with them in advance, as responsibility for organising students' journeys home rests with parents/carers. Once the bell rings at the end of the day, students will be dismissed independently and will not be held for collection in the same way as they may have been at primary school.

- **Medication?** If your child requires medication during school hours e.g. asthma inhaler, adrenaline auto-injectors or diabetes medication etc., please ensure your child is carrying this with them for Welcome Day and it is clearly labelled with their name.
- **Food?** Students will be offered a light snack and squash at break time as well as a free lunch at lunchtime. If preferred, they can bring a snack/packed lunch from home. We are a nut free school so please bear this in mind when packing a lunch for your child. Please provide a bottle of water.

- **Travel?** Year 6 students, who will be travelling to school in September by bus, have the opportunity to experience this on Welcome Day. Please follow the instructions below to access our website which will allow you to look for your nearest bus stop. This may not necessarily be the bus stop your child is allocated in September - this information will come directly to you from the County. This will also apply if your child is not joining us from one of our main feeder schools but you do live in The Weald catchment area. Bus routes and information can be found on our website by clicking [here](#). If your child does not live near one of the bus routes, please organise your own transport arrangements for the day. Please note the parking advice at the end of the letter.

### **Year 6 Welcome Evening - Wednesday 24 June 6.00pm -7.30pm.**

This is an opportunity for parents/carers and students to learn about our pastoral support together with further information on the transition process. You will also have an opportunity to meet with your child's Head of Year and Head of House. You are welcome to bring siblings to this event.

### **School Uniform**

Our school uniform details can be found on our website by clicking [here](#). For parental convenience, the majority of uniform and PE items required can be purchased from Broadbridges or Monkhouse (previously named Sussex Uniforms) in Horsham. Broadbridges will be at the Welcome Evening for your children to be able to try on uniforms, check sizing and place your order to ensure they are ready to collect before the start of school in September, they are also offering a 10% discount for our new year 7's using code YR7DIS26 [linked here](#) (expires Friday 31 July.) Monkhouse currently have a discount code available on their website [linked here](#) (we are not sure when this discount code will end). We are aware matching styles of core items can also be purchased elsewhere. Any items purchased for school wear must be of the advised style and colour.

For parents and carers of children who are in receipt of free school meals and who are concerned about the cost of the uniform, we are happy to support you wherever possible; please speak to your child's Head of House (you will find out who this is on the Welcome Day). We know that this may be difficult, given the cost of living, so please do not let cost be a barrier to your child having the correct uniform - please speak to your child's Head of House to ask how we could support with purchasing/loaning items of uniform.

### **Important Paperwork:**

Thank you to those who have completed your acceptance and online data collection forms. We will be contacting those who still have outstanding documents to complete. For any queries please contact [admissions@theweald.org.uk](mailto:admissions@theweald.org.uk)

1. **Medical History** - Should your child have any change to their medical history at any point, please ensure you let us know as soon as possible by emailing [studentreception@theweald.org.uk](mailto:studentreception@theweald.org.uk) to enable us to support them appropriately on Welcome Day and beyond. Please also ensure any medication is clearly labelled with the student's details.

- 2. Cashless Weald** - The Weald is a cashless school. This means that in September students purchasing anything from the canteen at break or lunch do not need to bring in any money. Instead, parents charge up an online account [Parentpay](#) using a debit or credit card. We hope to have students' fingers biometrically scanned on Welcome Day so that we can set up accounts ready for the start of term. Usernames and passwords will be sent to you.

The first day of term for Year 7 students will be Wednesday 2 September 2026. We would like to welcome them into our Team Weald community by starting the day with a 'family breakfast' at 8.00am-9.00am. This will be a continental breakfast with all Year 7 students and their teachers in the canteen. We are also inviting each Year 7 student to bring a 'plus 1' parent/carer. Further details to follow.

If you have any queries, in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,



Miss J Hindhaugh  
Curriculum Transition Lead



Mr J Healy  
Pastoral Transition Lead

## Parking arrangements for Weald School visitors

The school is best accessed via the front entrance on Station Road (RH14 9RY).

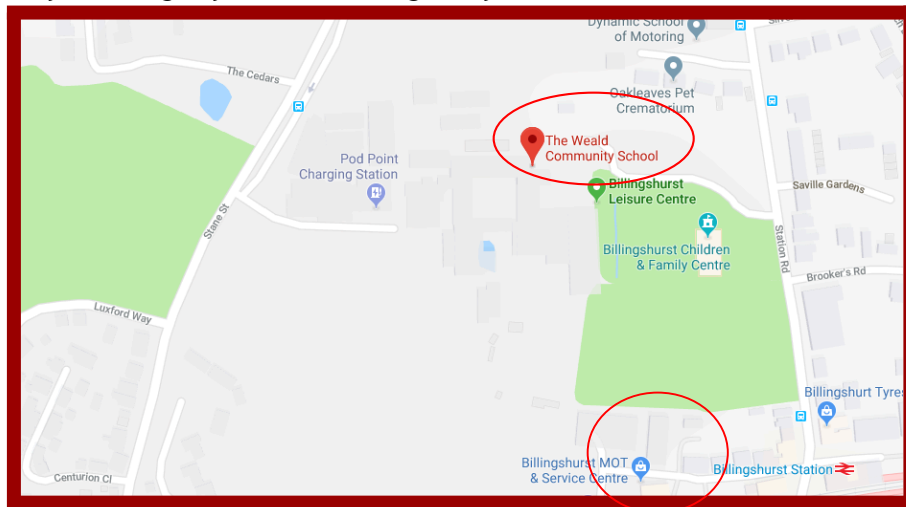
Parking is available in the main school car park (white bays only)

If this car park is full please try our Sixth Form car park on Luxford Way - this is accessible from the bus lane. The **bus lanes must not be used** to park in.

If you do park in the main car park, please ensure you only park in the **white parking bays** (which are the school bays). The blue ones (to the left of the car park) are for use by the Leisure Centre and are subject to parking restrictions.

Parents are not permitted to drive from the school car park into the front entrance of school. The only exception to this is with a pass - which is issued for students with mobility needs. Drop off and pick up in the car park is not possible. Parents should park and walk to collect the student or text their child to tell them where they are, so they can walk to the parent.

There is a pay and display car park, Myrtle Lane Car Park, situated next to the Billingshurst MOT & Service Centre (shown on the map below). Myrtle Lane is off Station Road, right turn just before the railway crossing if you are heading away from the main school entrance.



The school is about 400 metres from Billingshurst Station if you choose to travel by train

