



Friday 4th July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a good week.

I am writing with my usual weekly letter of news and information. I can be contacted at exehead@aspire-kent.org.uk between 8am - 5pm Monday to Friday for queries and questions. Also Lauren my PA can be contacted at Iriby@aspire-kent.org.uk. Any requests for meetings or appointments can be made through Lauren - thank you.

Ulcombe OFSTED report

I have today received the final OFSTED report for Ulcombe who were inspected in June 2025. It was an ungraded inspection as the school was previously good. The outcome is that the school has maintained the standards from the previous inspection - i.e. it remains 'good'.

Well done to Mrs Parsons, the staff and pupils at Ulcombe and the leaders and Governors across Aspire who have worked hard across the year as well as the day of the inspection.

The report has been sent out to Ulcombe parents today.

Kent Young Carers

Please see the latest newsletter for service updates, reminders of KYC support including the [25/26 Travel Saver pass](#), respite activities and other local opportunities available to Young Carers;

[Kent Children & Young People Newsletter](#)

Furthermore the [Household Support Fund - Kent County Council](#) which is funded by the Department for Work and Pensions on behalf of the UK government, supports vulnerable Kent households in need of help with significantly rising living costs. The summer food voucher scheme, worth £90 to eligible households, will stay open until the end of August.

HAF Holiday Activities-

Please see the attached flyer as well as some links to follow regarding the HAF holiday activities.

The timetable has not been published yet but the activities are wonderful, with a mixture of outdoors, crafts and other creative events and families may want to access these.

To book sessions visit: <https://help.holidayactivities.com/hc/en-gb/sections/12061341995153-Parent>

Summer Safety leaflet-

Please find attached two leaflets with a response from Kent Police to the increase in catapult related incidents at various locations across the county and also an e-scooter guidance leaflet as there is also an increase in use of these.

Kent Police have been notified of increased incidents of children using catapults, possibly due to social media. There have been a number of reports of these being used relating to animals and wildlife being targeted and damaged. Use of these catapults may lead to criminal liability. Kent Police have therefore offered further advice on the attached leaflet.

There is also an e-scooter poster explaining the rules around the use of these. **It IS Illegal to ride an e-scooter to school or work due to needing them to be insured, which is not possible.** Use of an e-scooter will mean that this will be seized and a fine possibly given.

Holiday Clubs-

Summer Clubs will be provided at:

Greenfields Community Primary School, Shepway, Maidstone
South Borough Primary School, Tovil, Maidstone
Tree Tops Primary Academy, Parkwood, Maidstone

These are now open to register for children with HAF Vouchers to attend any of the Holiday Clubs (10am to 2pm) which run at each location from:

Monday 28 July 2025 to Thursday 31 July 2025
Monday 4 August 2025 to Thursday 7 August 2025
Monday 11 August 2025 to Thursday 14 August 2025
Monday 18 August 2025 to Thursday 21 August 2025

In addition, on 14 July 2025, registration will be open to non-HAF pupils at the same dates and venues. These spaces will be charged at £5 a day.

Parents/Carers entitled to Free School Meals and HAF Vouchers where they can register by visiting www.holidayactivities.com.

Wishing you all a lovely and restful weekend.

Kind regards,

Emma Hickling
Executive Headteacher