

School Road,
Bovington
BH20 6PF



Upcoming Events

Monday 19th September:

School Closed

Thursday 13th October: School Nursing team will be in school to provide Flu Immunisations

Friday 14th October: Family Friday

To my surprise, as I sit and write this I am struggling for words. I shouldn't be! The past two weeks have been true milestones in HSD's journey, and I could not be more proud, inspired and humbled by the children and staff that spend their days and weeks at our school. Some of those people we have got to know well over the last three years; some we have known for less than three weeks. What strikes me though, irrespective of how long they might have been 'on role' or an employee, is that they *all* share something. It is a something that is difficult to articulate in a few words, but that is there nonetheless. Some will say it is a chance to 'be myself' and others will say it is the 'opportunity to do something differently'. I have heard both children and adults say that their 'opinion matters' and parents and carers say that their child's teacher and learning mentor 'get it'. All of these things should be celebrated, always. But we must also recognise that things don't always work out the way any of us might have hoped, despite the absolute commitment of children and adults alike; these are the days through which I have seen relationships thrive. All of you reading this have been instrumental in getting our school to where it is today. Every email saying 'thank you – that worked today' and every frustration shared when it didn't. Every tear, laugh, EHCP amendment, transport worry, anxious morning, late start and solution offered have shaped what HSD is and could be. As I said, difficult to articulate in a small number of words - that thing that I believe we all share. Whatever it is, HSD started out as nothing and is becoming a better something every single day, because we continue to learn . . . *together.*

This week's attendance

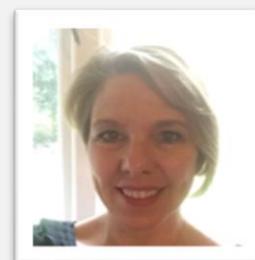
Whole school attendance: 52.31%

Authorised absences: 45.81%

Unauthorised absences: 1.88%

Figures reflect transition timetables of students new to HSD.

Safeguarding



[Helen Bradley](#)

Designated Safeguarding
Lead (DSL)

Harbour School Dorset is **committed** to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact Helen.

