

# **School Handbook**

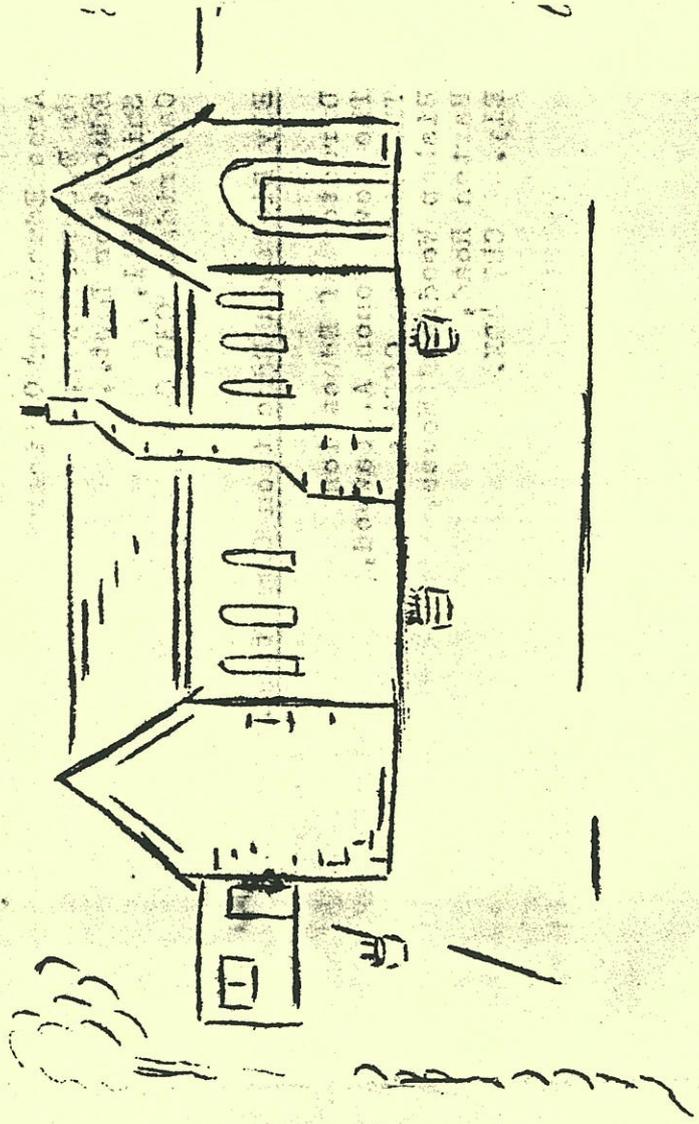
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# HORSEHEATH

# SCHOOL



Cambridgeshire County Council.  
Education Committee.

Horseheath Church of England (Aided)  
Primary School.

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Head Teacher Mr P. J. Scull.

Chairman of Governors

The Rev. V. C. Ryder. O.B.E.  
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Mrs J. Johnson.  
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Horseheath School serves children from the ages of 5 to 11 in the Parish of Horseheath, including Streetly End and Cardinals Green. Children do also, occasionally, come from further afield.

Children normally start school full time at the beginning of the term in which they are 5 years old and will usually be invited to attend part time during the preceding term. At 11, children transfer to Linton Village College.

Cambridgeshire County Council.  
Education Committee.

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Ely Diocesan Education Committee.

Director of Education  
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### What is a Church of England Aided School?

This question is often asked. Briefly, the Church of England founded this school in the 16th Century and have maintained a degree of control over it ever since. The upkeep of the building is the responsibility of the Church authorities, in this case, Ely Diocesan Education Committee and a number of Governors are appointed by the Church. By tradition the local vicar is the Chairman of the Governors. The Governing body appoint Staff, but the Head Teacher is responsible for all curriculum matters within the school, acting within any limitations set by the Church and/or Cambridgeshire Education Committee. All interior maintenance, running costs and salaries are paid by Cambridgeshire County Council. As with all County schools, parents have the right to withdraw children from Religious Education classes and Assemblies if they so wish. Requests of this nature should be made in writing to the Head Teacher.

### The School Curriculum.

Emphasis is placed on teaching literacy and numeracy. Children are encouraged to use books and to enjoy their use. Our library exchange takes place on Friday afternoons, when two books per child may be taken home. Please encourage your child to use and value books.

Initially we teach Reading using "Look and Say" (look at a word and recognise its shape eg. garden). This is followed up with phonics (teaching the sounds of letters d o g). School reading books and work cards are carefully graded. Junior children (7 and over) have some spellings to learn each week which are usually tested on Fridays.

As far as Mathematics is concerned, computation and tables are taught, but emphasis is also placed on the understanding of numbers, so that much work will be of a practical nature. The younger children start with "Fletcher" Maths designed for their age and level of understanding. They then move on to S.M.P. (Schools Maths Project) which is carefully graded and structured.

Projects are tackled by juniors on a wide variety of topics. This may involve research and encouragement from home.

Some weekly homework is usually done by 2nd, 3rd and 4th years.

Being a Church of England School we try to encourage a Christian atmosphere in school, and attach some importance to an Assembly each morning. Local clergy make frequent visits to take Assemblies. We, as a school, visit the Parish Church about once a term for special occasions (eg. Harvest or Christmas).

A number of activities take place after school through the year. Book Club, recorders, guitars and gymnastics are in progress at the time of writing. These vary, of course, according to circumstances.

We run a School Bookshop in which the children are encouraged to save for and buy their own books. Bookshop is usually held the last Friday afternoon of each month.

A document concerned with the Aims of the school and detailed curriculum guidelines is being produced and will be available at some future date. (Mid 1982).

Information for parents new to the school.

School sessions: 9.00a.m. - 12 noon.  
1.00p.m. - 3.15p.m.

What your child will require.

School uniform is quite unnecessary, but we do ask that children are dressed sensibly for a day which may include a variety of activities. Sound shoes are better than flimsy plimsols or 'trainers'. Please ensure all clothing is clearly marked with your child's name. We would ask you to discourage the wearing of jewellery in school. It can get lost, damaged or broken. It can also be dangerous in P.E. Watches may be worn by older children, at the owner's risk. They will be looked after during physical activities. If children bring money to school it should be handed to a teacher for safe keeping.

Games/P.E.

Shorts and a T-shirt, with plimsols, are all that is really necessary for P.E. but football (for boys over 7) requires boots and a change of socks. Track suits are useful, but not essential. A strong P.E. kit bag is needed, again clearly marked.

### Swimming.

Swimming in the summer, weather permitting, requires a costume, comb and a large towel.

### Painting/Craft.

An old shirt or apron must be brought to school to protect clothing during Art/Craft lessons. We do take every precaution, but accidents do happen!  
Felt tip pens and/or coloured pencils are often useful.

### School Lunches.

The County no longer provides school dinners at this school, so children either go home or bring a packed lunch. This is supervised but plates, drinks and utensils cannot be provided. Please ensure all containers are clearly marked with the child's name, and drinks containers are really waterproof!  
No cans of fizzy drinks are allowed.  
Provision is made for children who are entitled to free school meals.

### Children absent from school.

If you are doubtful about your child's fitness for school, please keep them at home. Sickness and "bugs" can quickly spread, particularly among young children. Please inform the school, by 'phone or note, the reason for any absence. Truancy is non-existent at present, but you never know!

### Corporal Punishment.

I am not in favour of corporal punishment except in very extreme circumstances and as a last resort for older children.

### Parental Help.

We are most grateful for the help and co-operation given by parents and friends in many different ways. Your help is especially beneficial in a small school such as this and is much appreciated. If you feel you have time and/or talents to offer and would like to help in school, we would love to hear from you!

I hope this school is welcoming and accessible. If you have any queries or wish to discuss any aspect of school activities please do not hesitate to contact me. As I spend most of my day teaching, my lunch break is 12 - 1p.m. if you wish to contact me by telephone. Otherwise, after school 3.15 - 4.15p.m. is usually convenient.

P. J. Scull

Spring 1982.

"Friends of Horseheath School".

Parents with children in the school automatically become part of "The Friends". The purpose of "The Friends" is to create a liaison between the school and parents and others interested in the school, and to generally support and help the school where possible.

For further details contact :-

The Chairman of "The Friends".

For year 1981/82

Mr T. Harrison,

"St. Margarets", Cardinals Green.

The particulars in this booklet are correct at the date of publication, but may be altered as the occasion arises. March 1982.