

4 September 2026

PCS Open Evening 2026 - Thursday 10 September (Early Closure)

This is a reminder that next **Thursday 10 September** is our PCS Open Evening.

Due to this event taking place, the school day will end at the earlier time of **2.40pm**.

For those students who are helping out in the evening (you will receive a separate email about this if your child is involved), we would like them to be at school for 4.45pm.

Students are expected into school at the usual time of 8.30am on Friday 11 September.

Coffee Morning for Parents/Carers of Young People with SEND - Message from Amaze Sussex

Amaze Sussex are starting a monthly coffee morning for parent carers of children and young people with SEND at the community centre on Denton Island.

The first group is meeting on Thursday 17 September and here is the link to all the information:
<https://amazesussex.org.uk/events/newhaven-parent-support-group/>



for families with children and young people with
special educational needs and disabilities in Sussex

Celebrating Student Success Outside of School

We are always delighted to hear of our student's interests and achievements outside of school, and we always aim to celebrate these alongside in school events.

If your child has participated in any activities that you would like us to share with the wider community we would love to hear from you. Please send a write up, and a picture if you would like us to share it, to PCS-Studentachievement@swale.at - this will then go onto our Instagram page and our website.

South Downs Junior Rangers

Make a difference to nature recovery and climate action!

Please see the attached poster.

Last-minute lunch money panic? Solved - Message from ParentPay

Keeping your child's account topped up has never been easier.

With ParentPay's Auto Top-Up feature, you can set up automatic payments on a weekly or monthly schedule (or when their meal balance gets low) that works for your household budget. Once set up, your chosen amount will be added automatically, helping to ensure your child always has funds available for school meals.

That means no last-minute top-ups, no unexpected low-balance surprises, and confidence that your child can access school meals daily.

Why use Auto Top-Up?

Peace of mind for you: Auto Top-Up helps reduce the risk of low balances and last-minute payments, giving you one less thing to think about during busy weeks.

Confidence for your child: By keeping meal funds available, Auto Top-Up helps ensure your child can access meals without interruption throughout the school term.

Set up Auto Top-Up in 3 simple steps

1. Choose when to top up

Select a weekly or monthly schedule or choose to top up when your balance falls below a set amount.

2. Choose your top-up amount

Decide how much you'd like ParentPay to add to your child's account each time.

3. Relax – we'll do the rest

Your account will be topped up automatically, helping to ensure funds are available for meals when they're needed.

To get started, log in to ParentPay and set up an Auto Top-Up schedule today.

Reminder to Parents/Carers - School Parking

A polite reminder to parents/carers to please:

- park safely outside the school and not to wait in the disabled parking bays
- park in the old Co-Op car parks (as you are permitted to do so)
- not drop children off in Jason Close as this blocks the road for local residents
- not use the the service yard, which is clearly marked as authorised access only for the Meridian Centre (Morrisons), the Town Council and Butterfly Nursery

We have attached an image to highlight the areas where parking is available, and where it is not.

Thank you for your support.

Cucina - Updated Price List for Sept 2026

Please see the attached updated price list for September 2026 from our catering company, Cucina.

Messages from PCS Careers Team



'Passport Style Photo' Needed - Message from East Sussex College

A reminder that students have been asked to submit a 'passport style photo' for their account (e.g. a photo which clearly shows their face). This is for safeguarding purposes and will only be viewed by the Events team and tutors on the day. Please can you remind your child of the importance of a clear photo. Students who do not have a clear photo will be contacted and asked to update their profile.

FAO Y10 Parents/Carers - Year 10 Taster Day at East Sussex College - Message from ESC

Please make sure you sign up for a Taster Day with the link below:
<https://www.escg.ac.uk/whats-on/open-events/>

FAO Y11 Parents/Carers - Year 11 and Post 16 Guidance and Support

All of our Year 11 students were told in assembly on Thursday morning that they will need to have applied for their college/sixth form places by the end of November. Year 11 students will be learning about the different colleges and Post 16 provisions in their PSHE sessions, as well as talking about them in tutor time. Many of our local providers will be giving presentations in assemblies over the next term. Please keep the date in your diary of **Wednesday 7 October, 4.30-6.30pm** - we are holding a Post 16 event after school. There will be many stalls for students and their families to visit and an opportunity to pick up information and ask questions 1:1. We will send more information closer to the time.

Upcoming Key Dates (PCS School Calendar)

- **Monday 7 September** - All students back to school
- **Tuesday 8 September** - Ski Trip Information Evening, 5-6pm
- **Wednesday 9 September** - Create Music: Get into Music Demo for Y7
- **Thursday 10 September** - PCS Open Evening, 5.30-8pm

PCS Vacancies

Current vacancies at PCS are outlined below and can be found on [our website](https://www.swale.at/vacancies) (<https://www.swale.at/vacancies>).

Teaching Assistant (Fixed Term Contract - Until August 2027)

Start date: October 2026

Deadline for applications: Thursday 10 September

Interview date: w/c 14 September 2026

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RE: Travelling to School by Bicycle

At **Peacehaven Community School** we recognise the many positive benefits of students cycling to and from school. We encourage this form of travel behaviour in as many ways as possible.

The benefits of cycling to school include:

- Improving health through physical activity.
- Establishing positive active travel behaviour.
- Promoting independence and improving safety awareness.
- Reducing congestion, noise and pollution in the community.
- Reducing environmental impact of the journey to school.

To encourage as many students to cycle to school as we can, Peacehaven Community School will:

- Actively promote cycling as a positive way of travelling.
- Celebrate the achievements of those who choose to cycle to school.
- Provide secure cycle storage on the school site which all students are expected to use to store their bicycles. All bicycles should be stored using a suitable bicycle lock.

To make cycling to and from school a positive experience for everybody concerned, we expect our students to:

- Ride sensibly and safely and to follow the Highway Code.
- Take responsibility for checking that their bicycle is roadworthy and regularly maintained.
- Behave in a manner which shows them and the school in the best possible light and to consider the needs of others when cycling.
- **Wear a cycle helmet.**
- Ensure they can be seen by other road users, by using bicycle lights and wearing high-visibility clothing, as appropriate.
- Avoid wearing headphones when cycling.

For the well-being of our students, we expect Parents and Carers to:

- Encourage their child to take up opportunities to develop their competence and confidence in cycling.
- Provide their child with the appropriate safety equipment such as high-visibility clothing, bicycle lights and **cycle helmet** as appropriate.
- Ensure that the cycles ridden to school are roadworthy and regularly maintained.

The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle to and from school safely rests with the Parents' and Carers' and the school has no liability for any consequences of that decision.

Parents and Carers are advised to take out appropriate insurance cover as the school's insurance does not cover loss or damage to bicycles.

To ensure the safety of members of the community who are entering the school building, we have a separate entrance for those students who cycle to school. This is through the gate at the East of the building.

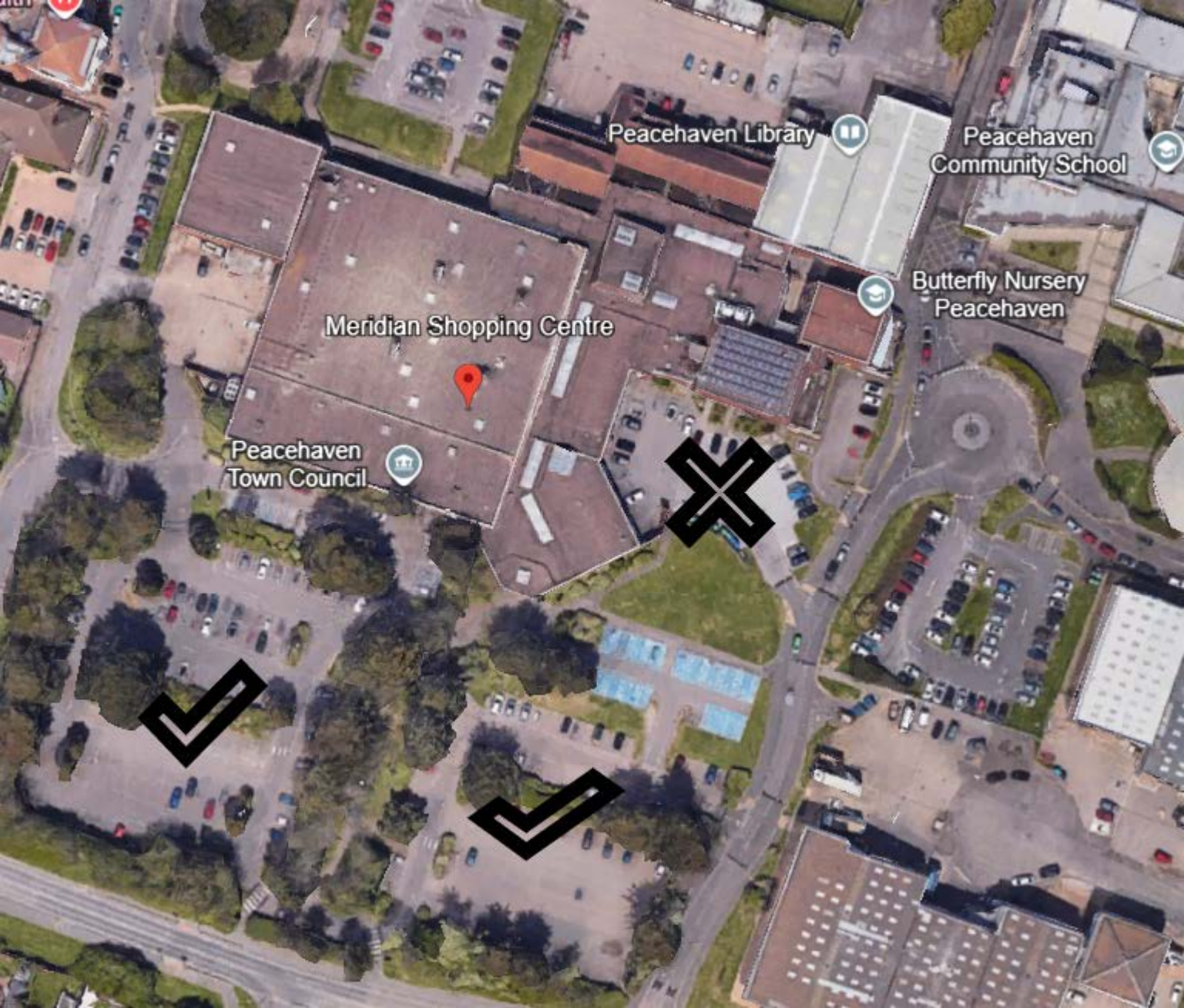
As of September 2026 we are asking that every student who rides a bike to PCS wears a cycle helmet.

Please click on the link below from Headway the Brain injury charity if you would like to find out more about our rationale as to why we are expecting every child who cycles to school to wear a helmet.

<https://www.headway.org.uk/news-and-campaigns/action-for-brain-injury/awareness-and-education/cycle-safety/>

Kind regards

PCS



Peacehaven Library

Peacehaven
Community School

Butterfly Nursery
Peacehaven

Meridian Shopping Centre

Peacehaven
Town Council

TARIFF SEPTEMBER 2026

DRINKS		PRICE	BREAKFAST		PRICE
Water 500ml		£1.20	Breakfast Roll		£1.60
Fruit Slush		£1.50	Mini Breakfast Baguette		£1.60
Capri Sun		£1.35	Breakfast Pot – 3 Piece		£2.30
Dalston Cans		£1.50	Bagel		£2.75
Radnor 200ml Carton		£1.20	Toast with Butter or Jam		£0.40
Milk/Flavoured Carton		£1.20	Homemade Pancakes with Fruit Toppings		£1.45
HOMEBAKES			Toasted Teacake		£1.45
Muffins		£1.45	Cereal + Milk 8oz		£1.05
Small Cakes/Cookies		£1.15	Porridge for Students		Free
Cookies/Brownie		£1.45	Porridge for Staff		£1.05
Traybakes		£1.45	Porridge Toppings		£0.50
HOT GRAB & GO			COLD GRAB & GO		
Bagel		£3.00	Chill Deal Roll		£1.20
Panini – Half/Whole		£1.60/£2.85	Deli Sub Roll		£2.40
Toastie – Whole		£3.20	Wrap		£2.85
French Toast		£1.45	Premium Salads		£3.00
Twister		£2.85	Whole Sandwiches		£2.40
Chicken Wings		£2.45	Half Baguette		£1.60
Hot Pasta Pot – Medium/Large		£2.25/£2.60	Cold Pasta Pot – 16oz		£2.60
Pizza Slice (Break Time)		£1.70	Houmous & Vegetable Crudites		£1.70
Wrap		£2.85	Protein Pots		£1.00
Soups & Broths		£1.90	Salad Pots		£2.00
Quesadilla		£1.45	Jelly/Yoghurt/Fruit Pots		£1.00
Jacket Potato – 1 Topping		£2.25	Whole Fruit		£0.55
ALL POWER BITES					
Range of Nutritious Rice & Noodle Dishes		£1.45			

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Cucina IFG

BREAKFAST	PRICE	HOMEBAKES	PRICE
Breakfast Roll	£1.60	Muffins	£1.45
Mini Breakfast Baguette	£1.60	Small Cakes/Cookies	£1.15
Breakfast Pot – 3 Piece	£2.30	Cookies/Brownie	£1.45
Bagel	£2.75	Traybakes	£1.45
Toast with Butter or Jam	£0.40	HOT GRAB & GO	
Homemade Pancakes with Fruit Toppings	£1.45	Bagel	£3.00
Toasted Teacake	£1.45	Panini – Half/Whole	£1.60/£2.85
Cereal + Milk 8oz	£1.05	Toastie – Whole	£3.20
Porridge for Students	Free	French Toast	£1.45
Porridge for Staff	£1.05	Twister	£2.85
Porridge Toppings	£0.50	Chicken Wings	£2.45
COLD GRAB & GO		Hot Pasta Pot – Medium/Large	£2.25/£2.60
Chill Deal Roll	£1.20	Pizza Slice (Break Time)	£1.70
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Wrap	£2.85	Soups & Broths	£1.90
Premium Salads	£3.00	Quesadilla	£1.45
Whole Sandwiches	£2.40	Jacket Potato – 1 Topping	£2.25
Half Baguette	£1.60	ALL POWER BITES	
Cold Pasta Pot – 16oz	£2.60	Range of Nutritious Rice & Noodle Dishes	£1.45
Houmous & Vegetable Crudites	£1.70		
Protein Pots	£1.00		
Salad Pots	£2.00		
Jelly/Yoghurt/Fruit Pots	£1.00		
Whole Fruit	£0.55		

VAT on hot food and beverages will be charged at the current rate for all staff members

SOUTH DOWNS JUNIOR RANGERS

Take action for nature,
build skills, and have fun!



Open to
ages 14-16

Make a difference to nature recovery and climate action!

Volunteering as a Junior Ranger is an exciting way to learn new skills, connect with others who care about nature, and take action to protect it. It's a fun and fulfilling way to complete the Volunteering section of your Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Plus, it looks great on your UCAS or apprenticeship applications!

Location: Eastern Area of South Downs National Park

When: 18 October, 8 November & 6th December 2026

Visit our website or scan the QR code for more information.



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NATIONAL PARK**