

# Exeter House News



11<sup>th</sup> September 2026



## Diary Dates

### Training Days 26/27

**School will be closed to students on:**

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

## Car Parking for Parents

If you drive onto site for drop-off or collection, please do not arrive on site before **8.30am** as staff are still arriving up until this time. Please can we ask that you avoid parking in the school car space and along the slip road. If possible, please use the car park closest to school. This will help us monitor that only Exeter House parents are driving onto our site and ensure the safety of your children.

We understand that parking at any school can be problematic but with a growing school population, it is increasingly busy at these times.

Thank you for your help and support with this 😊

## Consent Forms

Please check for and respond to any consent forms via email, as we do require replies. Thank you.

## Welcome!

It has been wonderful to welcome so many new children and their families to Exeter House in both Salisbury and at our new site in Tidworth. We will be joined by a few more on Monday. It has been lovely to see the children back in school and adjusting to new routines, spaces and staff, following the summer break.

This is always a busy term with lots of information being sent out and requested, so please do ask if you have any questions. Our fantastic office team will be happy to help 😊

## Memorial Fundraiser

As you will know, we shared the very sad news of Xander, who passed away toward the end of the summer holiday. Xander's family would like to fundraise so that we may have a bench in our playground, in his memory, as it is a place he enjoyed spending time and watching his friends play.

Please see the link for his page, if anyone would like to make a donation then you will find the details here:

[Tribute to Alexander Dré Beresford](#)

We have very much had Xander in our thoughts as we started back at school and of course thinking of Georgina, Terry and Zachary.

## Introducing our Family Support Worker - Mikaela

Many of you may have already had the chance to meet Mikaela, our new Family Support Worker, in the Parent Area at drop-off or pick-up time at Somerset Rd. Please do say hello and introduce yourselves and if you would like her to get in touch then please contact the school office; she is really looking forward to getting to know you all.

## Illness Guidance

As is often the case on the return to school and as we move towards the Autumn/Winter, we do see an increase in various illnesses doing the rounds. Please do check the following:

*When a child is unwell, it can be hard deciding whether to keep them off school for parents. These simple guidelines taken from the NHS website should help.*

<https://www.nhs.uk/Live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

*Not every illness needs a child to stay away from school. If a child is kept away from school, parents must inform the school on the first day of their absence.*

*Common sense needs to be used when deciding whether or not a child is too ill to attend school. Parents need to ask themselves the following questions.*

- Is my child well enough to do the activities of the school day? If not, keep your child at home.*
- Does my child have a condition that could be passed on to other children or school staff? If so, keep your child at home.*
- Would I take a day off work if I had this condition? If so, keep your child at home.*

### **Common conditions**

*If a child is ill, it's likely to be due to one of a few minor health conditions. (see below)*

#### **Cough and cold**

*A child with a minor cough or cold may attend school. If the cold is accompanied by a raised temperature, shivers or drowsiness, the child should stay off school, visit the GP and return to school 24 hours after they start to feel better. If a child has a more severe and long-lasting cough, they should go to a GP. They can give guidance on whether your child should stay off school.*

#### **Raised temperature**

*If a child has a raised temperature (38C), they shouldn't attend school. They can return 24 hours after their temperature has returned to normal (without Calpol)*

#### **Rash**

*Skin rashes can be the first sign of many infectious illnesses, such as chickenpox and measles. Children with these conditions shouldn't attend school. If a child has a rash, check with a GP or practice nurse before sending them to school.*

#### **Headache**

*A child with a minor headache doesn't usually need to be kept off school. If the headache is more severe or is accompanied by other symptoms, such as raised temperature or drowsiness, then the child should be kept off school and a GP consulted.*

#### **Vomiting and diarrhoea**

*Children with diarrhoea and/or vomiting must be kept off school until 48 hours after their symptoms have gone. Most cases of diarrhoea and vomiting in children get better without treatment, but if symptoms persist, consult a GP.*

#### **Sore throat**

*A sore throat alone doesn't have to keep a child from school. But if it's accompanied by a raised temperature, your child should stay at home.*

#### **Chickenpox**

*If a child has chickenpox, they must be kept off school until all their spots have crusted over.*