



BHPS NEWS

Dear Parents/Carers,

July 2021

As we come to the end of what has been an extraordinarily challenging school year, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your tremendous support and cooperation with managing the smooth running of the school during the pandemic. Your efforts in supporting the children's remote learning during lockdowns, your cooperation with the one-way system and all the other measures in place to keep everyone safe have been truly appreciated by all staff and governors.

Until we break up for the summer on Wednesday 21st July, all current arrangements will remain. Once we return in September, school will follow the updated government guidance and Public Health advice:

Main changes:

- From August 16th, the legal requirement to self-isolate for contacts of a positive case will end for everyone aged under 18 but children should stay at home if they have symptoms of Covid or a positive test result.
- From August 16th, if there has been a positive case in school, close contacts will be identified via NHS Test and Trace and education settings will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing. This means that a whole year group would not be sent home and asked to isolate.

See links for more information:

[Parents, pupils, teachers and students. Find out what step 4 of the covid roadmap means for you. - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

[Schools COVID-19 operational guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

Other changes:

- When we return, we will no longer be asking you to use the one-way system and the entrance and exit will revert back to Westerdale Road.
- School timings will remain as they currently are in order to reduce congestion:

	Start time	Home time
2 Year Olds am	8:50am	11:50am
2 Year Olds pm	12:20pm	3:20pm
Nursery am	8:45am	11:45am
Nursery pm	12:15pm	3:15pm
Reception	From 8:30 – 8:55am	3.15pm
KS1	From 8:30 – 8:55am	3.00pm
KS2	From 8:30 – 8:55am	3.15pm

What is staying the same:

Although the government restrictions are lifting, the government advice around maintaining good hygiene measures and hand washing remains. The local infection rates are high and rising therefore we will take a cautious and graduated approach to lifting internal restrictions. For example, children will be able to mix, however they will only mix with one other year group in the first instance and then gradually we will increase the social contacts according to the local infection rates and advice. We will hold assemblies, however they will either be remote or with one other year group. Lunch time arrangements will remain broadly the same in the first instance. Trips and clubs will resume however we will inform you when they begin.

Dates for your Diary 2020-21

Autumn Term

- Wednesday 1st September PD Day – school closed for staff training
- **Thursday 2nd September – First day back at school for pupils**
- Friday 1st October **PD Day** – school closed for staff training
- Friday 22nd October – break up for Half Term for one week returning Monday 1st November
- 16th and 17st November –Parent Pupil Teacher Consultations
- Monday 22nd November **PD Day** – school closed for staff training
- 10th December EYFS Nativity 10am and 2pm
- Friday 17th December – break up for Christmas Holidays for two weeks returning Tuesday 4th January

Spring Term

- Friday 18th February break up for Half Term for one week returning Monday 28th February
- Monday 21st March PD Day – school closed for staff training
- 22nd and 23rd March –Parent Pupil Teacher Consultations
- Friday 8th April– break up for one week) Easter Holidays returning Wednesday 20rd April (Tuesday 19th to commemorate the Queen’s 75th anniversary)

Summer Term

- Monday 2nd May Bank holiday
- Week beginning Monday 9th May - **Y6 SATS tests**
- During May – **Y2 SATS**
- Friday 20th May break up for Half Term for two weeks returning Monday 6th June
- Week beginning 8th June – **Y1 Phonics (four-week period)**
- Week beginning 8th June – **Y4 Multiplication tables check (three-week period)**
- Friday 24th June **PD Day** – school closed for staff training
- Friday 15th July -Reports and new class information out to parents/carers
- Thursday 21st July – break up for summer holidays.

*Thank you for your continued support, have a wonderful and safe summer.
Best Wishes,*

Miss Smith

Head Teacher

-See you back on Thursday 2nd September!