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Thursday 15th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It feels untimely to write with details of the easing of restrictions from Monday 19th July when we are currently experiencing bubble closures, however in line with the easing of restrictions across England, I have outlined below our response to this for the final week of term.

From Monday 19th July - Friday 23rd July

- The school day will remain as it has been this academic year:

Start time (all children)	Class doors open from 8:45 to 9:00 (9:00 registration time)
End time (YR, Y1)	3:15
End time (Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6)	3:30

- The children will remain in bubbles for the final week of term and therefore all activities will continue in year groups only with no wider mixing.
- Bubble closures will still be made if a positive case within a year group is reported.
- Face coverings are no longer required to be worn by parents and carers when on school site to drop off/collect your child. However, it is recommended by the Government that face coverings are still worn in crowded areas. Please use your discretion when on school site.
- As in previous school holidays, should your child develop one of the main symptoms of Coronavirus (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>) within 48 hours of their last day at school you will need to arrange for them to have a test. I will be on call between 8am and 12 noon each day from Saturday 24th July until Thursday 29th July. If your child receives a positive test result between these dates, please text the following number 07729086539 stating your child's full name and class, the date they were last in school and the date they became symptomatic. I will confirm I have received your message and call you should I require further information. Please do not use this number for any other purpose than reporting a Benhurst pupil case. I will write to parents in the usual way should it be necessary to inform you of a Year Group Bubble isolation period.
- Our increased cleaning routines and pupil hand washing will remain in place.

From Autumn Term (2nd September 2021)

- When the children return to school in September, the school day will return to the previous timings for all pupils.

Start time (all children)	Class doors open from 8:50 to 9:00 (9:00 registration time)
End time (all children)	3:30

- Pupils will no longer be required to be grouped in year group bubbles and wider mixing (including at breaktime and lunchtime and in assemblies) will be permitted.
- From 16th August 2021, the isolation rules are changing and children under 18 as well as double vaccinated adults are no longer required to isolate if they are a close contact of a positive case. Instead, they are advised to take a PCR test. Therefore, this should see the end of 10-day isolation periods for staff and children who have been close contacts unless they receive a positive test result.
- In the event of a local outbreak, we may be required to re-introduce some previous measures and these would be communicated in this event.

As guidance is ever - changing, we will write again towards the end of the holidays to confirm our full plans for September re-opening as the above is subject to change. However, we do not expect to change the school day timings from those set out above.

Term Dates 2021 - 2022

The term dates for next academic year can be found here:

https://www.havering.gov.uk/info/20006/schools_and_education/221/school_term_and_holiday_dates

In addition, our 5 planned INSET Days are as follows:

Wednesday 1st September 2021 (Pupils return to school on Thursday 2nd September 2021)

Monday 1st November 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Friday 11th February 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

Pupils are not required to attend school on these dates.

I will write again on Monday with details of the children's new classes for September. Children will be meeting their new teachers on Monday. If any year groups continue to be affected by bubble closures at this time, Google Meet links will be posted within Google Classroom on Monday morning to enable children to meet their new teacher virtually.

Yours Sincerely,



Mrs K Hart
Head Teacher

Key Dates

Friday 16th July - Bubble Summer Party (Non - Uniform Day) See letter 18/06

Friday 23rd July - Last day of term (Normal finish)

Wednesday 1st September - INSET Day (Pupils are not required to attend)

Thursday 2nd September - First day of Autumn Term for Years 1 - 6

