



Leppington, Birch Hill, Bracknell, RG12 7WW
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COVID19 Update (End of term arrangements and initial plans September)

Dear Parents/Carers,

End of Term Arrangements

ZOOM Transition Meetings

I am aware that our normal transition arrangements are different and this is causing children some anxiety. Be assured this is completely normal and understandable. In normal circumstances our transition plans are there to support children and for some children we offer additional sessions. Obviously this year will be very different. The children's current teachers will be there to introduce their new class teacher. The current teacher will stay for a short time then leave the meeting to be led by the new teacher.

End of Term Key Stage Assembly (ZOOM)

We are planning to host two Key Stage Leavers assembly via live ZOOM. We will send you invites for these next week. We will follow the normal format where we give children achievement and awards. Please look out for these dates and try to attend.

Class topic books / PE kit /lost property

We will leave the children's topic books and PE kits outside the front office from Monday until the end of term. Please come and collect them. Anything not collected by Wednesday 22nd July will be disposed of.

End of Year Amnesty

If you have any library books or resources that belong to the school, could you please return them by leaving them in the 'Return Box' outside of the school office. Please drop them off and we can ensure they go to the right place.

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

An email will be going out in Monday inviting all Year 6 children and their parents to join a leavers Assembly via ZOOM to be held at 5pm on Tuesday 21st July. We do hope you will be able to make it.

Reception Arrangements

Mrs Woodward and Mrs Aulsberry (Reception teachers) are making their 1:1 calls to all reception parents. Children will have Play & Stay on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September and begin their transition during the week of 7th September. All children will be in full time by 14th September.

Holiday Club

Please find attached information from KOOSAKids about Holiday Club provision. This will run from Thursday 24th July – Friday 21st August.

Teacher presents

I know there is a tradition of parents giving staff gifts at the end of the year. While this is always very generous, in light of the COVID19 lockdown, we would like to suggest any donations are directed towards to our JustGiving page for Dan Kelf. Some parents may know that sadly Dan recently passed away recently. Dan was an ex-pupil of Birch Hill and well known to the many in the community. Dan worked for Guide Dogs for the Blind and we would like to honour his memory by donating and sponsoring a guide dog next year. We will give you more details next week.

September Plan

We are still working on plans for September and will update you as soon as possible. However, the key information for you to know is that all children will be back full time.

We have decided to move our INSET days and **children will return to school on Thursday 3rd September**. Tuesday and Wednesday will be used for training and preparation.

I fully appreciate this is late notice and thank you for your support in this. If you have already made prior arrangements please do let us know and we will accommodate these.

It is likely that we will keep the system we have been using in the morning and afternoon – that is, a staggered start, with parents leaving the children at the gate, and a staggered collection at the end of the day – with parents using a one-way system and walking through the site, leaving via the Y6 gate.

We are working on a 'Recovery Curriculum'. The children will follow their usual English and Maths lessons in the mornings – but with a strong emphasis on assessing children's knowledge and understanding and then filling any gaps. We will continue to follow whole school themes, but with a focus on Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE), supported by more use of books and creative arts.

Children will be in bubbles and lunches and breaks will be on a rota. The majority of children will continue to have lunch in their classrooms and there will be no whole school events such as assemblies.

We are very aware that some children will be anxious and nervous about coming back. The Recovery Curriculum will give them time and space to feel safe in the routine and to develop relationships with their peers and new teachers and TAs. .

Yours sincerely,



Michael Dillon
Headteacher

