



Weekly Update

18 June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the Prime Ministers' announcement of the extension of Phase 3 of lockdown to the 19th July, plus the increase of COVID/Delta variant in the Bracknell area local Headteachers have met with Local Authority and Public Health England officers.

I have sent you a letter from the Bracknell Forest Council Chief Executive– Timothy Wheadon explaining some of the local situation. One aspect of this is that all staff are taking part in local surge testing. Primary children do not need to do this.

Following our meeting Heads have all been given very specific advice and guidance for the rest of this half-term. I wanted to give you an update on how the COVID restrictions will impact/affect the rest of term.

Advice remains that where possible, we should keep children to bubbles of 30 and that schools should minimise visitors to school. Therefore, and very reluctantly, we need to either cancel or review many of the normal summer term events. Please see a list below.

Unfortunately, this is the second year now we have not been able to send children and families off in the best way. It is also the second year that we are not able to welcome new children and families to Birch Hill. We will follow some of the same formats that we did last year and make the most of what we can do!

- Sports day – this will continue as a school/bubble event. No parents or whole school event.
- Y6 performance – this will continue, but will be recorded and shared with parents on the website on 9th July. The first half will be performed by children from 6G and the second half will be performed by children from 6H
- Y6 leavers disco - this will be cancelled. In it's place we will host an outdoor picnic on the afternoon (1-3pm) of Tuesday 20th July for children only.
- Y6 Leaver Assembly – will be virtual on Tuesday 20th July at 6pm (children and parents at home and staff in school)
- New Reception children Stay & Play – cancelled and will take place on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September, with the children starting full time from Monday 6th September
- New nursery children Stay & Play – cancelled and will take place on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September.



Children's Achievements

Dylan in Year 6 climbed Scafell Pike last week. The highest mountain in England. This is a huge challenge! Congratulations to Dylan!

Eilidh in Year 3 auditioned in March for the Royal Ballet School's Junior Associate programme. She received amazing news this week that she has been accepted to start weekly classes with them in September! Congratulations to Eilidh!



Dates for the Diary

National Sports Week	Monday 21st—Friday 25th June
Nursery & Reception Sports Day	Friday 25th June
New Reception Parents Evening	Thursday 24th June (7pm (virtual))
Year 4 Residential to Oakwood	Thursday 1st—Friday 2nd July
Year 6 Residential to Oakwood	Monday 5th—Wednesday 7th July
Whole School New Class Transition session	Thursday 8th & Friday 9th July
Annual Reports to go out	Friday 16th July
END OF TERM	Wednesday 21st July
START OF AUTUMN TERM	Thursday 2nd September