

9th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see some updates below on various aspects of school.

School operations

As I am sure you are all aware, Step 4 of the government's roadmap out of the pandemic restrictions will begin on Monday 19th July. Earlier this week, the DfE released new guidance for schools which outline changes to the way we will respond to the pandemic from 19th July and moving into the new term in September.

We are currently assessing what this will mean in terms of our day to day operations and also taking into account the feedback we received from parents in our recent survey of which aspects of recent practice we can learn from and potentially incorporate in future plans. Before the end of next week, we will share detailed information with parents on all of these points.

Isolations

We finally had all of our pupils back in school today with the Y1s returning this morning, hot on the heels of Y3/4 and our 2-year-olds who all returned earlier in the week. It has been lovely to see everyone and thanks again to parents and carers for your support and co-operation. We do still have some staff who are self-isolating but hope to see them all return at different points next week. Hopefully, this weekend will be incident-free!

Staffing, classes and end of year reports

We have spent a great deal of time in recent weeks, organising the class groups for the next academic year and these will be shared with parents/carers on Monday 12th July ahead of the end of year reports which will be emailed on Wednesday 14th July. There will also be some staffing changes for September as several of our existing staff are moving on to new challenges. Again, details will be shared with parents/carers on Monday 12th July.

The Hive

Planning for our extended before and after-school provision is going well and we are delighted with the level of interest from parents and carers. We are determined to build this provision into the best that it can be, offering a range of interesting and enjoyable activities for children to take part in. One thing I am keen to do is offer the children in the Hive the opportunity to grow vegetables to be used at home and also in school. I want to construct a large, wooden planter in the area outside the school office – it would be a great experience also (with due regard to health & safety of course!) to get the children involved in this construction too. **If**

any parents have a connection in the timber industry and could help to source some pressure-treated, rough-sawn timber at a reasonable price, please get in touch and let us know.

Have a great weekend everyone and good luck to England on Sunday.

Kind regards,

Tim Broad

