

Friday 11 July 2020

Re: School Closure Updates

Dear Families

Year 7 Refresher Events Next Week:

We are looking forward to next week's end of term refresher events, a reminder that students:

- Will be participating in reflection, celebration and socialising activities, they will also receive a paper copy of their End of Year Reflection Report (these will also be emailed home)
- Must come along in non-school uniform
- May wear face coverings in school but this is optional, students must (where medically possible) wear face coverings on public transport
- Should also bring iPads and some colouring pencils if possible
- We will provide a drink and a snack, observing COVID safe hygiene.
- Students who attend Keyworker School will participate in the outdoor parts of their tutor group's activities.

Please note that there will be **no parking on site** for these events and students will be met in the front car park on arrival at 9am; they should not come into the school building until brought in by a member of staff as we need to ensure we maintain our 'bubbles' in school.

September Plans:

Our September plans are taking shape and in close consultation with the DfE and Bohunt Education Trust we have been able to create a plan for September wherein both small year groups are considered one 'bubble'. This means that we are able to teach lessons such as Science, Music, Art and Drama in specialist teaching spaces and that our year 8 students will be able to offer support to our new students. Of course, we must put additional control measures in place, some of which I have shared with students in an assembly, the link to which is below.

- Regular handwashing reminders
- One way systems in school
- Teachers will keep at the front of the classroom and mark work online where possible
- Shared resources will be kept to a minimum and cleaned regularly
- Students will wear PE kit to school on days they have PE
- We will avoid sharing resources and those that must be shared will be cleaned regularly
- Students will face the front in classrooms and whilst doing activities
- We have slightly staggered the start and end times of the day and of lunchtime, to spread students out across the site more effectively.

Details of these changes are included in the assembly that I will also share with our new families this week.

All of these measures are, of course, subject to change and/or development over time and I will write to you again before the start of term with further details on our plans. The assembly, with further information, can be found here: <https://www.loom.com/share/55ed6f2670c64a3db4e7a71af68d1a01>

ERA Point Freeze:

Families have awarded almost 600 Parent Recognition ERA points since we activated this function earlier in the term! We will freeze ERA points on Friday 10 July so that we can collate any last bronze, silver, gold and platinum ERA Awards for distribution. Although ERA points will be reset to zero in September, students who have reached one of these milestones will be able to wear their badges in September and new style badges will be given out as they are achieved in 2020/21.

Preparing for 2020/21:

If you have not already done so, please take some time in advance of term starting to double check the

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uniform and equipment advice on our website. <https://www.bohunthorsham.com/parents/uniform>

In particular, please check the expectations around hair, school shoes, jewellery etc. in readiness for the start of term. It will be a strange time for our students after so much time away and I would not want any of them to feel uncomfortable about arriving in the wrong uniform or without the correct equipment. If at all possible, please also ensure your child also has a set of highlighters. Attached to this letter you will find an **indicative list of potential costs** for the academic year; this is to help you in planning for any costs associated with school. If cost is ever an obstacle to your child participating in something relating to school please do get in touch with your child's form tutor or email enquiries@bohunthorsham.com to see if we can help.

STEM Takeover Day, Tuesday 14 July:

We are hosting a **STEM TAKEOVER DAY** in which scientists, teachers and coaches from [Team Ineos](#) and [Trust 1851](#) are coming in to **Keyworker School at Bohunt Horsham** to run live activities, teaching students how it takes more than 'just' fitness to run a sub two hour marathon. The team will run their sessions live, the lessons will be streamed, via YouTube, through our Game-changer Google classroom to all Bohunt Horsham students and across all schools in the Bohunt Education Trust. We even have a personalised video message from Eliud Kipchoge who, supported by Team INEOS, [ran a sub two hour marathon last year](#). **The day includes producing a nut-free energy ball and we have sent you the list of ingredients** required in advance of Tuesday to be able to participate in this. Students at Keyworker School will have ingredients provided for them.

Last Week of Keyworker/Vulnerable Support w/c 13.7.20:

The survey for next week's keyworker childcare /additional support is here:

<https://forms.gle/KuDv9rsPCn6Sj8fN7> **if your child is attending school for any reason, please complete the survey as soon as you are able.** It is vital that we know who is planned to attend school on each day so that we can inform you if your child does not arrive.

Last/First Day of Term:

Please note that Friday 17 July is the last day of term. **There will be no lessons or keyworker/vulnerable childcare after 1pm on Friday 17 July.** The first day of term for year 8 students is Tuesday 8 September and students should arrive for an 8.40 start on that day. There are more details in the assembly shared above.

Summer Workshops:

As we are such a small staff, with conflicting time away booked and uncertainties around self-isolation, unfortunately we are unable to run any summer workshops this year. However, during the last week of August we will have pre-bookable 'Re-Orientation Visits' for any student who feels they would like to come and have a walk around the building and re-familiarise themselves with it. These will run from Monday 24 August to Friday 28 August in the morning and afternoon and details regarding booking will be sent home to you closer to the time via Classcharts announcements.

A Few of My Favourite Things:

I loved catching Eddie M, whose start to the year at Bohunt Horsham was not easy, dancing and laughing throughout PE in Keyworker School this week. In very exciting news, our Local Governing Body has now met for the first time and I enjoyed meeting them all as a group. I sometimes take a group of students from Keyworker School to the park at lunchtime, and have loved watching them get some fresh air and exercise in a way that almost feels normal. This week I have really enjoyed meeting our new students, face to face, at the Click and Collect Transition events, they are so excited to start and to meet their new role models. Subby's challenge tasks in Maths have been excellent this week. Tom A has made amazing progress in his scattergraph work this week. Lucia has impressed me all week with her compassionate and energetic support for our new students at the Click and Collect events. I have also really enjoyed making the plans for September, and although they are a work in progress and could be subject to change, it has been lovely to imagine our little school full up once more with laughter and learning.

Please do continue to look after each other and stay safe,



Ms Ayling