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Re: End of Autumn Term 2021

Dear families

What a **term to reflect on!** Our termly ERA Chronicle, which will be sent out tomorrow, gives a great insight into the brilliant things that have been going on in school this term and, whilst it hasn't been without its challenges, it has certainly been another great term for us here at Bohunt Horsham with sports fixtures, the school production, numerous charitable fundraising events, the start of GCSE courses and the launch of ERA week as just some of the highlights to look back upon.

Alongside those accomplishments, though, we have been packing and eagerly awaiting the move to our brand new school. Excitement has grown here over the last term but in the last few days we have all felt a certain nostalgia and fondness for our little temporary school and our amazing finance officer Mrs Griffin has put together a video to bid **goodbye to Arun House and Nexus**. The video will be shown in our end of term rewards assembly tomorrow and will pop up on our Facebook page too for families to take a look at.

Today's letter includes some reminders of **key information for the start of term:**

Item	Notes	Actions?
Start of term plans	Dates – for key term dates, see the end of this letter. School day (including wraparound care) – our school day has been adjusted to enable clubs (and detentions!) to take place at lunchtime whilst the bridge is under construction. You can see the updated school day on our website here: https://www.bohunthorsham.com/families/times-of-the-school-day/ Clubs will run at lunchtimes, which have been extended to allow enough time to eat and participate in an activity, this is just until Easter when the bridge is provided. A new clubs timetable will be posted online in the first week of term. First day of term plans - many of our students will be feeling ready and excited to start learning in our new school but they may also be feeling nervous or worried, particularly about finding their way around. To support students in understanding the changes and the new routines and expectations that are in place, all students have a full day of induction on 10.1.22, they will spend this day with their tutor group.	Check the school dates and make sure you are ready
Road safety reminders	A reminder that, in order to ensure our students' safety whilst we wait for the bridge to be constructed, no student may arrive or leave school on foot whilst we await the bridge. Pick up and drop off for those families travelling to and from school by car is available at the front of the new school building.	Check road-works which are ongoing in the area
Buses and travel, some FAQs	Those families with an allocated 'Bohunt bus' are encouraged to try and find time to visit the stops in the holidays. If students miss their Bohunt bus they can call, text or freephone the school on the numbers below, alternatively they can walk back home to be driven into school by a family member. Wristbands and late bus contact cards will be issued this week to all families who have been allocated	Talk through travel at home with your child

	a Bohunt bus; the wristband colour will correspond to the route you have been allocated and your child will not be able to access a different bus route. Please do let us know if you no longer require a bus place as there are families on the waiting list for some routes. Buses will be identifiable with a sign in the window that includes the colour of the route. Late bus contact: Call: 01403 627 430 Text (include your name and bus stop): 07514 361 737 No credit? Freephone: 0 8000 478 740	
Remote learning 5,6,7 January 2022	Remote learning will take place on Google classroom on 5,6,7 January. This is not live so teachers will not be available for google meets or to answer questions immediately. The work is flexible and students can complete the work whenever or wherever best suits you as a family.	No action needed
Tours of the new school site for current families	These remain open for any final bookings on School Gateway. The tours are led by your own child and take place on 11,12,13,14 January.	No action needed
Equipment and uniform reminders	Students must be in full school uniform from 10.1.22. Students no longer need to wear their PE kit to school on PE/sports club days but will bring kit with them and change in our changing rooms. If you are struggling with uniform or kit issues please email your child's form tutor or enquiries with an update. Lessons do not start until 11.1.22 so students only need to bring pencil cases, iPads, and water bottles on 10.1.22.	Check uniform and equipment against the list in plenty of time
Catering	Our onsite catering at break and lunchtime will begin on 10.1.22, please use School Gateway to top up your account (email address that you enter must match the one registered with your school), check your balance, etc. Students entitled to free school meals will have their accounts topped up automatically. Students are also welcome to bring packed lunches.	Check your school lunch account
COVID reminder for start of term	If your child or a member of your household develops symptoms of COVID-19 , please do not send your child into school. Instead please inform the school by emailing enquiries@bohunthorsham.com and take the symptomatic person for a PCR test ASAP. Main symptoms: new, persistent cough, high temperature, loss or change to your sense of smell/taste. Additional restrictions or guidance may be shared with schools between now and early January and I will write to you again week commencing 4.1.22 with updates.	Stay vigilant for symptoms and continue to lateral flow test at home
School closed from 2pm on 7.12.21 until 4.1.22	From 2pm on Friday 17.12.21 our servers will go 'offline' for the move and so we will not be contactable from this point until 4.1.22. Our phone number will be directed to a school mobile that will be checked periodically for emergencies only. If you are concerned about the safety of a Bohunt Horsham student and the concern is immediate you are advised to call 999. If your concern can wait until the new term, email safeguarding@bohunthorsham.com – we will check this email intermittently over the break. We are very conscious that Christmas is not an easy time for all families and have included an advice sheet with this week's bulletin that gives some of the local and national places to go for support over Christmas if you need it.	No action needed

On-site COVID testing:

You may have seen in the press that we are required to offer an **on-site COVID test before students start school in the new term**. Because of the complexities around getting to the new school site, we have decided to hold this at the temporary school – Arun House. The tests are available during the following time slots **on Friday 7 January**. Your child does not need to be accompanied for their test but we do require consent to carry out the test. Please complete the consent form below by 22.12.21 if you would like to take up this offer.

Please note that this on site test is strongly advised but not compulsory (your child may still attend school on 10.1.22 if they have not completed an on-site test but must at least have completed a lateral flow test at home). As with previous on-site tests, results will be sent to parents/carers directly by text message.

Action: Please complete the consent form here and this will also confirm your child's place for on site COVID testing: <https://forms.gle/B7sZLGzdTNIUDcX88>

Tutor group	Testing slot	Tutor group	Testing slot
7a	7.1.22 – 9.00am	8a	7.1.22 – 13.20pm
7b	7.1.22 – 9.20am	8b	7.1.22 – 13.40pm
7c	7.1.22 – 9.40am	8c	7.1.22 – 14.00pm
7d	7.1.22 – 10.00am	8d	7.1.22 – 14.20pm
7e	7.1.22 – 10.20am	9a	7.1.22 – 14.40pm
7f	7.1.22 – 11.00am	9b	7.1.22 – 15.20pm
7g	7.1.22 – 11.20am	9c	7.1.22 – 15.40pm
7h	7.1.22 – 11.40am	9d	7.1.22 – 16.00pm

Please note that there will be some limited parking available on site at Arun House for the testing but families are advised to use Pavilions car park if ours becomes full.

Action: We have a few volunteers for testing but would love to have some more, if you are able to support us with on site testing with this new on site testing date, then please let us know here: <https://forms.gle/3s5Ef3iaHhK57NiK7>

I know I speak for my entire team when I say we cannot wait to welcome your children into their brand new school, and with so much ahead of us I know this will be the best term yet for the Bohunt Horsham family.

Thank you and keep safe this Christmas.

With best wishes,
Ms Ayling

Key dates:

- Friday 17 December - end of term, school closes at 1.40pm
- Monday 3rd January 2022 - Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 4 January 2022 - INSET Day, school closed to students
- Wednesday 5 January - Friday 7 January 2022 - statutory staff induction in new building, school closed to students but remote learning provided
- Friday 7 January - Covid testing taking place at Arun House
- Monday 10 January - all students start on the new school site, normal school day times, more details to follow later in the term.
- Tuesday 11 January onwards – current family tours of the new school site, booking opens online soon.