

Thursday 6 January 2022

Dear families

Re: Start of Spring Term 2022

I write to you on day three of our training, unpacking and setting up days here at the new school site. Whilst this time has been incredibly beneficial and indeed necessary, I wanted to thank you for your support with enabling us to deliver remote learning flexibly this week and to take the time to ensure we and the building are ready for your children to begin learning here in person next week. I know that for many of you this represents changes to your schedules or even an additional burden or sacrifice and I am very grateful, as always, for your unfailing support. This is the building our school community deserves and it won't feel like Bohunt Horsham as we know it until your children's voices and laughter can be heard bouncing off its walls. Monday can't come soon enough.

Today's letter includes some reminders of and updates to **key information for the start of term** around the following areas:

- Travel and transport
- Testing on site and at home
- COVID risk assessment – changes in response to government guidance (including isolation, mask wearing and visitors to school)
- Next week's tours of the new school site.

Where this information is a reminder, full details can be found on the end of term letter from December which is stored in our letters archive [here](#).

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](#).

Item	Notes	Actions?
Travel and transport	Change: Please note that for families driving to and from school, there are significant changes to the road layouts up to and beyond Rusper Road roundabout, most importantly that there is now a slip road that you must use if travelling east to west on the A264 to get onto Rusper Road north. It is not easy to identify so families are advised to stay in the left hand lane and keep an eye out for the yellow signs that signpost 'Bohunt School'.	
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.	
Tours of the new school site for current families	These remain open for any final bookings on school gateway. The tours will be led by your own children and take place on 11,12,13,14 January. Change: The updated information regarding these tours is to move it in line with our updated risk assessment and requires visitors to wear a	

	face covering whilst in school. Those attending the tours – limited to pre-booked places for families who will tour the otherwise empty school in household groups - are asked to demonstrate evidence of a negative lateral flow test within 24 hours of their visit (the text message you receive from the NHS will suffice as evidence).																																					
Testing on site and at home	We continue to require students to test for COVID using a lateral flow test at home in the evenings on Sundays and Wednesdays. If you have run out of lateral flow tests, and are unable to source them from a pharmacy, whilst we await our next delivery please order them free from the NHS here. As you will know from our end of term letter (available here) we have on site testing this Friday at the temporary school (Arun House). Testing slots are by tutor group and are listed below and booking for testing closes at midnight today 6.1.22. <table><tr><th>Tutor group</th><th>Testing slot</th><th>Tutor group</th><th>Testing slot</th></tr><tr><td>7a</td><td>7.1.22 – 9.00am</td><td>8a</td><td>7.1.22 – 13.20pm</td></tr><tr><td>7b</td><td>7.1.22 – 9.20am</td><td>8b</td><td>7.1.22 – 13.40pm</td></tr><tr><td>7c</td><td>7.1.22 – 9.40am</td><td>8c</td><td>7.1.22 – 14:00pm</td></tr><tr><td>7d</td><td>7.1.22 – 10.00am</td><td>8d</td><td>7.1.22 – 14.20pm</td></tr><tr><td>7e</td><td>7.1.22 – 10.20am</td><td>9a</td><td>7.1.22 – 14.40pm</td></tr><tr><td>7f</td><td>7.1.22 – 11.00am</td><td>9b</td><td>7.1.22 – 15.20pm</td></tr><tr><td>7g</td><td>7.1.22 – 11.20am</td><td>9c</td><td>7.1.22 – 15.40pm</td></tr><tr><td>7h</td><td>7.1.22 – 11.40am</td><td>9d</td><td>7.1.22 – 16.00pm</td></tr></table>	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	
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COVID risk assessment – changes in response to government guidance (including isolation, mask wearing and visitors to school)	Our COVID risk assessment has once again been updated and has a few notable changes, some of which are detailed below but the full document is available for families here. Change: We are now able to welcome back students who had previously tested positive for COVID on day 8 of their isolation if they test negative with a lateral flow test on cases on days 6 and 7. We will ask individuals who have tested negative on days 6 and 7 to return to school but to continue to daily LFD test for days 8, 9 and 10 in the morning before coming into school (even if negative on day 6 and 7). Change: Visitors - only necessary visitors are to come to school in person and all visitors will be asked to demonstrate evidence of a negative lateral flow test within 24 hours of their visit (the text message you receive from the NHS will suffice as evidence). Change: As per government guidance released last weekend to schools, we are now making a slight amendment to our existing policy around face coverings and asking students to keep their face coverings on at all times except when eating, drinking or outdoors. This change will mean students will be asked, except where medically exempt, to wear a face covering in lessons until this guidance changes. If your child has a medical exemption, please email enquiries@bohunthorsham.com with details prior to Monday 10 January and we recommend you obtain a lanyard identifying this to school staff; here is an example of a lanyard for any interested families.																																					

Thank you and I look forward to seeing many of you for the tours next week.

With best wishes,
Ms Ayling

Key dates:

- Wednesday 5 January - Friday 7 January 2022 - statutory staff induction in new building, school closed to students but remote learning provided
- 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 – family tours of the new school site, booking opens online soon.