



Broadening Horizons
Raising Aspirations

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COVID SECURE ROUTINES:

Covid-19 is sticking around and so it is highly likely that our new procedures for drop-off and pick-up will not be changing any time soon. Thank you so much for following guidelines to keep everybody safe and ensure that our school stays open.



We do understand that the routines are not ideal and would love to go back to our old systems – but this is just not possible in the middle of a pandemic. We have strict guidelines to follow and we must do so in order to keep everybody safe and reduce the risk of infection.

Classteachers will do their best to get to you earlier on a rainy day but this is not always possible due to the nature of other responsibilities they have in the mornings, and especially if there is another class with an earlier entry time at the same gate.

This new routine at drop-off and pick-up is likely to go on until at least the spring term in 2021, so please ensure that your child has a suitable rain coat for rainy days to keep them dry and warm. Unfortunately, the bad weather and pandemic are completely out of our control.

Again, thank you for doing your bit and keeping everybody as safe as possible by following guidance.

RUMOURS AND HEATING:

It never ceases to amaze me the rumours that are sent around our community sometimes. I was informed this morning of parents/carers being told that we are "not allowed to put the heating on for 3 weeks".

This is absolutely not true – and we will put the heating on as soon as it is necessary.

At the moment, we have some windows and doors open for ventilation. This is to reduce the risk of infection from Covid-19 which can hang



around in poorly ventilated rooms for some time. With up to 30 children and their body heat in a class room, it is not cold in classes at the moment.

It is really not in any of our nature to let our children sit freezing in classrooms – something I would hope that our community are aware of already.

Please do not listen to gossip and trust that we are keeping your children as safe and warm as we possibly can, whilst also following guidelines to reduce the risk of infection.

GOLDEN PUPILS:

Due to the pandemic, we are unable to have our 'Golden Assembly' on a Friday. I would like to congratulate this week's 'Golden Pupils' whose certificate has been sent via School Ping.



Minne, Daisy, Zain, Hunter, Amarilis, Emily, Rike & Olly

We are SO PROUD of you all.



SCAFFOLDING:

Some of you have asked about the scaffolding in place around the school. I would love to tell you that this is for some exciting building work – but no, this is for various works being undertaken by Brighton and Hove Council on the roofs and lintels (remember our school is now 108 years old and needs some TLC).

Any work being carried out in areas where the children are in their bubbles has to be done at the weekend because of the Covid restrictions.

NHS TRACK + TRACE:

We have been advised that this is now live and functioning. You can now download the app on your mobile device.

Visit <https://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/nhs-covid-19/> for further information.



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Term Dates 2020-2021



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AUTUMN TERM

First Day of Autumn Term	Monday, 7 th September (INSET Thurs 3 rd and Fri 4 th September)
Half Term (1 week) (children return to school on Monday, 2 nd November)	Monday, 26 th October – Friday, 30 th October
Last Day of Autumn Term	Friday, 18 th December
Christmas Holiday (children return to school on Tuesday, 5 th January)	Monday, 21 st December – Friday 1 st January

SPRING TERM

First Day of Spring Term	Tuesday, 5 th January (INSET Mon 4 th)
Half Term (1 week) (children return to school on Monday, 24 th February)	Monday, 15 th February – Friday, 19 th February
Last Day of Spring Term	Thursday, 1 st April
Easter Holiday (Children return to school on Monday, 19 th April)	Friday, 2 nd April – Friday, 16 th April

SUMMER TERM

First Day of Summer Term	Monday 19 th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday, 3 rd May
Half Term (1 week) (children return to school on Monday, 7 th June)	Monday, 31 st May – Friday, 4 th June
Last Day of Summer Term	Wednesday, 21 st July (INSET Thurs 22 nd and Fri 23 rd July)

INSET Days (5 days in every academic year have to be set aside for staff training):

To try and help parents, we have attached our staff training days to existing holidays. The school will be closed on the following days for INSET:

~Thursday, 3rd September 2020 ~Friday, 4th September 2020 ~Monday, 4th January 2021
 ~Thursday, 22nd July 2021 ~Friday, 23rd July 2021