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# COOMBE ROAD CHAT

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## CITY ALERT LEVEL MOVED FROM YELLOW TO AMBER:

In the seven days up to the 1<sup>st</sup> October, 115 new confirmed cases of Covid-19 have been recorded. This is equivalent to a weekly rate of 39.5 per 100,000 residents (more than doubled when compared with the previous week).

If transmission keeps increasing, then it is highly likely Brighton and Hove will face a local lockdown, imposing more restrictions on us.

To prevent this happening, I am again asking that you all play your part in the attempts to keep our school open and prevent local lockdown restrictions.

So far, 20 of our city's schools have had positive cases. We do not want Coombe Road to be added to this list and therefore need to continue with our routines to prevent the risk of infection.

On a rainy day, we understand that it is difficult to remain patient whilst waiting for your children but we will do our utmost to get your children to you as quickly (and safely) as possible – as we did on Tuesday in the torrential downpour.

Thank you to those who have followed our recent advice and ensured that your children have suitable weather-proof coats and footwear. We keep the children inside/on the verandas until we know their adult is there to collect them, but even the short distance to the gate soaked some of our children through on Tuesday (and all of us!) – Unfortunately, this is unavoidable in the circumstances, and would still have occurred even in the past when parents/carers could come onto the playgrounds/school premises.

Please also be aware that coming into the main office without a mask/not keeping your distance puts this whole bubble at risk of infection. If this bubble becomes infected because of a lack of others following guidance, we will have no option but to close the school. This bubble contains our Business Manager, Officer Manager, Welfare Officer, Assistant Headteacher/SENDCo, Assistant to SENDCo and Headteacher – the school would not be allowed to stay open without these key members of staff in place (one of the reasons we do not permit you all to come through this way as we used to).



Please understand that all the measures we have put in place are to KEEP OUR SCHOOL OPEN so that our children can remain in school.

We LONG for better days and getting back to how things were – but this is highly unlikely for some time, especially with the increase to amber alert.

When we are through this (and we WILL get to that point eventually), we will have a HUGE celebration together as a school community. Until that point, please try to be understanding and patient. We are really trying our best for our children, as we always have and will continue to do.

### **PLAY YOUR PART TO STOP COVID:**

- keep up physical distancing – especially in places where people cluster like bus stops, crossings, doorways and queues;
- wash hands regularly - or use hand gel when that is not possible;
- wear face coverings if you able to – and be considerate of those who can't;
- limit contact between households – and follow the rule of six;
- use the NHS Test and Trace app if you have a smart phone - or give contact details when asked;
- self-isolate if you have symptoms or are waiting for a test – along with everyone you live with (you must self-isolate if a member of your household has symptoms or tests positive, even if you have no symptoms yourself).

***WE ALL NEED TO MAKE EXTRA EFFORTS OR RISK A LOCAL LOCKDOWN***

### **CONSULTATION ON SCHOOL ADMISSIONS:**

I have written to you before explaining that, as a city, we have too many school places for the children living here. This is affecting many of our schools as the Government fund schools on places (this makes it very challenging for one-form entry schools like ours).

Consultations on school admissions arrangements are currently taking place to reduce numbers at Balfour Primary, Benfield Primary, Downs Infants, Brunswick Primary, Goldstone Primary, Moulsecomb Primary, Stanford Infants, West Blatchington Primary and Hove Park. Also being consulted are BACA and City Academy, Whitehawk.

If you would like to be part of the consultation, visit:

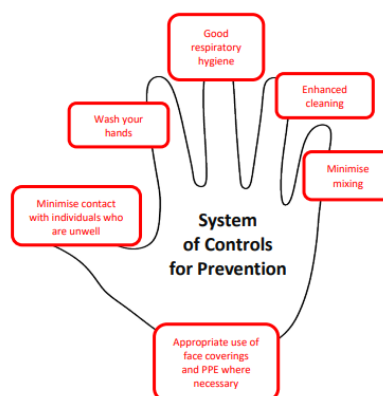
<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-applications/school-admissions-consultation>

### **ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL:**

Please call us if your child is unable to attend school. It is really important that you also give us the reason for the absence. If the cause of absence is unreasonable, this will be unauthorised and you may be at risk of a Fixed Penalty Notice (issued by Brighton & Hove Council).

If your child has any of the following symptoms (or any member of your household), the household must self-isolate for 14 days (I have again attached the guidance for your information):

- High temperature/fever (38°C or more)
- Persistent, new cough
- Loss of taste
- Loss of smell



What to do if...	Action needed...	Return to school when...
...my child has COVID-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Do not come into school</b></li> <li>▪ Contact school to inform us</li> <li>▪ Self-isolate the whole household</li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative OR 10 days have passed since the first day of symptoms and your child feels well
...my child tests positive for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Do not come into school</b></li> <li>▪ Contact school to inform us</li> <li>▪ Agree an earliest date for possible return (min. 10 days)</li> <li>▪ Self-isolate the whole household (including siblings) for 14 days</li> </ul>	...they feel better. They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell. These symptoms can last for several weeks
...my child tests negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Contact school to inform us</li> <li>▪ Discuss when your child can come back</li> </ul>	...your child feels well enough to return
...my child is ill with symptoms that are not linked to COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Do not come into school</b></li> <li>▪ Contact school to inform us</li> <li>▪ Check temperature (should not be 37.8°C or more)</li> <li>▪ Ring on each day of illness</li> </ul>	...as per attendance policy or advice from your GP/111 and as long as they are showing no symptoms of COVID-19
...somebody in my household has COVID-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Do not come into school</b></li> <li>▪ Contact school to inform us</li> <li>▪ Self-isolate the whole household (14 days)</li> <li>▪ Symptomatic household member to get a COVID-19 test</li> <li>▪ Inform the school of the test result</li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative and no other member of the household has developed symptoms
...somebody in my household tests positive for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Do not come into school</b></li> <li>▪ Contact school to inform us</li> <li>▪ Agree an earliest date for possible return (min. 14 days)</li> <li>▪ Self-isolate the whole household</li> </ul>	...the child has completed a minimum of 14 days isolation and has not developed any symptoms
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Do not come into school</b></li> <li>▪ Contact school to inform us</li> <li>▪ Agree an earliest date for possible return (min. 14 days)</li> </ul>	...the child has completed a minimum of 14 days isolation and has not developed any symptoms
...NHS test and trace has identified a household member (not my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The household member contacted must self-isolate for 14 days</li> <li>▪ If the person contacted through NHS test and trace does not have any symptoms of COVID-19, other people in the household do not need to self-</li> </ul>	...the child can continue to attend school (unless any member of the household develops symptoms of COVID-19)

	isolate at home with them	
...we/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Do not take unauthorised leave in term time</li> <li>▪ Consider requirements and FCO advice when booking travel</li> </ul> <p><b>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Agree an earliest date for possible return (min. 14 days)</li> <li>▪ Self-isolate the whole household</li> </ul>	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed and you/your child has not developed any symptoms
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Do not come into school</b></li> <li>▪ Contact school to inform us</li> <li>▪ Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again</li> </ul>	...restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again
...my child's bubble (whole school) is closed due to a positive case of COVID-19 in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Do not come into school</b></li> <li>▪ Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days</li> <li>▪ At home, support your child with remote education provided by the school</li> </ul> <p><i>Please note – advice at present is that siblings in other bubbles do not need to self-isolate unless a member of the household develops symptoms</i></p>	...school informs you that the bubble will be re-opened
...a sibling's bubble (at a different school) is closed due to a positive case of COVID-19 in their school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The sibling must self-isolate for 14 days or until their bubble re-opens</li> <li>▪ The sibling attending CRPS can continue to attend school as long as nobody in the household has symptoms of COVID-19</li> </ul>	...sibling at CRPS can continue to attend school UNLESS anybody in the household develops symptoms of COVID-19
...I am unable to get a test for a member of my household who has symptoms of COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, the symptomatic person must self-isolate for 10 days</li> <li>▪ The rest of the household must self-isolate for 14 days.</li> <li>▪ Anyone in your support bubble must also self-isolate.</li> </ul>	...the child has completed 10 days of isolation if they were symptomatic OR 14 days if another member of the household was symptomatic. The child needs to be well before returning to school

There is a symptom-checker on our website, as well as details of what to do if you suspect your child or anybody in your household has contracted Covid-19.

### **SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS (CURRENT YEAR 6):**

A reminder that you can apply for a secondary school place now and the deadline is 31st October 2020.

Apply for schools through our website <https://www.coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk/e-office/school-admissions>

## SCHOOL CLOSED THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021:

A reminder that school will be closed on this day. This is due to the Returning Officer commissioning our school as a Polling Station. Please see the Ping I sent if you disagree with this decision and send your comments to Electoral Services.

## STAFF ILLNESS (JUST TO CLARIFY):

If staff members become unwell (not Covid-related), we will do our best to cover the class with existing staff. This is not an easy task being a small school and also now that we are in our 'bubbles'. If it is not possible, we may have to close the affected class and issue remote learning. If this is the case, we will send a Ping and attempt to call you by telephone (please ensure that you check Ping regularly and that your contact number is up-to-date).

If staff members have to self-isolate due to symptoms, a symptomatic house member, a positive household member or through being contacted by NHS Track & Trace - again we will do our very best to cover the class using existing staff. If this is not possible, we may have to close the affected class and issue remote learning.

If staff members (or children) test positive, we will inform the people it affects and close the class for a period of 14 days isolation, issuing remote learning. We may also need to close a bubble in this case (depending on advice from Public Health England).








In instances not involving a positive case, we will do our very best to keep our children in school. We are currently not using supply teachers due to the increased risk they bring to our community (having taught in schools throughout our city).

We will, as always, put our children's safety first and continue to follow advice from Public Health England during the pandemic.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR TOP SCORERS AND GOLDEN PUPILS

BRUNSWICK	PALMEIRA	REGENCY	SUSSEX
1 <sup>st</sup> place 	1 <sup>st</sup> place 	1 <sup>st</sup> place 	2 <sup>nd</sup> place
	TOP SCORERS		
Bella Elliot Ibrahim Korede Jayden W Emily Millie N	Ruby Levi Teejay Phoenix Alfie A Gia Oly	Samual Daisy Sasha Charlie Farah Lexi Shay	River Reggie H Runo Angel James Alfie Jayden M
GOLDEN PUPILS			
	Winter Reggie Mc Runo Ellis Alfie A Lexi K Leonie		
A very special mention to Dulce-Mae who demonstrated such kindness yesterday. We are very proud of you.			

**HAPPY WEEKEND  
EVERYBODY!**



**SEE YOU ON MONDAY!**



# Coombe Road Primary School

## Term Dates 2020-2021



### AUTUMN TERM

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

### SPRING TERM

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

### SUMMER TERM

First Day of Summer Term	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May
Half Term (1 week) (children return to school on Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> June)	Monday, 31 <sup>st</sup> May – Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> June
Last Day of Summer Term	Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> July (INSET Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> and Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020    ~Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020    ~Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
 ~Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021                      ~Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021