



HEATH FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents,

Currently Covid-19 restrictions are being eased and we will shortly be able to do more and mix more. School is still working under DFE guidance, to help maintain a safe environment, and the latest guidance does not suggest much change. We are also mindful that Covid-19 is still around. This week both a local primary school and local secondary school have had to close bubbles due to positive cases.

We are planning to hold some whole school events towards the end of next term and after the June 21st date, when restrictions are planned to be lifted. We hope to hold a sports day and music evening to which parents will be invited. We also hope that year 6 will be able to perform a leavers play and take part in a leavers assembly. Details and dates of these events, should we be allowed to hold them, will be sent out in the near future.

In the meantime, we will continue to run school as it is currently, to ensure it's as safe as it can be and in line with the guidance. We are considering changing the staggered start and finish times. The proposal is that all children start school between 8.45 am and 9.00 am, with the understanding that all children will be in class by 9.00 am. All children to finish school between 3.15 pm and 3.30 pm, with the understanding that all children will have left the school site by 3.30 pm. There will be some adjustment to the one-way system, but the main entry and exit will be via the main entrance gate. The side gate will still be used as an exit point for children in reception, year 1 and year 2, with an expectation these parents will have to follow the one-way system if they need to collect more than one child from different year groups. Please let us have your opinion by using the link below. We will only make a change to the start and finish times if the majority of parents agree. Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/r/0d5P5A3UY6>

Attendance and Term Time Holiday

Yesterday the DFE issued the following advice to schools –

‘School attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils and the usual rules on school attendance apply. This includes parents’ duty to ensure their child regularly attends school, and schools’ and local authorities’ ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, for poor attendance.

As restrictions begin to lift, we know some families may be looking to take holidays during term time. As usual, parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school on holiday.’



Learning about prejudice

On Monday 17th May all children in school will be taking part in an assembly and activities to support their understanding of what prejudice is and how this affects people and groups in society. This work will also look at the themes of diversity, tolerance and understanding. We want our school to be a safe place for all of our children and we hope that this work will support that.

Regards,

Mark Whyman

