

Bulletin Home – 18 September 2020

Dear Parent and Student,

I am really pleased that we are settling well into the new academic year together and that our young people are adjusting to the changes that are required. As we progress through this term it will become essential that we sustain this engagement and adherence to these special arrangements to ensure the safety of all. We will keep reiterating the absolute necessity of social distancing, hand hygiene and hygiene generally and using face coverings in particular contexts. I thank all parents/carers for reinforcing this. I also thank those parents who have responded positively to my requests with regards to dropping off and picking up students at the start and end of the day. Please continue to keep clear of our school entrance and other areas immediately outside school to ensure all our young people are safe and we have no accidents. Please also be considerate to local residents and their access and egress to their homes.

In the bulletin this week I attach some information which provides a clear overview of what needs to happen if a young person is showing Covid symptoms or if anyone in their family/household is or if anyone in their family/household has received a positive test result for Covid 19. We need to adhere strictly to this guidance. We fully appreciate that currently there is much frustration due to the lack of availability of testing but we cannot deviate from the requirement in terms of permitting attendance at school. We need to be extremely careful as infection rates rise nationally and adhere rigidly to this guidance.

In terms of teaching and learning, from Monday 21st September, we will be commencing some practical lessons. Please note the following.

- PE lessons will be running for all students in all year groups. On the day that a student has PE they are to come to school in their PE kit. The kit must be in line with our uniform expectations and requirements. Students will stay in their kit all day to avoid the necessity of using the PE changing rooms. This is in line with our risk assessments and is what is happening/will be happening in many schools nationally. Please also see Mr Goodman's letter attached.
- In Technology and Drama, practical lessons will be commencing for Year 11 students from Monday. A reminder to our young people in terms of their timetable that next week is 'WEEK 2'.

I am delighted to share that many Year 7 students were awarded badges this week for attendance and engagement – well done to all who have achieved in this way.

Please see the information below from our Director of Studies.

Year 7

Year 7 are working hard and it's lovely to see them all settled in now. We are pleased to see that everyone is organised with the correct equipment and uniform. Teachers are also very impressed with the quality of homework being done. Thank you to parents/carers for your help with this.



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BE THE CHEERY FACE OF WELCOME
BE THE FRIEND YOU
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ASPIRE TO BE
BE AN ACADEMIC
SUCCESS STORY
BE A HERO
BE A LEADER
BE A WINNER
BE A DREAMER
BE A CREDIT TO THE SCHOOL
BE THE ONE WHO'S EXCEPTIONAL
BE DEMANDING
BE COURAGEOUS
BE THE IDEA
THAT'S CONTAGIOUS
BE YOURSELF
BE SET FREE

BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE

Attendance

The year group have excellent attendance and we want to recognise this. Today, students with 100% attendance have been given extra achievement points and a badge. To give everyone an opportunity to be rewarded, we will do these every three weeks.

Lessons

I thought it would be helpful if each week one or two subjects shared with you what they are currently teaching, suggestions for how to help and what's gone really well.

Maths

In Maths lessons this week students have been discussing different types of numbers: multiples, factors, primes, squared, cubed, triangular - ask your son/daughter to explain these to you. We have been particularly impressed with students' willingness to contribute to discussions, their mathematical thinking and identifying patterns that they recognised. We are looking forward to working with them more as the year goes on. If you have any questions about maths please contact your son/daughter's class teacher or Miss Goodwin, Head of maths: k.goodwin@beechwood.slough.sch.uk

Thank you for your support and if we can help in any way, please let me or your child's tutor know.

Mr Walker

Year 8 News

Year 8 students have settled in well and are getting to grips with the new routines. I have had a lot of positive feedback from teacher about how well year 8 are settling in to their learning. Keep up the good work It's my pleasure to announce that we have **2 students** who have been nominated for **Star of the Week** –

Daisy Francis 8KRA for her caring nature & being extremely helpful in form.

Wayne Tapson 8TCH for being resilient and determined to persevere and excel.



Ms Feehan

Year 9

I have been pleased this week with Year 9 and their flexibility in getting used to the new routines and continued high expectations we have of them. Please encourage them at home to maintain this and to be prepared for each day by checking their timetable, packing their bag and getting all of their equipment ready the night before."

Mrs McAvoy

Year 10

This week we have been so proud of the way that the Year 10s have conducted themselves in these very different circumstances in school. It has been another really positive week in lessons and it is just so great to

see everyone back to learning in the classroom with their teachers. The overwhelming feedback I have had from students and staff is that Year 10 have started back, ready for the challenge of GCSE.

This week I have asked students, if they would like to, to apply to be a Year 10 Leader. This is a really important role in our year group where they will take on leadership responsibilities and also take on different roles this year due to our work in the bubbles. I know that there was incredible success last year with the Lower School Leaders in Year 9 and I look forward to continuing this great work with them this year. Applications for these positions close on Monday and application forms are available on the Year 10 Google Classroom. Please encourage your child to apply if you feel like it would be something they are interested in.

Thanks for another great week Year 10!

Miss Irvine

Year 11

Application to become Year 11 Prefect *Research shows that many successful business men and women held positions of responsibility while they were at school.*

If you believe we should select you as a Year 11 Prefect please complete the application form that can be found in the Year 11 Google Classroom. You can submit your application either online via Google Classroom or handwritten, and handed in, in a sealed envelope addressed to Miss Hallett.

The deadline for all applications is **3pm Friday 25th September 2020.**

More information can be found in the Year 11 Google Classroom.

Miss Hallett

Sixth Form

Even though students in Years 7 - 11 are not able to see our incredible Sixth Form at the moment, they are here and they want to support you. Please speak to your tutor/DoS if you would like ask our Sixth Leaders for any advice and guidance.

I hope you have all had a fantastic week.

Miss Rebecca Doncaster
Director of 6th Form

Be Word Savvy - Part of the new Disciplinary Literacy Strategy

This week the word is **chronological**: 'chrono' meaning time, 'ology' meaning the study of and 'ical' meaning to do with.

Other words using this root or suffixes are: **chronology, biology, sociology, fanatical.**

Please do ask your son/ daughter each week about the week's 'Be Word Savvy' focus and encourage them to spot the week's prefix and suffix in other words. The aim is for the students to become more aware of how words are related and built up so that when they come across words they are unfamiliar with they can work out the meanings themselves. In this way, pupils gain the knowledge of not just a single word each week but a strategy of how to approach new words they are presented with.

For more information and any queries please contact Mrs Bowker

RE: Updated PE Kit Policy – from Mr Goodman

Dear Parents/Carers,

In response to Government guidelines, Physical Education (PE) lessons for the foreseeable future will be strictly non-contact and outside when possible. Furthermore, in order to limit the need to use changing rooms we ask that all students, timetabled for PE, to attend school in their school branded PE kit, with their school blazer over the top. They will be required to stay in that kit for the entire school day. Students are encouraged to wear the school branded tracksuit, particularly, on cold-weather days. Students are not permitted to wear non-branded uniforms; **no other items are acceptable. All pupils have been informed of the expectations during their weekly theory lessons.**

Beechwood branded Physical Education kit	
Outdoor Kit: School Branded t-shirt Rugby top (<i>optional</i>) School Branded shorts School Branded Tracksuit Under layers - must be plain black (<i>optional</i>) Long blue football socks Studded Football/Rugby Boots (not astros) Shin pads Gum Shield Outdoor trainers	Indoor Kit: School Branded t-shirt School Branded shorts Long blue football socks or white trainer socks Indoor (non-marking) trainers

Practical PE lessons will commence on Monday, September 21st, 2020, providing time to ensure that your child has the correct PE uniform (see above). Please note that no spare kit will be given out during lessons, so organisation is paramount. You can find all the school branded PE kit requirements on the school website and you can order this alongside your normal pupil uniform. Simply, go onto the agamesports website (<https://shop.agamesports.co.uk/collections/beechnwood-school>) and order for delivery to school or at your home address. School deliveries will usually arrive by Friday of the same week if ordered by Wednesday. If for any reason, you are unable to obtain the required kit then the **PE department can loan** Beechwood branded PE kit for the first term.

If you need support with a termly loan please contact the PE kit department, however, any direct kit orders issue should be addressed through agamesports.

We look forward to welcoming the pupils back into practical PE lessons.

Kind regards,

Mr Goodman, Head of PE

Finally, I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Bayliss well as she commences her maternity leave. As you are aware Mrs Bayliss is our Year 7 director of Studies, however we are very fortunate to have Mr Walker taking over for Mrs Bayliss whilst she is away from School.

Very best wishes for the week ahead.



Kathleen M Higgins
Executive Headteacher



COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

A quick guide for parents/carers

What to do if...

Action needed

Back to school...

...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*



- Child shouldn't attend school
- Child should get a test
- Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test results
- Inform school immediately about test results

...if a child's test comes back negative and symptom free for 48 hours. The child should not be tested again unless they develop new symptoms*

If the test result is positive, then see below.

...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)



- Child should not attend school
- Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms)
- Inform school immediately about test results
- Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) – even if someone tests negative during those 14 days
- Other household members should not get tested unless they develop symptoms because even if they tested negative, they must still isolate for 14 days

...after 10 days has passed so long as the child is feeling better and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours.

They can return to school after 10 days even if they still have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.

...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*



- Child shouldn't attend school
- Household member with symptoms should get a test
- Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result
- Inform school immediately about test results

...if the household member test is negative, and the child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*

...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)



- Child shouldn't attend school
- Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) – even if someone tests negative during those 14 days
- No need for the child to get tested unless they develop symptoms

...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they tested negative during the 14 days

...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)



- Child shouldn't attend school
- Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) - even if they tested negative during those 14 days
- Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too

...when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they tested negative during those 14 days

...we/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine



- Do not take unauthorised leave in term time
- Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advise when booking travel
- Provide information to school as per attendance policy

Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:

- Child shouldn't attend school
- Whole household self-isolates for 14 days - even if they test negative during those 14 days

...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days

...we have received advice from a medical/official source that my child must resume shielding



- Child shouldn't attend school
- Contact school as advised by attendance officer/pastoral team
- Child should shield until you are informed that their restrictions are lifted, and shielding is paused again

...when school/other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again

...I am not sure who should get a test for COVID-19 (coronavirus)



- Only people with symptoms* need to get a test
- People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tested positive

...when conditions above as matching your situation, are met

*Symptoms include a high temperature, a new continuous cough and loss or change to your sense of smell or taste. See more at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

For further information: gmhscp.contracttracing@nhs.net www.gov.uk/backtoschool

New Government Guidance:
Only six people from multiple households can now meet up for social gathering, both indoors and outdoors. For more information please visit: www.gov.uk/coronavirus

For more information contact us on publichealthslough@slough.gov.uk

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