

## Thank you for your help in keeping the school fully open!

As you know, the country started a second national lockdown and as a school we have been waiting to hear how this new position affects schools. Following an update from the Department for Education on Wednesday evening, I was reassured that, as expected, our in-school systems already cover and often exceed the government requirements. I have previously written to you outlining all we are doing and these documents are on our website for you to see.

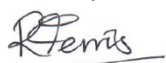
Going forward, I continue to ask you to adhere to strict social distancing, especially when near the gates, walkways and narrower parts of the school site and local area. Please continue to disperse quickly once leaving the site. If your child walks alone to school, please ensure they do not visit local shops and instead travel directly to and from school. Once the children leave the school site, they must ensure they follow the new guidance relating to the lockdown.

Things you can do to help keep the school fully open:

- Arrive at the right time
- Keep your child next to you at all times
- Avoid stopping in walkways
- Keep 2m distance between others

I understand that the current situation is alarming for everyone but I want to reassure you that as a school we are doing all we possibly can to keep our community safe. As always, if you would like to discuss any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me. Together we can ensure that your children receive the very best from our school.

Thank you again for your continued support and stay safe.



Richard Ferris  
Headteacher

**Don't forget to sign up to our new learning platform – Google Classroom – or you may miss out on accessing remote learning and parents evening login details!**

## Collection and Drop-off Times

We would like to thank you all for helping us to manage our collection and drop off arrangements so well. Here is a reminder of the timings for each year group:

### Arrivals:

Nursery, Year 1&2 and 5&6 – 8.40am to 8.50am

Reception and Year 3&4 – 8.50am to 9.00am

Please remember our gates are locked at 9.00am

### Collections:

Nursery – 11.30am to 11.40am

Year 1&2 and 5&6 – 3.00pm to 3.05pm

Reception and Year 3&4 – 3.10pm to 3.15pm

## Parents' Evening

You should have all received an email this afternoon letting you know the dates for our upcoming parents' evenings. Please follow the instructions in the letter to access the online booking system for parents' evening appointments.

Please note, the booking system is available **from 4.00pm today** until 4.00pm on 20 November.

## Communications Round-Up

The following letters have been published on our website this week. You should receive an email when a new communication relevant to your child's year group is published. If you do not receive these, please get in touch with the office to update your details.

[Risk Assessment Update Letter](#) – an update from Mr Ferris regarding our Covid-19 Risk Assessment.

[Updated Guidance Letter](#) – detailing some of the updated guidance from 5<sup>th</sup> November.

[Parents' Evening Online Booking Letter](#) – information about our upcoming parents' evening dates and new online appointment booking system.

[Anti-Bullying Week Letter](#) – information about our events for Anti-Bullying week, including our GREAT competition!

**Flu Vaccination Information** – we have emailed out the letters from the school immunisation team earlier today (Friday) for the nasal flu vaccination programme that is due in school on Friday 4 December. Due to the current situation, the consent form for the vaccination has been moved online. Please follow the instructions in the letter to give or refuse consent for the vaccination.

We have been advised by the immunisation team that the consent form will be closed at 12.00pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Please make sure you fill out the form before that date to ensure your child receives their vaccination.

### Covid-19 Updates

It is essential that if you, your child or anyone else in your household have symptoms of COVID-19 you must:

- **Not come in to school**
- **Get tested immediately**
- **Everyone in your household must stay at home.**

Tests can be arranged via the following link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

**Please wear a mask or face covering when coming into our main school reception and remember we only allow one household at a time in the reception area. Please queue outside the doors, maintaining a 2m distance from other families.**

### Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Badgers & Hawks **(100%)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Hedgehogs (99%)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Falcons (98.5%)



GREAT job everyone!

### Google Classroom

Your Google Classroom account activation information has been sent home with your child this week. If you have not yet received this, you will need to fill out our online access request for us to be able to set up your account. Please fill out the form using the link: [Google Classroom Access Consent](#)

### After School and Morning Club

Our After School and Morning Clubs are still operating as they have been since we returned in September. If you need to book your child in for either club, please use the [link here](#).

We require 48 hours' notice for any booking or cancellation and booked sessions are confirmed by email.

Any questions or booking amendments can always be emailed direct to Mrs Wise at: [ghpsasc@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:ghpsasc@maidenerleghtrust.org)



These sessions must be booked in advance. To reserve your space, please click [here](#), visit the [school website](#) or contact the school office at: [ghpsoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:ghpsoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org)

Starting school in September 2021?



Join one of our virtual events to see what's new at Great Holland's Primary School ...

### Lunchtime Controller Vacancy

We are currently looking for a new member of our lunchtime team. Full details can be found on the [Maiden Erlegh Trust website](#).

### Bracknell Forest Library Service

Great news! Bracknell Library will remain open from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November for the following services:

- Select and collect
- Access to public PCs

Other libraries will also be opening next week for 'select and collect' only. The [libraries website](#) will be updated with further details as soon as they become available.

#### *Select and Collect*

Select and collect allows you to reserve books from home using the online catalogue or calling the library. You will then be contacted when your items become available when you can come to the library to collect them, safely bagged and already issued to your card. No reservation fees apply for this service.

#### *Public PCs*

At Bracknell Library, there will be access to IT services for essential use. To accommodate everyone's needs, this time will be limited to 30 minutes per day and must be booked in advance. You can reserve your slot by calling 01344 423149. Printing and scanning are also available.

There are safety measures in place. We ask that you use sanitising stations and follow the floor guidance both when queuing and inside the building. Please note that the library is not open for browsing, studying or renewing bus passes at this time.