



# Weekly Update

Friday 5th March

## Returning to School

As the final week of remote learning comes to an end, I would like to thank you all for the fantastic support and dedication you have shown in managing your children's learning while juggling everything else that busy parents have to deal with! You are all truly amazing!

I'm also very proud of the feedback we have received from our school community, including the comments shared last week with the Bracknell News, direct to us via email, telephone or in person. All the staff have been dedicated to supporting you and your children throughout this lockdown period and those positive comments truly do mean a lot to them, so thank you!

We are really excited to be welcoming everyone back into school next Monday. Please do make sure you read the [Re-opening Letter](#) sent out earlier this week as it has all the information you need for a smooth transition back to school.

Please keep yourselves and your families safe and remember that the latest guidance can always be found on the government website here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

Remember your timings, adult masks, PE kits, bags, pack or order lunch, vests, jumpers and smiles.

Personally, I will be smiling from ear to ear when I finally welcome you back on Monday, though it will be hiding under my mask, it will be there. See you all on Monday!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Ferris".

**Richard Ferris**  
**Headteacher**

## Update Regarding Testing for Parents of School Children

Undertaking regular, rapid COVID-19 testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid COVID-19 testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- Through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- By collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- By ordering a home test kit online - please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7.00am to 11.00pm

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test. Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

### Special Mentions for GREAT Learning

We continue to be so impressed with the amazing learning that is happening at home and how hard the children are working to keep up with their learning. In particular this week, we would like to say well done to:

In KS1 it has been all about frogs! **Bailey** (Y1), **Megan** (Y2), **Arthur** (Y1) and **Joey** (Y2) have made some amazing frogs; **Jakob** (Y2), **Skyla-Rose** (Y2), **Poppy** (Y1) **Marnie-Mae** (Y2) and **Harrison** (Y2) have written some terrific explanation texts; **Lily** (Y2) drew a fantastic diagram showing the life cycle of a frog; **Olivia** (Y1) and **Alex** (Y2) have also made an excellent effort in all their learning this week; **Skyla** (Y3), **Nicholas** (Y3), **Leo** (Y3) and **Demi** (Y3) for their enthusiastic participation in music lessons when singing and playing the rhythm and blues style of music; **Liam** (Y3) for working very hard with his reading; **Sophie T** (Y3) for always trying hard and actively engaging in her learning; **Daniel** (Y3) for working hard in writing group; **Cairo** (Y4) for continuing to persevere with his work; **Taylor** (Y4) and **Connor** (Y4) for their fantastic Greek designs; **Taylor L** (Y4) for super dialogue; **Antonina** (Y4) for a superb Greek drawing; **Joshua** (Y4) and **Red** (Y4) for great maths work when calculating perimeter; **Zachary W** (Y5) for his fantastic efforts with ALL of his home learning activities, persevering to produce outstanding outcomes for himself, particularly in Maths and Science!

We are delighted by all the learning that has been done at home and in school - GREAT work!

### After School and Morning Club

Our after school and morning clubs will be operating again from Monday 8 March. If you need to book a space for your child. The form can be found on our website or by clicking the following link: [MC & ASC Booking Form](#)

***If there is an outstanding balance on your child's morning or after school club account, this must be cleared before further bookings can be made.***

If you have any queries, please email [ghpsasc@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:ghpsasc@maidenerleghtrust.org) or contact Mrs Wise via the school office.

### Annual School Survey 2021

Earlier this week we sent out our [Annual School Survey letter](#). The feedback we gain from these surveys is incredibly important and enables us to identify areas where things are going well, as well as what could be done better.

The parent survey should take no longer than 5-10 minutes to complete and can be found by clicking this link: [Parent Survey](#).

Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 will complete a shorter survey in their classes when they return to school.

Please complete the survey as soon as possible as it is only available for a limited time.

### Worried about a child?

It is everyone's responsibility to act if they feel a child is being put at risk or is not being cared for properly.

If you have concerns about a child, please get in touch with a member of our safeguarding team in school, any conversations will be dealt with confidentially and sensitively. Further details can be found on our [Safeguarding and Child Protection](#) page.

Alternatively, you can report concerns to Children's Social Care directly from the [Bracknell Forest Child Protection Page](#).

## Local Roadworks Update from Bracknell Forest Council

Bracknell Forest Council have written to us and all local residents advising on the progress of the A3095 Highway Improvements and notifying us of upcoming road closures over the coming weeks and months. These include:

### Hanworth Road/Ringmead Junction – Road Closure

- Closure of Hanworth Road south of Ringmead between 9.30am and 4.00pm from Thursday 25 March until Thursday 1 April.
- A complete closure of the Hanworth Road / Ringmead junction between 9.30am and 4.00pm on Tuesday 6 April and Wednesday 7 April.

### Golden Retriever Junction – Temporary Traffic Lights

The Golden Retriever junction will have temporary traffic lights installed to manage the junction. These will be installed during w/c 15 March and will remain in place for the remainder of the works until the permanent signals are turned on.

### Hanworth and Golden Retriever Junctions – Road Closures

**Hanworth Roundabout** - Surfacing work starts on 6 April at the Hanworth roundabout junction. The whole junction will be closed between 9.30am and 4.00pm from Tuesday 6 April to Wednesday 14 April inclusive. During this period, A3095 Crowthorne Road will be closed between Hanworth roundabout and the Golden Retriever junction. Great Hollands Road will be closed between Ringmead and Hanworth roundabout and there will be a signed diversion route for local traffic via Ringmead and the Wildridings (McDonalds) roundabout. Access for the Birch Hill and Hanworth areas will be possible from the A322 Bagshot Road end of Ringmead (Sainsbury's).

After the surfacing has finished there will be some further lane closures in order to paint the road markings and install detectors in the road surface for the traffic lights. This work will continue until 22 April.

**Golden Retriever Junction** – Surfacing work is currently planned to start on 15 April and be completed by 7 May inclusive. The whole junction will be completely closed between 9.30am and 4.00pm on weekdays. During this period the A3095 Crowthorne Road will be closed between the Golden Retriever junction and Hanworth Roundabout and so access to Great Hollands will be via the Wildridings (McDonalds) and Hanworth roundabouts only.

These dates may be subject to change due to adverse weather. There will be information boards and advanced warning signs placed prior to the commencement of works.

The most up to date information can be found on the Bracknell Forest Council webpage at <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/a3095-improvements> along with maps showing diversion routes.

## News from the Library Service

Bracknell Library Service continues to schedule a number of online children's events including virtual story times. Full details of these events can be found on their webpage at: <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/libraries/library-events/virtual-library-events>

There will be 'The Gruffalo' Story Time on Saturday 6 March at 10.30am. Booking is via Eventbrite or join via:

<https://bracknell-forest-gov-uk.zoom.us/j/96469496843?pwd=NzUwUjQ2OUM1JFNDkxMmZPWElh5NFN6QT09>

Meeting ID: 964 6949 6843

Passcode: 4M+AbawVU4



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# CARBON REDUCTION

## LOGO COMPETITION

Design a logo for the carbon reduction work that Bracknell Town Council does to reduce their carbon footprint. Draw, colour or paint your entry and email them (include your name and age) to:

**[mayor@bracknelltowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:mayor@bracknelltowncouncil.gov.uk)**  
**by 30th June 2021**

The winner of the competition will see their logo on the window of the BTC offices in Bracknell High Street and on all of the literature and communications for anything carbon reduction related.

GET YOUR THINKING CAPS  
ON, GET YOUR PENCILS OUT  
AND LET'S MAKE BRACKNELL  
EVEN GREENER TOGETHER!

