

# Weekly Update

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May

## GREAT Attendance leads to GREAT Achievement!



Since schools returned in March, our attendance and punctuality have been consistently high and I would like to thank you all for keeping our pupils in school and on time!

It is tremendously important that we do not let things slip as the warmer weather approaches and the rules of lockdown continue to be relaxed further. Due to the challenges of the past 12 months or so, I think we all have a greater understanding of how essential it is for children to be in school and not to miss days unnecessarily. We must keep up our high standards to ensure that our pupils are given the best opportunities to continue to excel in their learning.

Please also make sure the children are in school **on time** every day. Even a few minutes missed in the morning causes disruption to the class and is unsettling for the child coming in late.



### Leave of Absence Requests

We all know how beneficial a break or getaway can be for everyone, but needing a holiday does not constitute a reason for a leave of absence to be authorised. Family holidays should be arranged during school holidays and we make sure we publish [term dates](#) on our website with plenty of notice for parents and carers to arrange trips outside of term time.

It is acknowledged that sometimes trips need to be taken where there is an 'exceptional circumstance' and there are limited reasons when an absence may be authorised for these.

Please remember that [Leave of Absence Request](#) forms must be completed and submitted to the school office at least 15 days before the first date of absence.

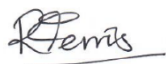
Full details about expected attendance, including leave of absence requests can be found in our [Attendance Policy](#) on the website.

When thinking about booking potential family summer holidays, please don't forget that the last day of our Summer Term is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021, which is before a lot of other schools, as we are using three of our inset days at the end of term.



Thank you to all of our amazing school community for your continuing support.

Kind regards



**Richard Ferris**  
Headteacher

**Thinking and Learning Together**  
**Achieving Forever**



### Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Hawks and Panthers (98%)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Kestrels (97.3%)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Eagles (96.4%)



### Class Photographs

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May, the photographer will be in school to take our annual class photos. As in previous years, they will be taken outside and will include individual photos of our Year 6 pupils.

Please ensure your child is in correct school uniform and that they bring their very best smiles! ☺

SAY CHEESE!



### Playground Equipment and Keeping our School Safe



Please remember to make sure that children do not use any of our playground equipment, including the huts and benches either before or after school. We have all been working so hard to keep each other and the community safe, and part of this includes asking all our parents and carers to keep their children with them at all times when on the school site.

### Help us win £5000 of National Book Tokens for our School

Teachers, school staff and parents are able to nominate our school for the chance to win an amazing £5000 worth of book tokens. The more nominations we receive, the greater our chance of winning. Please visit <https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools> and complete the form at the bottom of the page to nominate our school!

### Supporting Children's Language Skills after Lockdown

We would like to share the following link with you for ICAN's Talking Point for Parents. The site contains some very useful information about developing speech, language and communication skills. Their website is at: <https://ican.org.uk/i-cans-talking-point/parents/>

### 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](#).

### Contact details of support services for parents of pupils with SEN

The Information, Advice and Support Service (IASS) provides free, confidential and impartial advice and information to support parents/carers and children and young people who have, or may have, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Bracknell Forest. You can contact IASS by email [send.support@bracknell-forest.gov.uk](mailto:send.support@bracknell-forest.gov.uk) or by telephone (01344 354011). They also have a dedicated website where you can find a range of information and factsheets relating to SEN [www.bracknellforestiass.co.uk](http://www.bracknellforestiass.co.uk).

## Online Parent Support Workshop Sessions from the Community Learning Team

## Helping children to overcome anxious thoughts and worries

**2 x 1-hour sessions looking at**

- Look what happens when children become anxious
- Look at the impact that COVID has had on children's mental health
- Look at some techniques for helping children deal with their fears and worries



Anxiety Course N	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> <b>and</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	7 – 8pm	Fully booked
Anxiety Course P	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> <b>and</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	7 – 8pm	15 spaces

## Managing Behaviour in a Positive Way

**2 x 1-hour sessions looking at**

- Gain an insight into your own parenting style
- Learn or revisit positive ways of managing behaviour
- Build on a positive relationship with your child
- The COVID impact on behaviour



MB8	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> <b>and</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	7 – 8pm	1 space
MB 9	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> <b>and</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2021	9.30 – 10.30am	14 spaces

## Supporting Children to get a Healthy Night's Sleep

**1-hour session looking at**

- How much sleep children and adults really need?
- Tips on how to get a good night's sleep.
- Help children develop good sleeping habits



Sleep 4	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	7 – 8pm	14 spaces
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## Supporting Children to have a positive transition to senior school

### 1-hour session for year 6 parents looking at

- The best ways to support your child's transition
- How to ensure that your child is transition ready
- Identify ways to overcome worries and concerns



Transition 1	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	7 – 8pm	16 spaces
Transition 2	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	9.30 – 10.30am	16 spaces

Please note that you will be expected to attend **all sessions** of your chosen course which will be delivered via Zoom.

If you would like to book a space, would like to go on a waiting list for future courses or have any questions please email your name, school and contact number to [Inge.Taylor@bracknell-forest.gov.uk](mailto:Inge.Taylor@bracknell-forest.gov.uk)

# Guide to choosing the right COVID-19 test

Information for parents, carers and household members of school pupils and staff

## Guide to choosing the right COVID-19 test

This advice applies to everyone regardless of vaccination.

### Has COVID-19 symptoms\*

Adults or children with COVID-19 symptoms



Book a PCR test at GOV.UK or by calling 119

While waiting for your test you and your household members (including support bubble) must self-isolate and only leave home to attend a test centre.

### Does not have COVID-19 symptoms

All adults

Secondary school children, college students or staff

Nursery or primary school pupils



Twice weekly lateral flow tests (LFT)

Via your employer

Home kits provided by school/college

No test required

or

Rapid Test Centre

or

Collect from  
Community Collect centre or  
Pharmacy Collect

or

Order a home kit at GOV.UK

#### \* COVID-19 symptoms include:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

If you have COVID-19 symptoms or a positive LFT result, self-isolate and book a PCR test by visiting GOV.UK or call 119.

The confirmatory PCR test should be booked within 48 hours. If you receive negative test results, this is only an indication that you are unlikely to have COVID-19, not 100% confirmation - continue to observe hands face space and get regularly tested.

An online checker is available to enable you to find your nearest testing site or collection point:

[Find where to get rapid lateral flow tests - NHS \(test-and-trace.nhs.uk\)](#)





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## RACE TO TOKYO

MULTI SPORTS, PERFORMING ARTS, ARTS & CRAFTS, NERF WARS!

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021**



### Location

Fox Hill Primary School,  
Pondmoor Road, Bracknell RG12 7JZ

**8.00am – 6.00pm**

**We are fully compliant  
with COVID-19  
Government Guidelines**

If we have to cancel due to any COVID-19  
restrictions, a full refund will be given.

OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 5 (SCHOOL YEAR 1) - 12

**FROM £18.00 PER DAY!**

Additional costs for early drop offs & late pick ups, discounts for siblings  
& full week booking - please see booking page for details

**We accept Childcare Vouchers, Tax-Free Childcare and we are OFSTED registered!**

**Please bring:** Lunch, Snacks, Waterproof Kit & Refillable Drinks Bottle.

For more information,  
call 01344 508008 or email [info@play-sport.co.uk](mailto:info@play-sport.co.uk)  
Book online: [www.play-sport.co.uk](http://www.play-sport.co.uk)



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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!

