

Weekly Update

Friday 18th June

Updates and Information this week...

While we all wonder where the summer sun has disappeared to, I would like to again thank those of you who have been keeping to our guidelines and helping us to keep our pupils in school and our pods open! No doubt you will have heard about the delay in relaxing of restrictions and, although this may be a little disappointing, it really is just for a little longer and will help us continue to protect each other.

Covid-19 Symptoms Update

Please be aware that the updated guidance for the main symptoms of Covid-19 from PHE is as follows:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change in your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

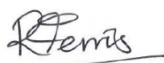
If you or any member of your household develops symptoms of Covid-19, you must book a PCR test as soon as possible via this link - <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. Your household should self-isolate until the results of the test are known.

Breakfast Cereals

We have been very fortunate to receive a generous donation of boxes of breakfast cereal from Waitrose. Some of the boxes are a little damaged but we would like to offer these to those of our families who have a need for them. There are a limited number of boxes and they will be issued on a first come, first served basis via the school office.



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



Richard Ferris
Headteacher

GREAT Climbing!

This week we would like to celebrate the amazing efforts of Skyla-Rose in Badgers class. During the half-term break she climbed 1,345 metres up Ben Nevis!

She prepared for the climb by doing walks in Swinley Forest in lots of different weather conditions and around her home with her walking sticks on the stairs. Her story was featured in this week's Bracknell News and can be read here: [Bracknell girl climbs Ben Nevis - Bracknell News](#)

Well done Skyla-Rose!





Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

- 1st Place – Eagles (98.4%)
- 2nd Place – Panthers (97.6%)
- 3rd Place – Kestrels (97.5%)



Thank a Teacher

Thank a Teacher Day 2021

This year's National 'Thank a Teacher' Day is Wednesday 23rd June. We are inviting pupils, parents, carers and staff to pass on a message for thanks to recognise the staff who have impressed them.

If you would like to pass on a positive message to **any member of the school team** including, admin, TAs and school leaders. Please take a moment to express your gratitude using the link to the left so we can brighten up their day!

After School Activity Clubs

Don't forget we are now running after school sports clubs again at GHPS. These are provided by PlaySport and must be booked in advance via their website.

Booking information can be found here [PlaySport Flyer](#) and also on our website: [Pupils>School Clubs](#)

Please note that due to a lack of numbers for the clubs for Years 3-6, PlaySport have taken the decision to cancel the clubs on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. PlaySport will contact those parents who have already booked and paid to arrange a refund.

Starting School September 2022?

Do you have a child who is due to start school in September 2022? We are very pleased to announce the dates of our open events for parents and carers to come and see what makes us so proud of our school!

The dates are as follows:

Tuesday 28th September @ 9.15am
Wednesday 20th October @ 9.15am
Thursday 25th November @ 6.00pm
Friday 7th January @ 9.15am

If you wish to attend one of these open events, please book your space by completing this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/RJqfNFPNWj>

More information and our GREAT videos of our school can be found on our website: [Starting School September 2022?](#)

Surge Testing Update from Bracknell Forest

We're happy to provide you with the following update:

In line with a request from Bracknell Forest Council, staff will be undertaking surge testing next week. Further information can be found on the letter from Bracknell Forest published on our website today. It can be found in the [Parent Letters>Whole School Letters](#) section or by clicking the link here: [Parent Letter from BFC - June 2021](#)

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 \(test-and-trace.nhs.uk\)](#)