



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to everyone, the children have all settled back in well.

**The government roadmap** - see attached

From 29<sup>th</sup> March two households can meet outside in a group of up to six people

From 12<sup>th</sup> April lots of businesses and activities will open up.

**In school we will continue to operate in year group bubbles and will review this in June.**

**Please continue to be 2m apart on site and wear a mask - thankyou.**

## Parking

When the school expansion was planned the parking was not considered as the school grew to become a large primary school with a lot of young children. We have continued to work with WSCC, the police and Arun but no solution has been found to date. WSCC do the roads and school planning and Arun own the field but working together has to date not been effective.

- ✓ Please follow the voluntary one-way system at the start and end of the school date in spite of many suggestions.
- ✓ Please ensure an emergency vehicle or coach can get through to the school.
- ✓ Please consider neighbours and don't block drive ways.
- ✓ Park in Berghestede Road where there is space and walk across to school.
- ✓ Please report problems to Arun District Council, WSCC, Parish Council and to the Police:

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## Clocks

Spring forward - clocks go forward this weekend.

## **Topics after the Easter break**

YR - Ground, Air and Water

Y1 - Seasonal changes and water habitats including frog life cycle

Y2 - All creatures great and small - snow dragons and ice dragons

Y3 - Harry Potter designing a world. NB Harry Potter season on TV during April

Y4 - From a railway carriage window - a local study

Y5 - Turning points in history - the World War

Y6 - Evolution

**Farm visit** - the children enjoyed the farm visit, there were lots of different farm animals, including noisy lambs and an 11 week old goat.

**Clubs** - Clubs will resume after Easter but will be in bubbles and limited in size.

**Dogs** - Please ensure all dogs that are brought on site have their details passed to the office along with documentation of current vaccinations and public liability insurance. Please ensure they are kept under control and any accidents are fully cleared up. Thank you.

**Pop-up food shop** - we continue to provide food for struggling families, please observe social distancing (one family at a time) and be mindful of others and only take what you need (this is to ensure we reach as many families as possible, ideally one bag per week per family).

**Climbing** - KS2 will be given the exciting opportunity to go climbing after Easter at the Arena as part of their curriculum.

**Swimming** - KS2 will be swimming after Easter. The school pay for swimming in advance, we appreciate all contributions towards the cost of this essential life skill for children who live near water. Please ensure you bring your money in every week if you are not paying in full, up front.

**Blacklands activity day** - Year 6 will be going on an activity day (as the residential trip has had to be cancelled), they will be trying out a variety of different activities. The trip has been subsidised by the school, parents have plenty of time to make monthly contributions to cover the cost of the trip, anyone who has genuine difficulties with payments please come and speak to the office in confidence.

**Field farm project year 3** - we have someone coming in to show year 3 how houses were built in the Neolithic period, they will also learn about tool making and weaving.

**Free School Meals** - If you think you may be entitled to free school meals (not universal infant free school meals), please call in the office for a form or go online at West Sussex County Council and complete an application.

## Dates

Please note we break up on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April next week.

We have included a copy of the term dates and inset days for 2021-2022.

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3	Field farm project - Neolithic period
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Inset day</b>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	All	Children return to school
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Half term</b>
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Y5</b>	<b>Magic day at Felpham Community College</b>
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6	Blacklands activity day
July	Y6	Transition Day - further details to follow
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2021	Y6	Sleepover at the school with meal and campfire
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Last day of summer term</b>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Inset day</b>

## TERM DATES 2021 - 2022

### Autumn Term 2021

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

Inset day	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
Inset day	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
Term starts	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
Half term	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October
Term Ends	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December

### Spring Term 2022

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

Inset day	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
Term starts	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
Half term	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February - Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February
Term ends	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April

Good Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April and Easter Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022

### Summer Term 2022

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022**

Inset Day	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April
Term starts	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April
Half Term	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
Term ends	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July
Inset day	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July

## Notes

On the following 5 Inset days school will be closed for pupils, but teachers will be required to undertake professional development.

### Inset Days

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

## **The government roadmap – Changes on 29 March**

### **Social contact**

The evidence shows that it is safer for people to meet outdoors rather than indoors. And this is why from 29 March, when most schools start to break up for the Easter holidays, outdoor gatherings (including in private gardens) of either 6 people (the Rule of 6) or 2 households will also be allowed, making it easier for friends and families to meet outside.

### **Business and activities**

Outdoor sports facilities such as tennis and basketball courts, and open-air swimming pools, will also be allowed to reopen, and people will be able to take part in formally organised outdoor sports.

### **Travel**

The 'stay at home' rule will end on 29 March but many restrictions will remain in place. People should continue to work from home where they can and minimise the number of journeys they make where possible, avoiding travel at the busiest times and routes. Travel abroad will continue to be prohibited, other than for a small number of permitted reasons. Holidays abroad will not be allowed, given it will remain important to manage the risk of imported variants and protect the vaccination programme. The government has launched a new taskforce to review global travel which will report on 12 April.

## **Step 2 - not before 12 April**

### **Business and activities**

Step 2, which will be no earlier than 12 April, will see the opening of non-essential retail; personal care premises such as hairdressers and nail salons; and public buildings, including libraries and community centres. Indoor leisure facilities such as gyms will also reopen (but only for use by people on their own or in household groups); as will most outdoor attractions and settings including outdoor hospitality venues, zoos, theme parks, and drive-in cinemas. Self-contained accommodation such as campsites and holiday lets, where indoor facilities are not shared with other households, can also reopen.

Hospitality venues will be allowed to serve people outdoors at Step 2 and there will be no need for customers to order a substantial meal with alcoholic drinks and no curfew, although customers must order, eat and drink while seated ('table service'). Wider social contact rules will apply in all these settings to prevent indoor mixing between different households.

### **Events**

While funerals can continue with up to 30 mourners, the number of people able to attend weddings, receptions and commemorative events such as wakes will rise to 15.

## **Step 3 - not before 17 May**

### **Social contact**

As part of Step 3, no earlier than 17 May, the government will look to continue easing limits on seeing friends and family wherever possible, allowing people to decide on the appropriate level of risk for their circumstances.

This means that most legal restrictions on meeting others outdoors will be lifted - although gatherings of over 30 people will remain illegal. Indoors, the Rule of 6 or 2 households will apply - we will keep under review whether it is safe to increase this.

As soon as possible and by no later than Step 3, we will also update the advice on social distancing between friends and family, including hugging. But until this point, people should continue to keep their distance from anyone not in their household or support bubble.

### **Business and activities**

Most businesses in all but the highest risk sectors will be able to reopen. In all sectors, COVID-Secure guidance will remain in place and businesses may not cater for groups bigger than the legal limits. Indoor hospitality will reopen - and as in Step 2, venues will not have to serve a substantial meal with alcoholic drinks; nor will there be a curfew. Customers will, however, have to order, eat and drink while seated.

Other indoor locations to open up in Step 3 include indoor entertainment venues such as cinemas and children's play areas; the rest of the accommodation sector, including hotels, hostels and B&Bs; and indoor adult group sports and exercise classes. The government will also allow some larger performances and sporting events in indoor venues with a capacity of 1,000 people or half-full (whichever is a lower number), and in outdoor venues with a capacity of 4,000 people or half-full (whichever is a lower number). In the largest outdoor seated venues, where crowds can be spread out, up to 10,000 people will be able to attend (or a quarter-full, whichever is lower).

### **Events**

Up to 30 people will be able to attend weddings, receptions and wakes, as well as funerals. This limit will also apply to other types of significant life events including bar mitzvahs and christenings.

### **Review of social distancing**

Finally, before Step 4 begins, the government will complete a review of social distancing and other long-term measures that have been put in place to cut transmission. This will inform decisions on the timing and circumstances under which the rules on 1 metre plus, the wearing of face coverings and other measures may be lifted. This will also inform guidance on working from home – which should continue wherever possible until this review is complete.

### **Step 4 - not before 21 June**

#### **Social contact**

By Step 4 which will take place no earlier than 21 June, the government hopes to be in a position to remove all legal limits on social contact.

#### **Business, activities and events**

We hope to reopen remaining premises, including nightclubs, and ease the restrictions on large events and performances that apply in Step 3. This will be subject to the results of a scientific Events Research Programme to test the outcome of certain pilot events through the spring and summer, where we will trial the use of testing and other techniques to cut the risk of infection. The same Events Research Programme will guide decisions on whether all limits can be removed on weddings and other life events.

As we move through each of these phases in the roadmap, we must all remember that COVID-19 remains a part of our lives. We are going to have to keep living our lives differently to keep ourselves and others safe. We must carry on with 'hands, face, space'. Comply with the COVID-Secure measures that remain in place. Meet outdoors when we can and keep letting fresh air in. Get tested when needed. Get vaccinated when offered. If we all continue to play our part, we will be that bit closer to a future that is more familiar.