



Updated Guidance for Schools

On Tuesday afternoon, I received the updated Covid-19 guidance from the Department for Education.

Having read the guidance, very little has changed for primary schools so the current measures and restrictions which we have in place will not be changing on Monday 17th May when other wider restrictions are being eased.

Extracts from the updated guidance which are relevant for our school are:

1. *Minimise contact with individuals who are required to self-isolate by ensuring they do not attend the school.*
2. *In all schools we continue to recommend that face coverings should be worn by staff and visitors in situations outside of classrooms where social distancing is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas).*
3. *Maintaining distinct groups or 'bubbles' that do not mix makes it quicker and easier in the event of a positive case to identify those who may need to self-isolate and to keep that number as small as possible.*
4. *Ensure everyone is advised to clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual.*
5. *You should make small adaptations to the classroom to support distancing where possible. That should include seating pupils side by side and facing forwards.*
6. *Ensure good respiratory hygiene for everyone by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.*
7. *Maintain enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents.*
8. *Consider how to minimise contact across the site and maintain social distancing wherever possible.*
9. *Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.*

Year 6 residential Trip to Wales

The updated guidance has unfortunately had an impact on the Year 6 residential trip. The Welsh Assembly is not allowing residential trips to resume on Monday 17th (when our children were due to begin their trip). Fortunately, the centre is a Hampshire run activity centre so we have been able to transfer the trip to Calshot as in England, trips can resume.

There has been a huge amount to consider, organise and reorganise as a result and many members of staff have supported this - all with the aim of ensuring that our children can have a well-deserved wonderful residential trip. We know that the memories created will always stay with the children.

In particular, I would like to thank Mr Gargan for his hard work over the last few days to ensure that the trip can take place.

DIARY DATES

New dates / updates in yellow

W/b Mon 17 th May	Year 6 residential trip to Calshot! Children leave at around 9:30am
Thur 20 th May	The Wavell School – Year 6 transition visit
Thur 20 th May	Cookery workshop for school-based Year 6 children
W/b 24 th May	International Week
Fri 28 th May	Finish for half term @ 3:25pm
Mon 7 th June	INSET DAY – school closed
Tues 8 th June	School reopens for Summer 2
Tues 8 th June	Class photos and Year 6 Leavers' photos
Tues 22 nd June	Calthorpe Park – Year 6 transition visit
Thur 24 th June @ 6pm	Year 2 Parents' Meeting (for entry into Year 3 September 2021)
Wed 30 th June	All Hallows School – Year 6 transition visit
Thur 1 st July	Common Transition Day Children visit their new schools /classes
Fri 2 nd July	Sports Day
W/b 5 th July & 12 th July	Year 6 Bikeability Courses
7 th & 8 th July	Year 6 Induction Days – The Wavell School & Yateley School
Fri 9 th July	Summer Fair / end of year picnic / or something!!
16 th – 18 th July	Year 4 residential trip to Calshot
Wed 21 st July	Year 6 Leavers' events
Thur 22 nd July @ 1:30pm	School closes for the summer holiday
Fri 23 rd July	INSET DAY – school closed to children
Thur 2 nd Sep	INSET DAY – school closed to children
Thur 2 nd Sep	PTA picnic for new Year 3 families (subject to restrictions – further details to follow)
Fri 3 rd Sept	INSET DAY – school closed to children
Mon 6 th Sept	School reopens for Autumn term

Happy Birthday!

Amelia - 9 years old tomorrow

Amy - 8 years old and Joshua 10 years old on
Sunday 16th

Maisy-Mai - 11 years old Monday 17th

Cash - 9 years old on Friday 21st

Jessica - 8 years old and Sophia 11 years old on
Tuesday 25th

Daisy - 11 years old Wednesday 26th



International Week

The staff are busy planning lots of exciting activities for our International Week starting on Monday 24th May.

We will be celebrating the diversity of our school by learning about lots of different countries and cultures which are special to some of the children in our school.

We had hoped to share some of the outcomes with you, our parents, by having outdoor displays but we are unfortunately unable to do this as we are still required to maintain our small bubbles.

We will certainly find a way to share the children's work with you in a different way!



New PE Kit

Further to a previous email, our new PE sweatshirt is now available to purchase from Brenda's.

It has been lovely to see some children wearing them - they look extremely smart!

We still understand how hard it has been for parents to purchase the correct uniform for their children and our revised Uniform Policy will not become 'official' until September.

Now that we have a photo of the new sweatshirt, it will be added to the policy and published on the school's website.

Here is a preview!



We think you will all agree that the children will be able to look just as smart in their PE 'uniform' as they do in their usual school uniform.

This will be really important as we change to a system of not changing for PE on PE days but coming to school in PE kits for the whole day.



<https://www.brendas.co.uk/collections/cove-junior>

Golden Ticket Winners – Spitfire Class

Congratulations to Ethan, Florian, Rory, Darcey, Evelyn and Emily for being selected for a Golden Ticket lunch today. They were chosen for being very well-behaved; being kind, helpful and smiley; and for being great friends to other children. They were all excellent company with lots to chat about!



Words of the Fortnight!

To encourage our children to use a wider range of vocabulary, we set a challenge for the children which we hope you will join in with at home too. Every two weeks, a new word is introduced in each class and the children get rewards for using them in their writing or in conversation. Our new words are:

Year 3

'Invertebrate'

Noun - an animal lacking a backbone

Year 4

'Meander'

Noun - a winding path or course

Verb - to wander aimlessly or casually without urgent destination

Year 5

'Legacy'

Noun - 1. an amount of money or property left to someone in a will

2. something received from an ancestor or predecessor or from the past

Year 6

'Collaboration'

Noun - The action of working with someone to produce something

Synonyms - cooperation, alliance, partnership, participation, combination, teamwork

What am I?

Mrs Gujer has found some plants growing in her garden and she is hoping that the children will help her identify them.

Each class has been given a little plant to take care of and discuss. It would be lovely if the children had the opportunity to discuss this at home too.

When your child is sure of what the plant is, we would like them to write a description of what they think it is and how they knew. Please encourage them to include diagrams and evidence in their explanations.

There will be a prize for the best answers in Lower School and Upper School as well as for the class that shows the most enthusiasm. Please get your entries to Mrs Gujer before June 30th.

Mrs Gujer hopes that you enjoy this project and she is looking forward to reading the explanations from the children.



Farnborough Food Bank

We have been asked to let you know that the Farnborough Food Bank at Christ Church in Cove will be re-opening from Wednesday 26th May at 12:00. The outlet will only be open on Wednesdays for the time being but they are hoping to be open on Fridays too from July.