

## Pheasey Park Farm Primary School and Early Years Centre

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Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### END OF SUMMER TERM

As we come to the end of another year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your tremendous support and understanding during what has been the most unusual and difficult 12 months.

We know that things will have been unsettled at times for your children and your families as it has been for the staff in school and their families - with the January lockdown, the switch to remote learning, bubble closures, isolation periods and everything else this year has brought with it. We have gone through this together and have come out the other side. These are certainly times your children will never forget.

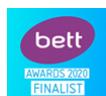
As you are probably already aware, the Government has now issued new COVID-19 guidance for schools effective from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021, in line with the wider removal of COVID-19 restrictions throughout the country from that same date.

We have included a brief summary below of what this will mean for you and your child from September. We must add, that if new guidance is issued by the Government or the national or local picture changes, we reserve the right to change these systems/re-implement procedures where necessary. We will send out a more detailed 'Returning to School' letter to all parents during August to confirm procedures prior to children coming back in September.

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

When we return to school after the summer break, we are planning for the following changes:

- **Bubble system:** It will no longer be necessary to keep children in bubbles. Therefore, there will no longer be a bubble system when we return to school in September
- **Contact tracing:** From Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, close contacts will be identified via NHS Test and Trace. Until the 19<sup>th</sup> July, you must still contact school by phone or email postbox if your child tests positive.
- **Self-isolation for children and young people:** From Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. They will only need to self-isolate if they have COVID-19 symptoms or a positive COVID-19 test result.
- **Face coverings:** Face coverings will still be encouraged in crowded areas for parents and staff



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- **Start/finish times:** It should no longer be necessary to have staggered times for the school day. Therefore we expect to return to our previous timings for school aged children - **8:45am - Start of the school day** and **3:25pm - end of the school day**
- **One way system:** It should no longer be necessary for the one way system to be in place. Therefore, we are planning that parents will be able to enter and exit school from both Raeburn Road and Wimperis Way. Playgrounds must be used to allow parents to spread out rather than congregate outside classrooms/on paths
- **Hygiene measures:** we will continue with our enhanced hand washing/sanitising and cleaning measures
- **Parent communication:** we will continue to ask parents to contact school by telephone or emailing postbox rather than come into the building, at least to start with.
- **Children mixing:** At playtime and lunchtime, children will be able to mix with children from other classes so long as there are no local outbreaks
- **Swimming:** For Years 1-6, swimming will start weekly from 13<sup>th</sup> September and for Reception, after Christmas
- **PE:** Children will once again be able to keep their PE kit in classrooms and get changed in school. Therefore, on PE days, children should come into school in full uniform

### HEALTHY SCHOOLS

We are a Healthy School and, like many other primary schools, we only allow fruit and vegetables to be brought in from home as a breaktime snack. We also only allow water and ask that all children bring in a named water bottle every day. Whilst we do sell limited tuck at breaktime for Years 1 to 6, catering staff have ensured the healthiest options are on offer and we feel it is important for us to continue to provide this. Please do not send any other snacks in for your child at breaktime as the children will not be permitted to have them. Please remember that all KS1 pupils have fresh fruit given to them daily.

We will continue to use SIMS Pay for tuck orders and all orders for the week ahead must be placed by 10pm on the Sunday evening. Please note that during the summer SIMS Pay will change it's name to Pay360



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Education Payments however this will not change the way parents access and you will automatically be redirected.

### UNIFORM

As you are aware our school logo has recently been updated and this will be gradually phased into our uniform. From September, children can wear jumpers/cardigans/PE TShirt/Polo shirts bearing either logo. Please note that all children must return to school in full uniform and this includes sturdy, black school shoes - trainers/pumps are not permitted. Please check our uniform policy if you need clarification <https://tinyurl.com/2utzr4bb>.

If you wish to purchase school ties, please do so through SIMS Pay as usual and we will facilitate giving these to the children in class rather than parents collecting from the office.

### RETURN DATES

Children in Years 1-6 will return to school on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> September. Reception induction meetings will take place from Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September and all Reception children will start a full day on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> September. Nursery Inductions will also take place from Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September and all Nursery children will attend together from Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> September.

Term dates for the 2021/2 academic year can be found on the school website <https://tinyurl.com/3rdjc92x>

### STAFFING NEWS

We welcome the following members of Staff who will be joining us in September:

Miss T. Rakhra -Teacher

Miss M. Wright -Teacher

Mrs D. Francis - Teaching Assistant

We welcome back Mrs A. Welter who will take up the post of Assistant Head Teacher.

Congratulations to Mrs Knight and Miss Matthew who will both take up internal Assistant Head Teacher posts from September.

We also have some members of staff with new roles from September:

Mrs L. Begum - Phase Leader

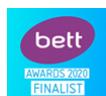
Miss A. Crouch -Year Leader

Mrs J Walsham -Year Leader

Miss A. Yoncaci-Science Leader

Mrs L. Eveson - Ed Tech Leader

Mrs M. Atkinson - Senior Lunchtime Supervisor



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Congratulations to Mrs C. Fereday who will be taking maternity leave next term and also to Mrs H. Davis who is also taking maternity leave but has also made the decision not to return to Pheasey following the birth of her baby. We wish them both all the very best.

We also say goodbye to Mrs T. Goody, Y4 lunchtime Supervisor and Mrs K. Langdell our Receptionist. We thank these members of Staff for their years of services and wish them all the best for the future.

Good luck and congratulations to Miss S. Hay who is getting married and will return in September as Mrs. S. Bayham and also to Miss N. Elsdon who is also getting married and will return as Mrs. N. Wilcox.

### END OF TERM EVENTS

Although we have had COVID restrictions, the end of term has been a happy celebration of the end of this difficult year. Forest Arts have performed a live music presentation for Year 4, end of year achievement assemblies have gone ahead on Microsoft Teams for all year groups, Sports Days were thoroughly enjoyed and activities in class have been fun, creative and exciting. The children have enjoyed class parties today and enjoyed spending time with their friends. Our Year 6 pupils have celebrated the end of their journey through primary school with an outdoor Leavers' Assembly this morning and their 'Pheasey Fest' in the afternoon.

We wish all our pupils and families a restful Summer break and we hope all our Year 6 leavers have many happy times and safe adventures as they move onto the next stage of their lives.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. S. Arnold  
Head of School

