



BSW weekly update

Dear Parent / Carer,

We have now completed the first full two weeks and I am writing to share with you several updates and points that we would like you to re-emphasize with your child to ensure the continued positive start and safety of those in our community.

Masks

We would like to thank the students for adjusting to the new 'normal' of wearing a mask around school in a positive fashion. During the first two weeks we have been supporting students by providing masks if they have arrived at school without one. However, this model is not sustainable and we would like parents to check that students have a mask packed in their bag or blazer pocket ready for each school day. We understand that for a minority of students it would be inappropriate for them to wear a mask but would ask that parents contact the school to inform us of this so that we are aware so we do not challenge them unnecessarily. We have implemented a policy whereby exempt students are provided with a BSW silicone band that they can show to demonstrate their exemption as a result it is not necessary for students to wear a lanyard around the school.

We are now recording students who we give masks to so that if we have a consistent issue we can work out a solution with the student and parents.

Wet Break

Due to the current restrictions in place we are unable to safely have all students inside the school during a wet break. Therefore, in the event of a wet break, we will invite one year group inside to access the main hall and atrium whilst leaving one year group outside and spread them out amongst the outside shelters. This would be done on a rotation to ensure no one year group spends all of the time outside. We would ask that parents are able to provide students with a raincoat and or umbrella to support your son / daughter when they are having a break outside.

Should the weather be deemed too extreme for students to be outside, in for example persistent heavy rain we will take the decision to keep students in their classroom for one of their breaks and allow them access to the main hall and atrium for their other break. Students would still be able to use toilets etc during that time

Canteen partially reopening

Following consultation with our catering team we are now in a position to offer a limited hot service for all students. Both the pod and main canteen will be open at both first and second break with year groups being directed to one of these locations to ensure there is no mixing of year groups during either break time. All food will be served as 'grab and go' with the provision being equally spread across the three break windows. It may take a few days for the catering team to fully understand demand and therefore we ask that students are patient and that they bring a couple of snacks with them along with their water to supplement their lunch.

If your child is entitled to a free school meal they will be able to come and make their choice from the selection available on the day as they previously would have last year.

I have attached an example of the three week menu so parents and students can see what to expect each day.

Road safety

We have had several reports including dash cam footage of several near misses involving our students riding into school. I would like to stress that students should always wear a helmet, where possible wear a jacket that is bright in colour so they are seen and to adhere to the Highway Code using appropriate crossing points. Please reinforce this message with your child to keep them safe when cycling to and from school.

Leaving the school site

It has been fantastic seeing the students back in school and pleasing that they have settled in so positively. I would like to remind students though that at the end of the school day they should leave the school site and move away from the local area immediately, not congregating on the footpaths in or nearby parks. This is to avoid a large congregation of people and the new rule of six so that the potential to spread any pathogens is minimised. We would also like to remind students that they should not be meeting in groups of more than six as per current government guidance. Again, this is a preventative measure to minimize the potential spread of the coronavirus. Thankfully whilst young people do not appear to be adversely affected by the coronavirus we all need to play our role in helping to protect more vulnerable members of the community. Parental support would be appreciated with this matter in asking students to leave the school site promptly and that they should not be meeting in the Manor or Broadwater Green in large groups.

We will be re-emphasising the need for social distancing at breaks next week through our assemblies.

If you have any questions regarding the above please email info@bohuntworthing.com

Yours sincerely,

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