



Summer Term Notices

Dear Parent/Carer

As the spring term draws to a close there is a lot for us to reflect on and a lot for us all to be hopeful of and look forward to. The spring term provided a number of significant challenges and we are proud of the way in which our staff and students adapted to the challenges. First, making a swift transition back to remote learning and engaging with zoom lessons and then returning to school after another prolonged period of time at home. Along the journey there has been much to celebrate as our students continued to embrace our enjoy, respect and achieve ethos, this has culminated in our end of term celebration assembly being broadcast live to all tutor groups to announce this terms House cup winner. And after all that has been said and done, congratulations goes **Franklin** house for winning this terms house cup.

We are writing to all families today outlining some key messages that we would like you to share with your son / daughter ahead of the summer term.

Uniform

The initial priority for us in March was to focus on supporting the students back in to school after a prolonged amount of time at home. We were also aware that with shops still closed it would have been potentially challenging for families to ensure uniform was fully compliant. However, with shops reopening on the 12th of April we would like to remind parents that students will be expected to be in full uniform after the Easter break. **This includes days when a student has PE, as we are pleased to announce that we will be able to safely open the changing rooms once again after Easter.**

For full details of our uniform policy please follow the link below <https://www.bohuntworthing.com/parents/uniform/>

Key uniform notices:

- Students should not wear a hoodie under their blazer at any time. **The only jumper under their blazer should be a black v neck Bohunt jumper.** Students can expect to be asked to remove their hoodies and non-uniform jumpers in the first instance. However, we will confiscate hoodies and non-uniform jumpers if students ignore staff instruction. These will then be given back at the end of the school day.
- Students should wear a black pair of shoes, examples can be found by following the link above. Trainers are not acceptable unless there is a medical reason for doing so. Please contact the tutor to discuss in confidence if there is a reason for your son / daughter to be wearing trainers.
- Jewellery is limited to one pair of studs. With no other piercings allowed this included nose and tongue piercings. Clear retainer piercings are also not part of our school uniform.

PE

All students will now get changed in the changing rooms for each of their PE lessons. The changing rooms will be cleaned in between use and the PE team will communicate to all students a clear set of guidelines to allow them to get changed quickly and safely. The above uniform link can be followed to get full details of what is and is not permitted to wear for PE. However, we would like to stress hoodies do not form any part of our PE uniform either.

Haircuts

We are all looking forward to the barbers and hairdressers opening up again on the 12th of April. We would ask that parents once again confer with our uniform policy to support students getting a haircut that is both appropriate in length and style.

Our uniform policy has been designed to be low confrontation and easily accessible to all. It forms a part of our identity as a school and we will challenge students to wear the correct uniform. Financial support is available to families in receipt of free school meals and we would ask that parents get in touch with us in confidence if they would like to explore options of support.

Timekeeping

We look forward to the summer for a number of reasons. One of those will be further relaxation of the restrictions that we have been supporting to help all members of our community stay safe. For the time being we will continue with our staggered starts with students having a tutor time 3 times a week. **Tutor time is not optional, this is a time where key messages are disseminated to students and we expect students to arrive promptly at their tutor base for 0840** on the days when they have tutor time. **On the other two days we expect students to arrive promptly to their first lesson for 0900.** Repeated lateness will result in potential loss of social time and or further sanctions that may take place after school.

No one wishes to have confrontation, particularly in the morning and a way in which all students can start the day positively is by arriving to school on time, in the correct uniform and ready to learn.

Bike safety

We continue to be proud of the number of students who walk, scoot or ride to school. This number increases in the summer term as we have better conditions. In order to support student safety we ask for your support with the following:

1. Is your child visible? A high visibility vest and or lights on bikes will help motorists identify your child when driving.
2. Is your child wearing a helmet? A helmet is a lifesaving piece of equipment and students should wear one when cycling to and from school. We will not allow students to leave the school grounds with their bike if they are not wearing a helmet. The bike will be stored securely until the child can prove they have a helmet.
3. Safe crossing. We have received a number of reports from concerned members of our community who have witnessed students taking unnecessary risks when crossing the road. Students should be reminded to use the appropriate crossing points when crossing the road, rather than put themselves at risk and other road users who may have to take avoiding action / perform an unexpected emergency stop to avoid collision.

Bike Storage

We have plenty of bike storage on site with two shelters at the back of the school and one shelter by the sports hall. We will be reinforcing with students that they should lock their bike in one of these shelters. **During the school day the bike shelters are off limits to all students.** There are a small number of students who are leaving bikes lying against our fences or padlocking their bike to the MUGA (thus leaving handlebars poking through) and the fire exit behind the sports hall presenting a health safety risk, compromising our ability to evacuate the staff and students in the event of an emergency. Students will be briefed and asked not to do so and if we continue to have bikes left in these areas then the bikes will be moved with locks potentially being cut.

Lateral flow testing over Easter

We would like to thank families in continuing to support the wider community by carrying out their lateral flow tests twice a week. Mr Whitehead sent out a detailed correspondence on the 31st March outlining procedures should there be any cases within your household.

And finally ...

We would like to end by thanking you for all of the messages of support you shared with us during what has been a very dynamic few months. We look forward to continuing our partnership with all of our families and hope to be able to start hosting events for families on site in the near future. In the meantime all queries can be directed to info@bohuntworthing.com and on behalf of all of the staff, wish you a very pleasant Easter break.

Yours sincerely,

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