

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today marks the end of the first half of the Summer Term. I would like to spend some time sharing with you arrangements for the management of Covid-19 and transition for pupils in readiness for September. Overall pupils have engaged really well with the changes school has had to make in order to keep everyone as safe as possible. I am hopeful that the pathway for the lifting of restrictions is maintained and we can open up the other areas of the curriculum that pupils enjoy so much. However, the position remains dependent on the impact the variant of the virus may have locally.

The next key date is **June 21st** from then:

P.E.

P.E. changing rooms will re-open. This means pupils will need to attend school each day in full uniform as outlined in the school uniform policy: <http://www.greenbankschool.org/page/uniform/13777>

School Therapy pool will re-open as a 'bubble' for Key Stages.

School operations:

Coat and bag hooks in corridor areas will be available. Please note valuable items such as digital devices will continue to be handed in for safe keeping. School cannot be held responsible for valuable items not handed in for safe keeping.

Key Stage bubbles will remain in operation for break and lunch Monday-Thursday. At the request of pupils Friday will provide an opportunity for a '*Whole School Day*'. Pupils have said they have missed the opportunity to spend time with friends in different Key Stages. Pupils will have the opportunity to meet up outside, at break and lunch times. Additional lunchtime clubs will be held (Reading, Guitar and Art Clubs will be available).

The one-way system will be retained, as will the staggered start and end of the day.

LFD test kits for home testing (Monday and Thursday) will still be available. Families can contact the office to order kits for their child.

Sports Day will take place with an adjustment to the athletics events, which will take place during lessons rather than as a whole school competition.

The Summer Fair has been booked for 29th June.

The National Citizenship Service are working again this year with sixth form to organise a school festival (further details and dates to follow).

End of Year Celebration assemblies will take place for each key stage- KS5- 15th July, KS3 and KS4 on 16th July. These will be outdoor assemblies.



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Traditionally, we welcome families to many of our Summer events. Whilst 21st June is the current official date for the end of lockdown restrictions, things may change. School has worked so hard to keep people safe during the pandemic and we have been successful in this regard. I feel we need to continue to be cautious and vigilant until the end of term, which is why invitations will not currently be going out to families.

School uniform:

School uniform is an important part of the fabric of school. The wearing of a school uniform makes a statement that supports the ethos and values of school. School has been very flexible in allowing pupils to attend school in joggers, hoodies during the pandemic. But, as has been my experience, this then creeps into pupils attending school in trainers (of all colours), jeans and T-shirts (of all designs and colours). The impact this has on school is not positive. In wearing a uniform a high standard of presentation is set that supports the same expectations and standards school has with the learning, and behaviour choices of pupils. The vast majority of pupils do meet the expectations of school in terms of uniform, but we still have a way to go for this to be consistent across school. The support you provide to school contributes significantly to our collective success. I would therefore ask that uniform policy is observed and supported from September. New Year, new start. *Also PLEASE- can uniform be named.* Pupils are very good at leaving clothing!

On Friday 11th June pupils will be informed of their tutor group for September. This will be followed by a series of transition visits to their new groups in readiness for September. A letter will be sent home confirming arrangements.

The voice, views and opinions of families is very important to the ongoing development and direction of school. There have been very few opportunities for school to hear your voice recently. Therefore, please find below a link to a parent survey. It covers a wide range of topics and should only take 10 minutes to complete. I would really appreciate your support in taking the time to complete the survey. It will allow school and the governing board to examine the feedback and take key decisions moving forward. Many thanks in advance.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KF3R2RD>

Finally, I wish you all a safe half term break. For once the weather looks to be on our side.

Thank you for your ongoing support.
Stay Safe.

Yours faithfully,

Mr McCann
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