

BRONTË HOUSE SCHOOL

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19th April 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all had an enjoyable Easter break and that the children are refreshed and eager to learn after the challenges of the previous term.

We are hopeful that we have seen the back of the difficulties experienced over the past year and that the longer nights and better weather bring with them a sense of optimism and positivity about the road ahead. We may not be out of the woods yet, but it certainly feels like we are getting there.

The combined team effort in recent months of teachers, parents and children has paid dividends and, whilst we acknowledge the difficulties of remote learning for some, our children have shown amazing resilience and continued to make very good progress. We are extremely grateful for your support throughout, what we hope to be, the last period of school closure and remote learning for Brontë children.

Please find below some information regarding the organisation of the forthcoming term.

Parents' Consultations

These will take place next week and children have today been issued with a form for you to complete that indicates your preferred appointment time. Consultations will be run in the same way as the Autumn Term and parents can choose either a Zoom meeting or a phone call.

Please ensure that the form is returned at your earliest convenience in order for staff to begin planning their appointments.

Formal assessment week will take place week commencing Tuesday 4th May. Progress and attainment will be reported to parents in the Summer Term reports cycle in July.

Music Lessons

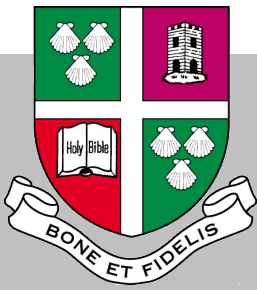
We are welcoming peripatetic music teachers back to the school site from Tuesday 20th April, following strict risk assessment protocols. If your child has continued with individual music lessons via Zoom over the last year, parents should have been informed that they will be reverting to lessons in school by music staff. Those who chose not to continue with remote lessons are invited to contact music staff directly if you would like these to recommence.

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We have a new vocal coach starting next week, Miss Chamberlain; and, following Mr Archdale's retirement, Mrs Baker will be taking over Speech and Drama lessons. Please contact Mr Phenny on the email address below if your child would like to be included in these lessons.

Phenny.p@brontehouse.co.uk

PE and Games

This term's curriculum will focus on the summer sports of Athletics, Cricket and Tennis. Gum shields and football/rugby boots are not required in school.

Inter-school fixtures for our older children are planned, though no firm decision has yet been made regarding their feasibility. Mr King, Director of Sport, will be reviewing this in early May, in consultation with other local independent schools and the National Governing Bodies.

We have several House events planned for the children to enjoy this term.

Following a timetable re-adjustment to distribute PE and Games teaching more evenly across the week, some children in Year 1 and 2 will require PE kit on days that they previously wore uniform. Please see the table below.

All other year groups remain unaffected.

DAYS WHEN CHILDREN WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN CURRICULUM SPORTS AND PE KIT MUST BE WORN					
CLASS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1B	X				X
1H		X			X
2B			X	X	X
2H			X	X	X

Extra-Curricular Activities

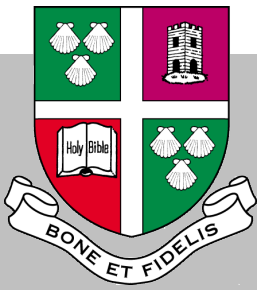
The extra-curricular programme remains unchanged from last term. Please see the Parental Guidance for further details.

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Uniform

Children may now attend school in summer uniform.

The new Brontë uniform for September 2021 from School Blazer will be showcased in the coming weeks. A reminder that this will not become compulsory until September 2022.

The Gilbert sports kit remains unchanged.

If you have any additional queries at this time, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With very best wishes,

Sarah Chatterton

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