

# BRONTË HOUSE SCHOOL

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24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents,

Please find some useful information below regarding forthcoming School events and internal arrangements:

Next week is the beginning of Parents' Consultations; please check children's bags over the weekend for an appointment request form and ensure it is returned to school as soon as possible. Meetings are stretched over the proceeding two weeks to provide parents with an in-person appointment, if this is preferred, whilst maintaining the wellbeing of the school community. Please accept our apologies that we are unable to coordinate sibling appointments; this was not possible due to the varying after-school commitments of staff. We hope to be able to return to more normal proceedings later this year.

We would ask that parents arrive at school in good time for their appointment. Those with children in Years 1-3 should come to the Office, where refreshments and seating are provided; parents with children in Years 4-6 should wait in the seated area at the top of the Sports Hall. As children may be using the changing rooms below at this time, parents should ensure that they access the Sports Hall using the doors on the Terrace. Staff will collect parents and escort them to classrooms. Please feel able to wear a mask indoors if this is more comfortable. All classrooms are well-ventilated and seated areas will be sanitised regularly.

Parents should not attend the appointment if they feel unwell or are displaying symptoms of Covid-19. In this instance, please telephone the Office and your child's Form Teacher will arrange an alternative appointment.

Parents should feel reassured that Covid numbers in school remain extremely low. As communicated in the Pre-Term Information, it is no longer within the remit of the School to notify parents of Covid cases. Coordination of this is now assumed by NHS Track and Trace, who oversee the process of contacting those that are thought to be close contacts. If Covid levels in school increase markedly at any point, we have an Outbreak Management Plan that details the temporary measures that would come into force, for a defined period, until cases desist.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October is our Harvest Festival in the Chapel. In order to safely accommodate parents, this year, we are planning two services: Lower School (Years 1-3) and Upper School (Years 4-6.) This will be a ticketed event to ensure we do not exceed a safe capacity; further details will follow early next week.

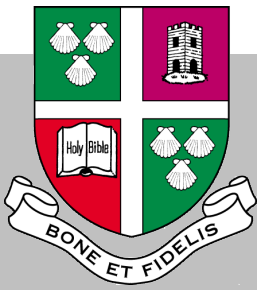
Can we please ask that parents collecting children from school ensure that they are supervised when moving around the school site? Children have been seen running up and down the concrete steps on the Terrace, as well as running unsupervised across the Sports Field and down to Ashdown Lodge

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carpark. In order to avoid unnecessary accidents, please ensure that children remain within a safe distance at all times.

Finally, please find information below from Mr King, Director of Sport, regarding PE, Games and Co-curricular Sport.

*We have thoroughly enjoyed the start to the term; it has been great to see pupils active and involved in an action-packed PE, Games and Co-curricular sport programme. The levels of participation and engagement have been amazing, and it has been fantastic to see the return of inter-school fixtures, with parents returning to the side-lines once again.*

## **Physical Education**

*Pupils have been developing and refining their skills in Hockey this half term. This sport is new to many of the pupils; it has been great to see them progress and develop their confidence and understanding of the game. We will look to introduce a hard ball Hockey Club for older children in the next half term, where shinpads and mouthguards will be required.*

*The biggest achievement of the term has been seeing pupils return to swimming; we have thoroughly enjoyed getting pupils back into the water. After half term, we will be following Swim England's 'Learn to Swim Framework' which will enable pupils to track their levels of progression; as well as completing challenges and earning stickers, to be collected in their Achievement Record.*

## **Games**

*We have been very lucky with the weather so far this term; however, we need to ensure that we are prepared for the inevitable change that will come all too quickly. Can we please request that pupils have studded boots when taking part in Rugby as this will help reduce the risk of injury from slipping and falling? Mouthguards are highly recommended by the School, and it has been great to see pupils bringing them to lessons. Please ensure that children have School tracksuits available on Games days, to enable them to 'layer up' if it is particularly cold.*

## **Co-curricular Sport**

*We have developed a varied and extensive after-school sports programme which has enabled all children to participate in a range of sports during the Autumn Term.*

*Inter-school fixtures have begun for children in Years 3-6. Team sheets, timings and other logistical information may be found at the link below. The required password is **WGSSport**.*

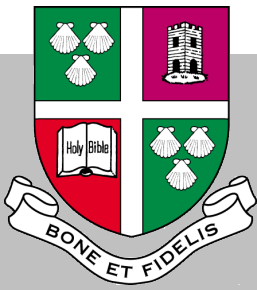
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*Children participating in Co-curricular sports activities in Years 3-6 may remain in their kit to go home, if they are being collected before tea at 5pm. Children remaining in school for tea must change back into their uniform.*

*(Mr D King)*

Many thanks for your continued support throughout the first few weeks of the new year. Please let us know if we can be of assistance with any queries or concerns.

Keep up to date with ongoing news and events by following our Facebook page, as below:

<https://www.facebook.com/brontehouseschool>

With very best wishes,

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