



News Update

Summer Term 5 Week 6

5th June 2020

Communication

Firstly, I would like to thank parents and carers for the warm messages of support and positive feedback received this afternoon. I will of course share these with our staff and stakeholders. In these very unique circumstances, every effort has been made to accommodate parental requests and I am extremely proud of the academy's response (as part of the University of Brighton Academies Trust) to this ever developing situation.

We fully understand that you may have questions or queries. However, as you can appreciate, preparations for our phased opening from Monday 8th June 2020 continue to be made. As a result, staff are unable to offer an immediate response. I would, however, like to readdress key points as sent out in my parentmail earlier today:

- Under GDPR we are unable to confirm which children have been allocated to a particular bubble. However, please be assured that staff have considered the emotional needs for your child when bubble allocations were finalised.
- The phased opening and finished times for all bubbles are fixed. This is to reduce the amount of pedestrian traffic on site in order to adhere to social distancing.
- The academy remains open five days a week for Key Worker children in their respective bubbles. The academy is open for these children from Monday 8th June. The children will remain in their bubbles and bubble classrooms for these days.
- We are expecting Year 1 Green and Purple bubbles from Tuesday 9th June, adhering to their fixed staggered times.

Further surveys will be sent out to establish your views in the coming weeks and please email the office (office@phiacademy.org.uk) if you wish your child to return to the academy.

We are now requiring a minimum of 2 working days notice if you wish your child to return to the academy.

Please note that you will need to await confirmation from the academy as to the bubble your child will be allocated to. Please do not arrive at the academy without confirmation of your child's bubble.

I will of course update you with any further details and guidance. We will continue to review these new measures over the coming weeks. If for any reason any of the above is no longer possible, even if it appears possible, or it's been possible in another school in the local area, then please trust that we have not taken the decision lightly and have undertaken a thorough risk assessment based on our site, classrooms and staffing levels.

Suggested learning activities for Reception and Year 1 who are not attending the academy week beginning 8th June 2020:

Suggested Home Learning activity sheets and timetables will look a little different for next week.

Activities will now focus on topics that the children would normally be covering in the academy. Now you will receive suggested activity grids at the start of each week that will build towards a topic that your child will be working on over the whole term.

Although each year group will be working on a different topic, we will continue to provide suggested timetables, so that there are opportunities for children in all year groups to be able to take part in learning for the same/ similar subject at the same time, whilst they remain at home. Mymaths activities will continue.

Please be aware that as the academy re-opens, staff will have limited capacity to respond to parent queries during the academy day. Staff will endeavour to respond as quickly as possible. Thank you for support and understanding.

On a Wednesday, we will now be launching 'Well-being Wednesday'. We are extremely mindful of children's and parents' well-being during this time and we wanted to provide our children and parents calming activities to support you. We will provide a suggested activity sheet that can be worked through. We will then update these suggested activities every three weeks. Please do what you can, when you can during this day.

Suggested learning activities for Year 2 week beginning 8th June 2020:

From next week (w/c 8.6.2020), Year 2 children will be consolidating their maths learning over the year by having 2 White Rose Problem Solving Activity sheets to complete each week. We will also continue to upload tasks on MyMaths, as we know from your feedback that many of our children have enjoyed learning in this way.

On certain occasions, there will be PowerPoints saved on the Home Learning Page on our website to accompany activities. Next week, there will be one about St George to help you with your learning in RE.

Thank you for your support and understanding during this time.

We are thinking of you!

