



NEWSLETTER



1. MESSAGE FROM MRS BARNES

the beginning of the week the message from government was, "Over the coming weeks the Department for Education will publish further information and guidance to help schools prepare for a full return in September." The mood music coming from government yesterday supported a plan to have all pupils back in school at the beginning of the new academic year. Hopefully further announcements will give us more detail about necessary protective measures for that time but in the meantime we are still planning for four potential scenarios:

Level 1 No risk of infection and all restrictive measures removed	School fully open for 5 days a week. All children mixing normally. OOSC operating normally
Level 2 Risk level low and adjusted control measures in place	All classes in school, in bubbles of 30 children. School open every day. No mixing of year group bubbles. Specific restrictions regarding operation of OOSC
Level 3 Risk level remains moderate as per summer term	All classes in school on a reduced timetable with 15 children in a bubble, attendance on Monday, Tuesday OR Thursday, Friday. Deep cleaning—Wednesday Key worker children in on Wednesday OOSC limited to Key Worker children
Level 4 Risk level high with lockdown measures in place	School Closed Key worker/vulnerable groups only

Level 2 currently looks like the most likely scenario but I will update you once we have a greater degree of certainty, which will allow us all time to plan with confidence.

Summer Holidays

There is a collective understanding in Buckinghamshire schools that there is no expectation that schools will remain open for key worker/vulnerable children over the summer holiday. That said, we are working with Premier Education to offer a summer camp based at John Hampden—see flyer at the end of this newsletter for costs and booking details.

In the last newsletter I invited you to take part in a short survey about your experiences of Home Learning. So far there have been 31 responses from a school population of over 300 so if you do have a moment to spare you can [Click Here](#) to access the survey.

Transition

On Monday you will find out which class your child will be going into in September. This information will be available on the relevant transition tab on the school website. You will also have access to the 'Classes' tab at the same time where you will find further information including a video from the new class teacher. Planning for next year has taken into account the current unprecedented circumstances which have meant that it has been a challenging and unsettled year for school children so we are attempting to provide as much stability and reassurance as possible going forward. Remember you can email any questions about transition to the school office office@jhampden.bucks.sch.uk and we will endeavour to answer them all before the end of term.

Thank you for your continued support.

2. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Sports Day!

In a year when so much of what we would normally do has had to be cancelled we are very grateful to our colleagues at Premier Education who have invited all pupils at our school to get involved in a Virtual Sports Day. You will be emailed details of how your child can take part and we would love as many of our pupils as possible to participate.

Look at for the pack which will be emailed to you today.

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE—DO YOUR BEST!



Virtual Sports Day



Welcome to the The John Hampden Sports Day Virtual event.

The Virtual Sports day challenge has been designed to save our sports day which have been cancelled nationwide. We feel that so many children have missed out this year it would be nice to have a virtual challenge to engage all the students of the school to take part and generate some school spirit.

Over the week of July 6th to July 12th, 2020, children can take part in 8 different sports events outlined below in the work cards and videos.

As the tradition of sports day, we want everybody to be able to take part and set themselves a target.

Entrants do not have to specify a target beforehand. There are levels to achieve and once you've reached one you are welcome to repeat and practice events to see if you can score higher.

The levels to aim for are as follows -

- Level 1: Orange - 5 Points
- Level 2: Blue - 10 Points
- Level 3: Pink - 15 Points
- Level 4: Yellow - 20 Points
- Level 5: Red - 25 Points
- Level 6: Bronze - 30 Points
- Level 7: Silver - 35 points
- Level 8: Gold - 40 points

3. IMPORTANT MESSAGES

John Hampden Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy from September 2020 for a start date: 3rd September 2020

Closing date: Wednesday 15th July 2020

The salary will be within Bucks Pay Range 1A £16,824 per annum pro-rata £8.72 per hour

If you are interested in this post please call the John Hampden School office on 01296 622629 or email: office@jhampden.bucks.sch.uk for more information.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Looking forward, if you believe you may need to order new school uniform for the next academic year please download a uniform order form from the school website. It can be found under the 'Key Information'—Uniform tab. Emailing the form back to the school office will allow us time to get your order together and contact you about payment and collection arrangements. Unfortunately we are not able to sell uniform directly from the school office at the moment so all orders will be dealt with electronically.

HOME LEARNING

Not many more weeks to go until the Summer holiday so do make the most of this remaining time to continue with Home Learning activities. Little and often really is the key to success and anything you can do with your children will be beneficial to them in the future. We will leave all the tabs for home learning open throughout the summer break so there will be access to activities if you want them. Reading to and with your child is crucial to keeping their reading development going and practical opportunities to apply maths skills will be very valuable. Any opportunity you can provide to keep them writing—lists, letters, stories etc. would also be really helpful.

4. MISCELLANEOUS



Safe, active, together.

Summer 2020 Holiday Camps!

Multi-Activity Holiday Camps for your children!

Our Holiday Camps provide a safe, fun and social place for your child to be throughout the summer. We've designed our Holiday Camps with safety in mind: grouped bubbles, reduced numbers & much more!



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Our Holiday Camps near you..

21st July - 27th August

The John Hampden
HP22 6HF

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HP22 6HF

Mon - Thurs
9am - 3:30pm
Ages 5-7

Mon - Thurs
9am - 3:30pm
Ages 8-12

£19.00
a
Day!



Taking every precaution

Our Activity Professionals have been undergoing additional training in order to provide the best care to the children under their supervision, specifically the Transcend Level 2 Award in Infection Prevention, Mitigation and Management.

You will need

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing for the weather
- Shin pads
- Loads of energy!

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29th June

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been living in unprecedented times since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. In writing to you I wanted to look back at the last few months and also set out more detail on the plans for return to education in schools and early years settings in September.

Thank you to all our schools and settings

Firstly I want to say how grateful we are to all our schools, early years and childcare settings across Buckinghamshire. Our dedicated staff have gone above and beyond in so many ways to support our children; staying open where possible throughout the lockdown period to continue to provide care and learning to our vulnerable children and children of key workers, as well as offering alternative learning options for most other children who have stayed at home. We thank all school and early years leaders, staff, nursery owners, committees, governors and trustees for their monumental efforts.

The safety of children and staff is our priority

Through the last few months since the start of the closure period in March, we know and understand that each school and setting's opening arrangements have differed. This has been for a range of reasons, for example the number and size of learning spaces available and staffing availability. In all of this decision-making, the overriding priority for everyone has been the safety of children and staff.

As a council we have worked closely with schools and early years settings to take account of these variances and ensure as much consistency as possible in the approach to education and learning.

We know that some schools have been able to open for more children and wider year groups than the government's specified priority year groups; and that some early years settings have been able to open for many of their children across the whole 0 – 5 years age range. We very much appreciate the flexibility shown by all educational and childcare settings and are supporting those that are able to provide this additional learning. We also recognise that all schools and settings are different and therefore understand why wider opening has not been possible for everyone.

It is important to clarify though that there is no directive or expectation for schools that this wider provision must be offered over and above the return to school for [prioritised year groups set out in the government guidance](#).

Support for students continues

Thank you to our primary schools that opened at the beginning of June for the key year groups, Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils, who were prioritised by the government to return first.

Thank you also to our secondary schools that have in the last two weeks opened to offer Year 10 and Year 12 students some face-to-face support to supplement their remote education, in advance of the key exams they are due to take next year.

I also want to thank our SEND schools that have welcomed all vulnerable and key worker children since 23 March and have been open to all their year groups since 1 June. This has been invaluable support to some of our most vulnerable children.

It is very important that schools and early years settings continue to provide support and education for vulnerable children and children of key workers, and schools will prioritise this in their ongoing planning.

Summer holiday arrangements

We do not expect Buckinghamshire schools to open over the summer holidays, so the school summer break will take place as usual. It is important that we look after our school staff and protect their wellbeing after what has been a difficult time, and the school holiday break will allow this support to happen.

This means that after the summer holidays schools will be prepared and ready to support all students to be able to catch up on their learning and resume their education at an accelerated rate from the start of the new academic year in September.

School opening from September

The Secretary of State for Education set out in his [announcement on 19 June](#) the government's ambition for all pupils to return to school in September.

The position in September is likely to be different to where we are now. However there will be a lot of consideration needed to enable this full return to school to happen and we are supporting our schools in the planning process to make sure that schools are able to welcome all pupils back in September in the safest way possible. In doing this we are following all of the advice available for local authorities and schools from the government and Public Health England.

Your school will provide more detail to you on September opening in due course. Parents of children transitioning to nursery or school in September will also be given information by their new school regarding their opening in due course.

Thank you to all parents and carers

Finally, I want to thank all of you as parents and carers for the support you have shown to your schools, your settings and of course your children. This period will have been incredibly difficult for parents and carers, children and young people and families alike. The closure of schools and early years settings, combined with the government restrictions, have all been disruptive in a variety of ways.

For parents and carers, we understand the significant challenges of keeping up learning at home while also juggling work, care for family members, loss or grief in some instances, financial worries and general concern about the pandemic. Thank you for being patient, understanding and supportive during this unparalleled situation.

Yours faithfully

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