

Friday 8th May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Like many of you, we eagerly await the government briefing on Sunday, which will give us some clarity on the direction the country is taking with the approach to the coronavirus crisis. If newspaper reports are to be believed, then it is possible that schools will reopen in some form for some children in the near future. You can rest assured that staff across our schools are working hard to consider how we can return in the safest possible way, as and when we are directed by the government to do so.

Until any such announcement, we will continue to work in the ways we have done over the last six weeks. With this in mind, we are making childcare provision available for you across the half term holiday period. Having again spoken with families, the Headteachers have established that there are relatively low numbers of children from Beechfield, Cherry Tree and Laurance Haines needing this provision, so we have taken the decision to host it centrally at Beechfield School. This worked well for the Easter holiday provision and we would anticipate things working in exactly the same way. Please speak to your Headteacher if you have any concerns about the proposed arrangements.

Opening

Monday 25th – Friday 29th May

Time

8:00 am - 6:00pm – You may drop off or pick up your child at any point during the day. Please inform staff of your anticipated timings at the end of each day.

Food

Food will be prepared on site daily, by our caterers Chartwells. Please send your child in with a clean, empty water bottle each day. Your child may bring in a piece/pieces of fruit for a snack. Please do not send your child with sweets, cakes, crisps, nuts or other snacks.

- Breakfast 8:00 – 9:00
- Lunch 12:00 – 1:00
- Snack 4:00

Provision

Our sports provider Apex will run the half term childcare. These staff members are familiar to your children and work full time in our three schools. They will provide a safe, fun and happy environment for children, leading age-appropriate play activities, with the emphasis on 'play'. They will run activities to integrate the children across the three schools. Activities include:

Fitness and Wellbeing	Multisports games	Arts and Crafts	Films (U rated only)
Hockey	Dancing	Painting and Card making	Tri golf
Splat	Disc golf	Boccia	Relay races
Badminton	Tennis	Floor is lava	Dance games
Football	Cross Curricular Activities	Clap catch	Foot golf

Cost

There will be no cost for the provision or the food.

Social distancing

All staff will follow the Government advice for schools on social distancing. Our numbers are limited to those families where parents are keyworkers and are needed in work. I would respectfully remind you that Government advice is for parents to send their children to school only if they do not have means to supervise and care for them at home. If you are not working or you have someone at home not working, please keep your children at home on those days.

Contact details

Our Apex coaches will have access to the contact details we hold for you. Please ensure we have the most up to date phone numbers for you and for an alternative contact in the event that you are indisposed at work.

Drop off/Pick up

Please head to the school reception and drop off/pick up from the classroom to the right of this. Apex staff will be there to greet you between 8:00 – 9:00, 3:15 and between 4:00 – 6:00. There will be a mobile phone number on the door if you are picking up outside of these hours. Please call and a staff member will greet you.

Please ensure that you are practising social distancing when dropping off or collecting your child. We will put hand sanitiser outside so that you can clean your hands before knocking on the door. Once you have knocked, please step back behind the line so staff can talk to you at a safe distance.

Please help the smooth running of the provision by informing our staff of your expected drop off/pick up times and of any days you will not be using the provision.

Clothing

Children can wear their own clothes for the duration of the holiday provision. Weather is likely to be changeable across the break and where possible, we aim to be on the field or in the school woods. Please dress your child in appropriate, named clothing and footwear.

Behaviour

Our three schools share a behaviour policy, which means your children are acutely aware of how to behave appropriately. We anticipate the childcare provision to be a fun and relaxed affair and as such do not anticipate any issues with behaviour. Please take some time to run through our code of conduct to ensure everyone can enjoy themselves over the holiday.

- Respect everybody
- Allow others to play and learn
- Practise safe social distancing
- Take care with equipment and people's belongings
- Treat others as you would like to be treated
- Stay in the designated play areas
- Use kind words
- In a sports match, accept the decisions of the coaches without protest

In the very unlikely event of a child not following the code of conduct, staff will speak to the child and direct them to play in a different way/with others. If a child fails to adjust their behaviour, staff may contact the Headteacher, who may send the child home or stop them from coming to the holiday provision. Staff will inform parents of any positive or negative behaviours upon pick up each day so that we can work as a partnership.

I do hope that our childcare provision helps you to continue to do the amazingly important work you are all doing. Should you have any specific queries or concerns, please contact your child's Headteacher directly.

Yours sincerely,



James Roach
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