

1 October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

September is already over, and students have been back to school for a month already! The positivity in lessons has been fantastic to see; classrooms feel purposeful and students are engaged in a wide range of challenging work. We have also ensured that children have a wide range of opportunities to engage with extra-curricular and personal development activities. For example, on Thursday we hosted a series of Mental Health workshops in the hall and this week's assemblies reflected on Black History Month.

We were delighted to be able to run our Open Evening event again this year and to welcome prospective students and families to Bradon Forest School. The event was extremely popular, and we have continued to showcase what we offer by inviting people in to Open Morning tours. Our senior prefects and student leaders who are leading these have been fantastic ambassadors for all that Bradon has to offer and the feedback so far from parents has been overwhelmingly positive. There are still a few tour slots available and these can be booked here: [Bradon Forest School Open Mornings Autumn 2021 Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

I am pleased to report that Covid rates among the school community continue to fall, and more students are completing their isolation and returning to school. We have introduced some additional measures for a few weeks such as return to virtual assemblies from Monday and using the lunch hatch for Year 10 and 11. We will review this in the run up to half-term but I am confident that we can keep school life and extra-curricular as normal as possible for now.

You will be aware that vaccinations are being offered to students aged 12-15 and that the healthcare providers will be using school buildings as clinics. The school will not be collecting consent – you will receive a separate letter that takes you to a Virgin Healthcare link where you will have 48 hours to consent. No child will be vaccinated without parental consent.

No doubt you will have seen in the media about the lack of HGV drivers and general resources to operate supply chains. This is causing nationwide shortages of food for supermarkets, restaurants, takeaway outlets and hospitality providers such as ourselves. We are working hard to keep any changes to a minimum and we thank you for your patience while the supply chain stabilises.

As the temperature drops and the autumn showers arrive, students are encouraged to wear school coats, however this is not instead of wearing their school blazer, which is a compulsory element of the school uniform. Likewise, if a student has a school jumper this is not in place of a blazer; the blazer should be on not in a school bag. Please support the school by checking your child's uniform and equipment.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



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