

Phase Four of the Roadmap

As I am sure you have seen in the news this week, July 19th marks a new phase in the government's response to the pandemic, moving away from stringent restrictions on everyone's day-to-day lives, towards advising people on how to protect themselves and others. Entering step 4 will obviously impact what we do in schools moving forward and new guidance has been published this week to support schools in their role after 19th July. Within the guidance it explains, *'As COVID-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, there is now an imperative to reduce the disruption.. our priority is for you to deliver face-to-face, high quality education to all pupils. The evidence is clear that being out of education causes significant harm to educational attainment, life chances, mental and physical health.'*

As a result of this guidance, school will very much return to normal in September but with focus on having clear outbreak managements plans, continued focus on hygiene and handwashing, ventilation and twice weekly testing for staff to minimize impact of asymptomatic transmission. Bubbles will end and crucially from 16th August, under 18 year olds will no longer be required to isolate if contacted by track and trace. This means, if a child in the class tests positive for Covid, only that child will be required to isolate. This should minimise the disruption to learning. From 19th July nationally, face coverings will be optional and schools will no longer have the Track and Trace responsibility. Some of our measures will remain until the end of the school year as we feel it would be too disruptive for children to adjust them for one week when they have been the expectation all year. This will include continued work in bubbles although we will be more flexible about this. After the challenges of the last 18 months living through Covid together, I am delighted that we will be able to offer a full programme of school events and am very excited for the new academic year and the new opportunities ahead.

Newsletter

Friday 9th July

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Award Winners

Who has been shining this week at Summerseat?

Class One	Shine Award: Lawson H Values Award: Louis C
Class Two	Shine Award: Ruby R Values Award: Hugo H
Class Three	Shine Award: Megan A & Faye J Values Award: Daniel M
Class Four	Shine Award: Jessica L & Sophie L Values Award: Izzy D

Dates for your Diary—for dates further ahead, please visit the calendar on the school website.

Fri 9th July	Sports day
Weds 15th July	Meet the Teacher
Thurs 22nd July	Y6 Leavers Assembly—9:15am
Thurs 22nd July	Y6 Leavers visit—Haigh Hall
Fri 23rd July	School closes for summer holiday

Staffing Update

I am pleased to announce that Miss McQuaid has been appointed as deputy headteacher for September 2021 at Summerseat following a recruitment process last week. This is initially a 12 month appointment and will strengthen our school leadership team. Well done Miss McQuaid! She will be continuing to work on embedding our Forest School provision, developing our early years environment and also supporting me in the induction of staff who are new to us through her curriculum expertise. I know that all the children will be looking forward to meeting their class teachers next week and I know the teachers are looking forward to meeting you. I will be sending a pen portrait ahead of the meet the teacher sessions so look out for these on email.

Sadly, we will be saying farewell (*but not goodbye*) to Mrs Turner and Mrs Robinson at the end of term. I know they have both held different roles at Summerseat over a number of years, with Mrs Turner being with us since she qualified as a teacher. They have both made a significant contribution to the school and I have loved working with them as part of the wonderful Summerseat team. Due to government funding, we have unfortunately had to make their posts redundant. They have both promised to support if we need supply cover and to keep in touch. Thank you again to them for their amazing contributions to school. I know they will be greatly missed.

Summer Holiday Tennis Club

Hawkshaw Tennis Club are organising Tennis Courses throughout the summer holidays. For more information and to book please contact the club directly; Lisa Cartwright on 07958 727293 or Rachel Thomas on 07771 602039.