



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you are all well and are managing to stay safe. In BBEC there is a real feeling of optimism that we might be coming out of the worst of the pandemic, although we have had a small number of student cases this week; a reminder that it has not gone away yet.

We said goodbye to our Year 11 students this week. This is always a sad time for staff and students, but their leaving assembly was a time to celebrate how much the students have grown personally and academically and to recognise, even in these difficult times, the amount of progress they have made. It has been wonderful to see our Year 7-10 students getting back into hard work and next half term will be an important time when we will be able to measure their progress too.

I would like to inform you of a number of important things for the holiday and next half term:

## Assessments

You will receive, if you haven't already, information about next half-term's assessments and revision materials. We will, of course, be preparing all students in school, but there is an expectation that students revise at home. Revision materials can be found on Teams.

## What is my child learning?

A number of parents have been asking about our curriculum and the topics their children have studied and will be studying this year. We are proud to share our curriculum with you. We have made some significant changes over the last few years and now think that we have developed a challenging and interesting learning experience for our children.

Full details are on our website: <https://www.buttershaw.net/curriculum-overview/>

## Equipment

The vast majority of students come to school fully equipped and ready for learning. We thank parents for their support in getting their child(ren) fully organised. There are a number of students who do not come with the correct equipment and we are going to focus next half term on readiness for learning and in the first instance ask that you ensure that your child(ren) have the list of equipment listed below as a minimum.

**2 x pens**

**2x pencils**

**Ruler (preferably 30cm)**

**Planner**

**Large school bag (that can hold books and PE kit)**

We will be **conducting checks on the first day** and hope that you will support us in ensuring that your child(ren) have everything they need. If planners have been lost we have produced a small half-term planner that can be purchased for 50p.



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## Home testing:

We will continue to provide home-testing kits to those who have consented to testing. Please ensure that you log the results with the NHS and with school.

## Reporting Positive CV-19 (cases over the holiday)

The government has asked that parents report if their child tests positive for CV-19 on either Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May or Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May. Please either email us at [admin@buttershaw.net](mailto:admin@buttershaw.net) or leave a message on our attendance line. The information we require is

Child's name

Year group

A contact number

First date of symptoms

Date of positive tests

## Jewellery, nails and false eyelashes

And finally, our rules are clear on these and are suitable for a school environment. Jewellery should be limited to a **watch and small stud earrings** (one per ear) if required. Nails should be of a **short length** and false eyelashes (individual or multi) are not suitable for school and **are not allowed**. Please ensure that your child(ren) do not come back to school breaking these rules.

## Newsletter

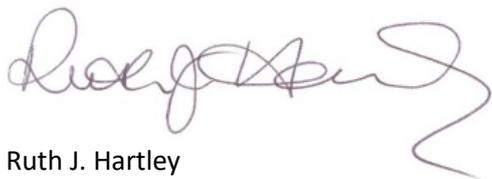
One of the brilliant things about BBEC is the variety of extra-curricular activities that we normally run. I have included our newsletter to show you that some of these are getting back going, to give you some idea of what extra things have been happening in school. We have some exciting plans for next half-term too, watch this space!

As always, I hope that you and your families stay safe and healthy.

Have a lovely holiday; I hope the sun shines on us all.

Take care.

Yours sincerely



Ruth J. Hartley  
Head of School



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