

16th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We have reached the end of another school year. It has been an unusual year that presented us with unprecedented changes and challenges, both in school and in the wider world.

We were delighted that we could reopen our doors to all pupils this term and it was wonderful to see everyone settle so quickly back into the school routine. The summer term has been busy, and fun filled and it is like the pupils were never away. We have gradually begun to reopen shared spaces, and all things being well we really hope to reopen our hydrotherapy pool in the Autumn. The timetable will need to be reduced to allow adequate cleaning to take place between sessions, and therefore a rota will be put in place to ensure all pupils have the opportunity to access this much-valued resource. We aim to return to full capacity as soon as it is safe to do so, but all decisions made will be based on current guidance and the health and safety of both staff and pupils.

We all hope that restrictions continue to lift, and things go as planned from 19th July, however, the safety and wellbeing of pupils remains our top priority and we will be reviewing all our Covid Risk Assessments in line with DfE guidance at the end of the holidays. The most up to date guidelines can be found at: Special schools and other specialist settings: coronavirus (COVID-19) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).

Our new school uniform embroidered with the school logo is available at www.myclothing.com. You do not have to purchase uniform from here, pupils can just wear plain blue sweatshirts and white t-shirts, which can be purchased in most children's clothing shops and supermarkets. If you have recently purchased school uniform for your child, they can continue to wear this until it needs replacing, it will be a phased change over the coming months.

I would like to say a thank you to the whole of the Ravensbourne team for their dedication and commitment to our pupils. They have worked tirelessly throughout the year to try to keep things as normal as possible, whilst always placing pupil health and safety at the forefront of all decisions made.



I would also like, on the behalf of everyone here at Ravensbourne, to say a huge thank you to you all. The support, patience and understanding you have shown in these challenging times has been greatly appreciated. We really value strong links between home and school, with the focus always being on the education and wellbeing of each pupil. Your views are important to us, so if you have not done so already, we kindly ask that you spare a couple of minutes to complete our parents' survey via ParentMail to allow us to hear what has gone well and to reflect upon what we could do better.

We look forward to welcoming all our pupils back on the 2nd September 2021. The whole Ravensbourne team would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you a really happy, healthy and peaceful Summer.

Kind regards,

Victoria Fackler Headteacher