

Number 14 – 21st June 2021

NEXT INSET
Friday 23rd July



On the 14th June, the Government announced a 4 week delay in the covid roadmap because the new dominant coronavirus variant (the Delta variant) is spreading faster and is more transmissible than the previous variant. The rate of covid in Brighton and Hove is increasing faster than in the South East and England and the highest rate is in those aged 15 to 29 where the rate has doubled each week for the last two weeks.

Brighton & Hove Council has therefore reviewed their advice on end of year events. The provisional national date for the next roadmap step is 19th July. Given how close this is to the end of the school year, **their advice is to maintain current measures for the rest of the term** regardless of changes in national guidance. Everyone sincerely hopes that we can return to our non COVID measures by the start of the new academic year in September.



Thank you for supporting our school attendance focus. Elm Grove's current overall attendance is 96%. This is in-line with usual National averages. COVID related school closures are not included within the figures. However, we really appreciate the efforts families have gone to; prioritizing school and ensuring good attendance, even with the many challenges of the past year. Thank you.



CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

As you may know in the month of June there are nationwide celebrations of different community groups in the UK. June signifies Pride month and Gypsy Roma Traveller month, as well as refugee week (14th-20th June). At Elm Grove we pride ourselves on our inclusivity of all of our families from many different background. We respect the diversity of our community by celebrating and learning from our differences.

ALLERGEN UPDATE

Please contact the school office (admin@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk) if your child develops a new allergy/ intolerance, or any details the school needs to be aware of change.

MDSA Vacancies

We have vacancies for two Midday Supervisors to join our lunchtime supervision team from September 2021, working 7.5 hours per week, Monday to Friday, term time only.

The successful candidate will have a calm and positive manner with children and will assist in promoting positive behaviour through a number of school initiatives.

Elm Grove is a thriving primary school with a dedicated and professional staff. We have an excellent reputation for our inclusive practices and are proud of the positive ethos and good relationships that exist in our school. The successful candidates would be expected to make strong contributions towards this important aspect of the school's community. Further information and an application pack can be obtained from the School Office or by e-mail valerie.gates@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Closing date for applications: Wednesday 14 July 2021

Interview date: Wednesday 21 July 2021

TRANSITION OPPORTUNITIES

Transition opportunities for the children will be carefully planned as we start to prepare for the next academic year. This will include class re-shuffles for children currently in Reception, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4. More year groups are being re-shuffled this year as it wasn't appropriate to do the usual shuffles last July during the lockdown. The aim of the re-shuffling is to create balanced learning groups, whilst also considering friendships. New class teachers, class groupings and a 'meet the teacher and teaching assistant' date will be shared with our next newsletter on Monday July 5th.

PTA NEWS

A huge thank you from the PTA for everyone's efforts in the Elm Grove Fun Run! We've raised almost £1000 online with any cash donations still to be totalled. Don't forget to hand in the yellow forms with your distance so we can add it all up!

Coming soon: kids' summer prize draw!

From Monday 28th June you'll be able to claim your child's FREE ticket for the PTA online prize draw. Incredible prizes include [coolstays.com](https://www.coolstays.com) vouchers, tickets to the Royal Opera House, kids' tennis, cake from Cloud 9 Brighton and *much* more. Visit the PTA page of the school website to enter, by Wed 7th July, and to donate if you can.

We raised £150 on the clothes donated so thank you for that!

On Monday 21st June we will have a crate which will be sign posted out in the car park to collect DVDs CDs and Books. Please don't leave stuff in there if it's raining. It will be cleared daily after drop off and before pick up.

We are still counting the 'change for change' and will post the amount raised ASAP

It's been a tricky year, we really appreciate your continued support. Thank you!

Elm Grove PTA Committee
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Please visit our Elm Grove **School website** if you want to find out information about the school. This includes policy documentation, club details, COVID updates, newsletters, calendar dates, year group information, a gallery of photos – plus more. The website is regularly updated to ensure it is as current as possible: [Elm Grove Primary School, Brighton](https://www.elmgroveschool.brighton.gov.uk)



PARTNERSHIP WITH BRIGHTON & HOVE BLACK HISTORY

The B&H Black History group aim to, 'show how everyone (both black and white) can learn from each other and become more aware of Brighton and Hove's cultural heritage and enable Black and minority people to represent their experiences'.

We have been invited to take part in a lesson pilot by the B&H Black History Group looking at the story of three Botswanan chiefs who visited the UK in an attempt to halt the colonisation of southern Africa by the British Empire. Elm Grove has been selected as these three chiefs actually visited Elm Grove School back in 1895 while on their trip. Their lessons aim to show a true representation of Britain's colonial past and what we can learn from it.

For more information go to: <https://www.black-history.org.uk/about-us/> or see the B&H Black History Facebook group.

Parent/Carer WhatsApp Groups

Did you know that every year group at Elm Grove has a parent WhatsApp group? This is a parent run group chat (not run by or including school staff) that is used by many parents to communicate information about social events. It is a chance to get to know the other parents in your child's class and be involved in activities run by the PTA and other parents. Each year group has its own group which is created by a member of the PTA with a child in that year. Each of these PTA year group reps are there ensure that all families are welcomed onto the groups.

If you would like to join your child/ren's group chat you can email admin@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk with your mobile number and we will pass this along to your child/ren's year group rep.

Parent/Carer Consultation Group Feedback

Thank you to the parents and carers who joined our recent Parent Consultation group to discuss ways to develop our communication platforms and positively promote the school in the local community. Suggestions included moving parent/carers noticeboards to more accessible settings, sending paper copies of important letters and information for families not currently accessing electronic communication, ensuring new families are invited to the PTA parent whatsapp groups, promoting school projects in the newsletter and local community and participating in local events where possible.

Elm Grove Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and this commitment is reflected in all relevant policies and practice.

SUN SAFETY!

Now that the summer months are finally upon us it is important that all of our pupils stay safe when outside at break and lunchtimes. We know that staying safe in the sun is important for both our long term and short term health and that children can be especially sensitive to sun burning. On these hot and sunny days please ensure that your child/ren come into school wearing sun cream (SPF30 and above is recommended) and wearing appropriate clothing. Children are able to wear sun hats outside (not in class) and can bring in named sunscreen to apply in school. And don't forget a water bottle! **(AND a coat if it is raining!)**

REMINDER— we have several children in school with nut allergies that are also airborne. Please do not send any foods /packed lunches which contain nuts into school.

Free online workshops to support parents/carers whose children may be struggling with anxiety, self-esteem and with showing resilience. This offer is from B&H Family Learning Team.

Sessions on offer are:

Supporting a child with anxiety (2 x 75 minute sessions):

- Recognise the signs of anxiety and anxious behaviours
- Find the language to discuss worries with children
- Get practical tips to support a child through anxious thinking. The sessions encourage parents to reflect on their responses to their child's anxiety to help the family make progress

Date of workshops:

Tuesday 22 June 1-2.15pm

Building a child's resilience (3 x 1 hour sessions):

- Parents can learn ways to help a child to make sense of their feelings, not be overwhelmed by them and to self-regulate
- Encourages parents to reflect on their expectations of their child
- Shows parents how to build a positive mind-set in their child so they're not afraid of failing

Date of workshops:

Tuesday 22 June 10-11am

Tuesdays 29 June and 6 and 13 July 10-11am

Book via email: FamilyLearning@brighton-hove.gov.uk, or by visiting Family learning online classroom (brighton-hove.gov.uk)

Please park carefully when dropping children off and DO NOT move any safety cones.

COVID TESTING

Families and households can access home test kits for adults. Follow the link to find out more: <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-testing>.

Road closure and parking suspensions Essential gas main replacement –

The Greenways, Brighton



From Monday 28 June for approximately ten weeks, SGN contractors DJ Utilities will be undertaking essential work to replace a section of gas main along The Greenways in Brighton. The Greenways will be closed from the junctions of Ainsworth Avenue to Beacon Hill. There will be no through vehicle access past the closure, pedestrian and cycle access will be maintained.

Parking suspensions on Beacon Hill - to help alleviate vehicle congestion along the diverted route, we have been instructed by the local authority to suspend on road parking along Beacon Hill, this is to ensure two-way traffic can be maintained.

Buses on diversion - for more information about changes to the bus service, timetables and location of temporary bus stops, please contact your service provider.

STUDYBUGS

We would like to encourage all families, who have not already, to sign up and engage with the StudyBugs application. StudyBugs is an app that tracks what bugs are going around and allows parents to quickly and easily report student absence. You can report an absence via your phone or computer in just seconds.

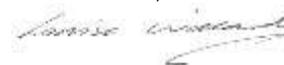
<https://studybugs.com/>

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Friday 16.7.21	Reports to parents
Tuesday 20.7.21	Y6 Leavers Party TBC
Thursday 22.7.21	Last day of year for pupils/non-uniform day
Monday 6.9.2021	Pupils return to school

NEWSLETTER - Large print copies are available at the office

Best wishes,



Head teacher

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