

# **Bevendean Primary School and Nursery**

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## A place for everyone to succeed and thrive

5th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, thank you to those of you that were able to join us for the Teams meeting. Hopefully, the information that you were given was helpful. For those of you, who were not able to join, the following information is what was covered.

#### **Secondary School Applications**

Now your child is approaching Year 6, the decision to which secondary school you will need to make is also near. The deadline for this is end of October, with secondary schools holding their Open Evenings during September/early October. All Brighton and Hove Schools have a catchment area. For Bevendean, the schools that are in our catchment area, Longhill and BACA, will do a school visit to talk to the children about their offer.

Some of you may already have an idea where you would like your child to go. To ensure you are clear with your 3 choices (in preference order) we urge you to begin researching and talking to other parents about the secondary schools that are available; please try to involve your child is as many of these discussions as possible.

For those parents who are not yet sure, these are some questions that you may want to ask when doing any school visits.

- Can I visit during the school day to see the school in action?
- What is your pastoral offer?
- If your child has had extra support at Bevendean (learning mentor, INA, lego therapy, etc) What extra support are you able to offer for my child?
- What is your transition process?
- How are your pupils grouped for learning?
- How do support children working below 'Year 6' expectations?

If your child has an EHCP, their Transition Review (in place of their Annual Review) will be held in the 1<sup>st</sup> half term of the Autumn Term.

### Year 5 Residential

We are aiming to continue with our residential to Parkwood this summer from Monday 14th June – Thursday 18th June. The price of £45 will stay the same and you will be contacted via email regarding payments that have been made and therefore what is due. Payments should be made via ParentPay however if you want to pay by cash or cheque, please make sure that the correct amount is in an envelope and handed to the school office. We would love for every child to attend the residential but we know in the current circumstances, finances may be tough. Please do contact us about any problems or worries you may have, we are here to help.

#### **Returning to school**

All children are expected to return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Our main job is to get our Year 5 cohort ready to move onto Year 6. This will include: curriculum coverage will happen, interventions will still take place, homework will still be set and catch up sessions will begin in the summer term. Please begin this week getting your child back in the routine of school and making sure that they are ready to begin back at school for Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Finally, thank you to all the parents and carers that have supported their children through the home learning that we have been setting. We know it hasn't been easy but we have been so impressed with the children that have engaged with E-Schools, the online catch up sessions and returning their work packs.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Yours Sincerely, Miss Miller, Miss Timms and Miss Newman















