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## Herne's Roadmap Out of Lockdown

### Message from the Headteacher

I have been working on Herne's Roadmap so that parents and carers can have advanced information about how we will be changing some of our working practices to return to some normality for the children. Just like the government's Roadmap, there is literally a health warning that any of our plans and intentions have to be governed by the latest information about the virus. This means that we may have to change our plans or timescales. I heard Boris Johnson mention some concerns about the latest variant from India, so in all of these things it is a case of 'watch this space'. My default is to proceed along this road cautiously, especially as I still have eleven staff who have not been vaccinated with the first dose yet (15% of the adults in school).



After some feedback from the staff and governors, I have been making adjustments to our map and haven't quite got to a place where I was comfortable to publish this on Twitter or on our website. The good news is that I am happy to share our first draft from Monday, and I would warmly welcome any feedback on our map during next week. We will also use our next Parents in Partnership meeting to listen to your views. We have resumed our calendar of events at the bottom of each week's Flyer, starting today, to help parents plan for events. We hope that you'll find this useful as the weeks' progress.

If you would like to contact me, you can email on: [headteacher@hernejunior.com](mailto:headteacher@hernejunior.com) or why not join us for our next Zoom meeting?

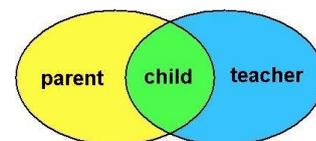
Stay Safe. Best Wishes & Good luck! Tony Markham (Headteacher).

### Parents in Partnership - Feedback

We had our first ever virtual meeting with parents on Tuesday this week and spoke to the one person who logged into our Zoom invite to talk to us. With 480 children in the school, we thought we may get a few more people than just the one, but this may have been for a variety of reasons. We pitched it at midday, but maybe that was an especially awkward time? Maybe we hadn't advertised this widely enough? Maybe the fact that there wasn't a focus for a subject to talk about led to people not knowing what was going to be discussed? Anyway, we have set a new meeting time for **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm**. The focus for this will be HOMEWORK and Herne's ROADMAP, but we are open to other items to discuss too. ☺ Here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83809944279?pwd=NDVMREpiZ2NsVWdsUnZhaENTem5Fdz09>

Meeting ID: 838 0994 4279      Passcode: 8GMSZS



### Transition

For Year 2 parents and carers, we are now holding short tours (approximately 45 minutes) on Mondays and Tuesdays at 4pm throughout the months of May and June. As of this coming Monday, we can break away from the outdoor 'Rule of 6' (as far as we know at the time this Flyer is published) and can conduct tours with up to 20 people. This can include Year 2 children too. In order to book a slot, just email: [admin@hernejunior.com](mailto:admin@hernejunior.com) or call the school office on 01730 263746. More information about transition for Year 2 will follow and we will get a hard copy of our Flyer to Petersfield Infant School on Mondays from the beginning of June.



For children in Years 3, 4, 5, we are just working out which teachers and support staff are going to be in each class in September. There will be a special day on Friday July 9<sup>th</sup> when everyone in the school will have a day with their new teachers. On this day, Year 2 children will come to Herne for the day and Year 6 will go to their new secondary school if they are going to TPS. There will be a few exceptions where other secondary schools will arrange a different day, but those schools will be in touch on an individual basis. In every case, we will all be working hard to make sure these changes happen as smoothly as possible. ☺

### Walk to School Week

Next week is Walk to School Week and we are encouraging as many children and their families to come to school on foot. Not only will this help to cut down pollution from vehicles, but it has health benefits too! If you are a family who live a long way away, why not park a little further away from the school and walk the last couple of hundred metres into school to join in the fun. You can also get a special permit from the school in order to PARK & STRIDE. This will give you free parking at the Festival Hall. Just get in touch with us to sort out a FREE permit. This scheme is in partnership with East Hants District Council. Why not have a look at this 'Living Streets' video for more information?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cNE38HtQpA&t=72s>





## Homework & Marking

Our Leadership Team discussed the marking of homework yesterday and we thought we'd clarify our approach. When homework is complete, the children bring this into school and then they go through the answers with the teacher and mark their own work accordingly. This reduces the risks of transmission between home and school, thereby reducing virus concerns. It also means that the children have a chance to see where they did well or where they need some extra practice or support.

Year 3 have been trialling a completely digital approach which self-marks. They currently use 'Spelling Shed' and 'Times Table Rockstars'. We will review this trial during June and July with a view to informing our practise for the next academic year.

## Half-Term Holiday – May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup>

Even though Herne will not be open to the children during the May half-term, CM Sports, who usually run a club at our school, will still be providing holiday clubs at other venues. These include Liss, Bordon, Alton and Waterlooville. Here is their booking information:

<https://cmsports.schoolipal.co.uk/clubs/half-term-holiday-activities>



## INSET DAYS

As part of our efforts to keep parents informed about up-and-coming events, here are all of our INSET days for the remainder of this term and the whole of next year: One INSET day during the summer - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June. (Early Finish - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 12.30pm). Autumn Term 2021: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. (Early Finish - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm). Spring Term 2022: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January. (Early Finish - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 12.30pm). Summer Term 2022: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May (Bank Holiday). Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June. (Early Finish - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 12.30pm).

## Doodle Maths & Doodle English

Did You Purchase Doodle Maths/English for your child? Have you linked your account through the settings section of the app to allow you to monitor your child's progress via the DoodleConnect parent app? Have a look today and if you need any assistance please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Tandy ([L.tandy@hernejunior.com](mailto:L.tandy@hernejunior.com))



New to Doodle this week is the launch of their virtual badges, a fantastic new feature designed to motivate your child for their hard work. With bright colourful designs, badges are awarded for achieving key goals in Doodle. Your child can view the badges they have earned and the progress towards new ones at any point, helping them to boost their confidence and encourage them to Doodle daily!



## Special COVID-19 Phone Line for Weekends & Holidays

As a reminder, our COVID-19 notification number is **07471 808285** and can be used at weekends or during holiday periods. If you need to contact us about a positive case during the school week, just call our usual number, in confidence: **01730 263746**.



May		June	
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Parents' Evening Week	Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 PALM Visit to Watercress Line
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Parents' Evening Week	Thur 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 trip to Fairthorne 8.15 – 6.30
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for Half-term 3.20 – 3.45	Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 trip to Fairthorne 8.15 – 6.30
		Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 – Rainbow Theatre in Hall
		Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 4 Swimming Programme starts – outdoor pool</b>
		Tue 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 PEAR Visit to Watercress Line
<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>INSET DAY – School closed</b>	Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 4 PLUM Visit to Watercress Line
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 – Rainbow Theatre in Hall	Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 – Rainbow Theatre in Hall
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 LIME Visit to Watercress Line	Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 trip to Fairthorne 8.15 – 6.30

**JULY DATES TO FOLLOW NEXT WEEK...**