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## END OF YEAR 19-20

Well, I can honestly say I am not at all sorry to see the end of this academic year! To say it's been a strange time is an understatement. Thank you so much for your continued support through such a horrible time and for working so hard with home-schooling. You are all wonderful!

The Key Worker/Vulnerable Bubble that we continued throughout lockdown was successful, as are the Bubbles now running in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. I want to thank all our team here at Coombe Road, especially those who worked on bank holidays and during Easter and half term and those who delivered food parcels and work packs for families. Thank you so much for your messages of support and appreciation – it means a great deal to all of us. I now can't wait to get all our children back to school in September and will endeavour to do this as safely as possible.



### SEPTEMBER OPENING:

Following the summer holidays, our aim is to bring back all our children from Year1-Year6 straight away. We will no longer be operating a Key Worker/Vulnerable Bubble and the school week will revert back to Monday-Friday.

### ALL THESE PLANS ARE PROVISIONAL AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

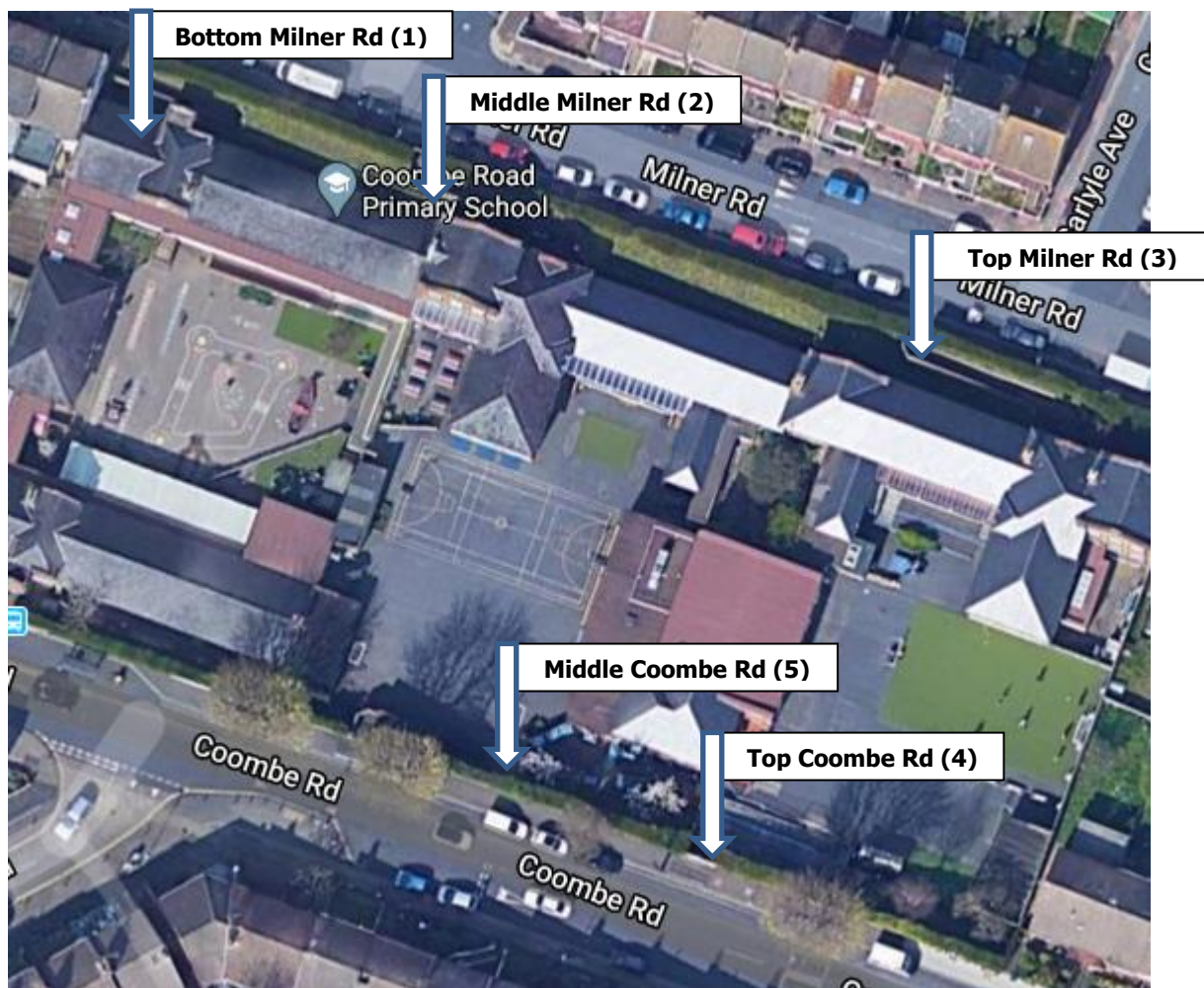
To keep our school community safe, we will need to continue with 'Bubbles'. As we are a small school, the 'Bubbles' are as follows:

- Lower Bubble - Poppy Class, Buttercup Class (Yrs R & 1)
- Middle Bubble – Sunflower, Emerald & Sky (Yrs 2, 3 & 4)
- Upper Bubble –Indigo & Amethyst (Yrs 5 & 6)

Each Bubble will have a staggered start and finish time and classes will enter via different gates:

Bubble	Class	Drop-Off	Pick-Up	Location/Gate
Lower	Poppy (R)	9:00am	2:50pm	Bottom Milner Rd
Lower	Buttercup (1)	8:45am	3:00pm	Bottom Milner Rd
Middle	Sunflower (2)	8:45am	3:00pm	Middle Coombe Rd
Middle	Emerald (3)	8:45am	3:00pm	Middle Milner Rd (main office)
Middle	Sky (4)	9:00am	3:15pm	Middle Coombe Rd
Upper	Indigo (5)	9:00am	3:15pm	Top Milner Rd
Upper	Amethyst (6)	9:00am	3:15pm	Top Coombe Rd

The 'Bubbles' have been organised to suit locations of the classes and toilets within the building and also to enable us to have enough staff to cover lunch times. We also need to ensure that PPA can be covered by the same member of staff in that 'Bubble' each week to avoid mixing.



- It is very important that everyone is prompt at drop-off and pick-up times and that only one member of the household continues to accompany their child(ren).
- Please keep your child(ren) with you at all times and ensure they are social distancing.
- Please say goodbye to your child(ren) at the gate and do not enter our premises.
- You will not be able to have your child(ren) collected from a different gate/member of a different 'Bubble'.
- We understand that siblings may be in different 'Bubbles' during the school day and ask that you ensure PHE (Public Health England) guidance is followed once home.

Within the school day, we will continue with regular hand-washing and other enhanced hygiene measures. Children will not mix with other 'Bubbles' during the school day.

We will keep you informed of any changes/further guidance during the school holidays so please ensure that you check School Ping/sign up to this communication and check our website regularly.

## OUT OF HOURS CLUBS:

Following the summer holidays, our aim is to have our Breakfast Club and Buddies Club running for our working parents who need childcare provision. We ask that you only use this service if absolutely necessary and if no alternative childcare can be sought. This is because we will have to keep children from different 'Bubbles' separate and we will have to 'cap' the number of children who are able to attend the clubs.

We are still collating information about who will need this provision from September so that we can organise one club in the usual location – and another in the junior hall (to avoid mixing the children).

We will let you know how the out-of-hours care will work as soon as we have assessed the demand and risk.

If you have not already done so, please let us know if you will definitely be in need of this childcare by emailing [admin@coomberoed.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:admin@coomberoed.brighton-hove.sch.uk)

Breakfast Club is currently £2 per session (07:45-school start)

Buddies Club is currently £6 for a short session (end of school-4:00pm) or £14 for the whole session (end of school-5:30pm). The longer session includes a small meal.

## LEARNING:

We know that you have done your very best with the home learning that has been planned so thoroughly by our teachers over lockdown. We are fully aware of the various challenges that you have faced and of some reluctance from our children. From September, our children will remain on the stage they were assessed at in March – meaning that no children will be where we would expect them to be at this stage (in terms of age-related expectations). This is the same all over the country as children have missed so much of their usual schooling, even if they have been in each day as a key-worker child – so please do not feel anxious about this. From September we will enter a stage of curriculum recovery to address what the children have missed. We will prioritise interventions for those children needing it most and our teachers will work their usual magic to get our school back on track after such a difficult time.

## ATTENDANCE:

Both the Government and Local Authority are keen that all children attend school every day when school starts back in September. I am sure that you are equally eager to get back to the old routine.

If your household has to self-isolate due to a positive case of COVID-19, it is vital that you keep the school informed of this as we need to report this on the register differently.

Attendance is important but we also need to keep our community as safe as we can. Please check temperatures daily and before leaving for the school day. If your child has a temperature of 38°C

or more, do not come to school – even if they feel well. Do not send your child to school if they have any of the following symptoms:

- Continuous new cough
- High temperature
- Lack of smell or taste

Please be aware that these are presently the most significant symptoms of COVID-19 highlighted by PHE (other symptoms may indicate infection) and that if your child feels at all unwell, they should not come into school.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM:

Please ensure your child is in full uniform and that this is cleaned daily.

### PREVENTATIVE MEASURES:

We will continue to enforce strict hygiene measures with regular hand-washing and cleaning of touch points throughout the school day.

We need to avoid the amount of visitors/parents on site so please try to avoid a trip to the school office and make a phone call instead. If absolutely necessary, an appointment can be made. If you have no option but to come to the school office, please follow the direction of Lumina/member of staff who will ask you to sanitise hands and follow the necessary safety measures.

Other visitors to the school, such as Contractors, will have their temperature checked on access.

All staff will have their temperature checked on arrival to school and we will also carry out spot temperature checks on children. We will no longer check every child's temperature on arrival as this will be impractical with the number returning. This is why we ask that you do this before leaving your home.

### FAREWELL:



Mr Peter Apps will be retiring at the end of the summer. He has been at Coombe Road Primary School for 28 years and we will miss him greatly but hope that he has a fulfilled retirement (much deserved).

On behalf of all our community, I would like to thank Peter for all he has contributed over the years.

The school will not be the same without him.



## FALLING ROLL WITHIN THE CITY:

You may already be aware of the falling roll across our city of Brighton & Hove, with a prediction of over 720 spare places by 2023. Within our local catchment, we also have the added strain of family homes becoming multiple occupancy accommodation for university students (this will hopefully ease as new places are built along the Lewes Road). This has meant that, in recent years, our school was changed to one-form entry and we do not receive as much funding as larger schools.

The Local Authority is currently consulting on the reduction of admission numbers in 16 schools across the city. Hopefully, this will then ease the burden on the spaces created in many schools across Brighton and Hove.

## AUTUMN TERM RESIDENTIAL TRIP:

The DfE guidance continues to advise against domestic overnight educational visits, and we have therefore cancelled the residential trip for the time being.

We will revisit this as soon as we are advised that it is safe.

## OUR BOOMER:

Boomer misses you all and can't wait to see you in September!



## OUR AMAZING AMETHYSTS:

It is such a shame that we did not have longer with our fantastic Year 6 children in Amethyst Class. I feel so very sad that we were unable to have a Leavers' Assembly and all the usual events planned to celebrate the end of this part of the school journey. I can honestly say that it has been a privilege knowing each and every one of you, and I will miss you so very much. I have a date booked in for a possible return in the autumn term (hopefully if COVID-19 risk reduces further) and I hope to have you back for a proper celebration with the whole class.

Special thanks to our fantastic House Captains – you've been great!



### HEADTEACHER AWARD 2020:

Ciaran is a truly talented individual whose kindness and maturity shine out of him like sunbeams. He demonstrates a thirst for learning and knowledge – and this enables his brilliance of which he is incredibly humble about. I am so very proud of all that he has achieved and I am certain that he will achieve great things with his life due to his positivity and determination to succeed. Well done Ciaran and thank you for making Coombe Road School shine that little bit brighter – you are so very WONDERFUL.



### FRANK SHARMAN CITIZENSHIP AWARD 2020:

Lily is a truly remarkable individual who cares so deeply for her friends, peers and the world around her. It is rare to encounter someone so young who has such a strong moral compass and profound sense of compassion, and for those reasons she is a worthy winner of the Frank Sharman Citizenship Award. Thank you for being so wonderful Lily - you have made our school a richer, happier place.



### SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR AWARD:

Chloe has shown tremendous courage and commitment to sports at Coombe Road. Her willingness to try new things and seek opportunities is second to none – and she brings a sense of camaraderie and togetherness to everything she does. She is gracious both in victory and defeat, and has always represented the school with passion and respect. Thank you for your wonderful positive attitude Chloe – you should be immensely proud.

Felix has been an exemplary role model for our sporting values, captaining the football team with distinction.

Felix combines his passion, talent and respectful nature to great effect, pouring his heart and soul into everything he does. It has been such a pleasure to see him represent Coombe Road and we are sure that he will continue to enjoy many successes at his new school. Thank you for being such a great leader, Felix – you are an inspiration.

We wish you all the very best at secondary school – continue to do your best - shine and sparkle as unique individuals.













## WE ALL WISH YOU THE BEST SUMMER!

### POPPY CLASS:

Hello Poppy Class, We hope you have a really lovely summer holiday. Have lots of fun, stay safe and don't forget to read! We can't wait to see you in September. You will have lots of fun times in Buttercup Class. Don't forget to wave to us across the playground. Love from Ms Hardman and Mr Luckhurst.



### BUTTERCUP CLASS:

Hello Buttercup Class, We have missed seeing some of your smiling faces and, despite the circumstances, hope that you really enjoyed your time in Buttercup class. We hope you have been making many fabulous precious memories with your families and learning lots of new skills. Have a fantastic summer holiday and enjoy all of the exciting activities you will get up to. We look forward to seeing you all in September and wish you lots of luck in your new class! Love from Mrs Williams & Mrs Allen x

### SUNFLOWER CLASS:

Sunflowers

It has been an absolute pleasure teaching you this year, I only wish it could have been for longer. Thank you for working so hard and always trying your best.

To my lovely year ones, I know you are going to continue to be amazing next year and your new teacher is going to love you.

To my wonderful year 2s, I am very lucky to be teaching you again and I am sure we are going to have a fantastic year.

I can't wait to see you all again very soon. Have a lovely summer with your families. See you in September. Ms Watson

### EMERALD CLASS:

I hope you are all well. It might feel strange that we only had half a year together as Emerald Class, but I hope that you have been able to get some enjoyment out of the lockdown experience. I have been busy teaching Reception class over the last few weeks, and will be teaching Year 2 in September.

I know that you will be brilliant in Year 4- Ms Folley is a fantastic teacher and will definitely have some interesting and exciting lessons up her sleeve to welcome you all back to Coombe Road.

I'm sure I will see you around the school in September, please do give me a wave- I'm looking forward to see how tall you have all grown!

Enjoy the rest of the Summer, Ms Reeves

### SKY CLASS:

Whilst I have been working alongside Mr Milsted and Mrs Austin in year 6, I have been thinking of our class and how much I have missed learning with you all! Thank you for having a go at the work I have been setting; it has been wonderful to see you having a go at various tasks and reading your messages. This has been a strange time for us all but our Coombe Road family has worked hard to keep you all safe and keep you learning. The holidays are coming and I want to wish you all a very happy summer and look forward to seeing you all in September. Stay safe, stay alert, stay happy. With love, Ms Folley

Hello you wonderful rascals, how are you all? Such a strange time for everyone - have you managed to pause for a while and take a breath? This moment in our lives will be a part of history that your great grandchildren might study - how crazy is that? I can't wait to see you all in September. I hope you fill your summer with stories, adventures, being active and much laughter. Stay safe. Mrs Austin.

### INDIGO CLASS:

Hi Indigo, it has been such a pleasure to be your teacher this year. I have really enjoyed having you all in my class. This summer, I hope you get to spend lots of time with the people who mean the most to you. If you can, get outdoors and enjoy the summer sunshine. Be creative and make some different crafts. Get baking (I know lots of you



already have been) and make some nice treats for yourself. Whatever you get up, do the things that make you happy.

I look forward to seeing you all in September and hearing what you have been up to (even if it involves dogs!). Have a wonderful summer.

Mr O'Connor

### AMETHYST CLASS:

I know we didn't get to have much time together, and there were lots of things we had planned to do that we couldn't... but you have all made such a huge and lasting impression on me! You are a wonderful class, full of bright, lively and talented individuals, and I will miss you all so much. Have a wonderful summer, Amethyst Class, and good luck next year - I know you all have what it takes to succeed. Mr Milsted.

STAY SAFE AND WELL AND REMEMBER

WE LOVE ALL YOU COOMBE ROADERS!





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# Coombe Road Primary School

## Term Dates 2020-2021



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### AUTUMN TERM

First Day of Autumn Term	Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> September (INSET Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> September)
Half Term (1 week) (children return to school on Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> November)	Monday, 26 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> October
Last Day of Autumn Term	Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Holiday (children return to school on Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> January)	Monday, 21 <sup>st</sup> December – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January

### SPRING TERM

First Day of Spring Term	Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> January (INSET Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> )
Half Term (1 week) (children return to school on Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> February)	Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> February
Last Day of Spring Term	Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> April
Easter Holiday (Children return to school on Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> April)	Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April – Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> April

### SUMMER TERM

First Day of Summer Term	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May
Half Term (1 week) (children return to school on Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> June)	Monday, 31 <sup>st</sup> May – Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> June
Last Day of Summer Term	Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> July (INSET Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> and Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> July)

### INSET Days (5 days in every academic year have to be set aside for staff training):

To try and help parents, we have attached our staff training days to existing holidays. The school will be closed on the following days for INSET:

- Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020
- Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020
- Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021
- Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021
- Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021