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Dear Parents and Carers,

1. Please find attached the feedback from our **Parent/Carer Survey**. It is reassuring that the survey responses strongly indicate that the vast majority of the families are happy with the provision, care and education that is provided for their child at school.

Working in partnership with the parents and carers always ensures the best outcomes for our students.

2. End of term arrangements

- There will be 97 students at Breakspeare School in September 2021. We are currently preparing the class groups for the next academic year to accommodate five new students. You will receive information about your child's teaching group by 15th July.
- The teachers are currently preparing their students' end of year curriculum reports. You will receive this document during the two first weeks of July.
- It is with regret that we are not able to proceed with our normal arrangements for our leavers' celebration or sport day due to the continuing COVID-19 restrictions and preventative measures. We will keep our current COVID-19 risk assessment in place and continue adapting our operations to reflect given guidance.
- **The last day of the term is Wednesday 21st July. The school day will end at 12.45 for the students.**

3. The Public Health team at Hertfordshire County Council has asked us to share the following information with you.

Firstly, we want to thank you for all you are doing to play your part and help protect your school community – you're all doing an amazing job. As we head towards the end of the academic year, let's work together to reduce the number of cases in our nurseries, schools and colleges and make sure less children will need to learn remotely.

We're now at a crucial time in our fight against coronavirus. In line with yesterday's Government announcement we're asking everyone to not drop your guard just yet – Covid-19 is still here.

There are simple things you can do right now to continue to protect yourself, your family and your school community:

Remember hands, face, space, fresh air – each school may have different rules around face coverings, but everyone aged over 11 should be wearing a face covering when in indoor venues. If you can still meet outside, do.

Testing – students in year 7 and above are being provided with a free, regular supply of rapid tests and they should continue to take these twice a week. Parents and carers of children in nursery, school or college should also take regular rapid tests along with the rest of the community, by doing this we can all help to reduce the spread of the virus. You can find your nearest collection site or order online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/rapidtest

Vaccination – please get your vaccine once you are invited to.

Please do not send children back into education if they are sick or feel unwell – be cautious.

If you or your child/ren receive a positive result from a rapid test you must begin self-isolating immediately, not attend school and book a confirmatory PCR test.

If you or your child/ren have symptoms (**new, continuous cough, change or loss of taste or smell or a temperature**) you must self-isolate immediately and book a PCR test at: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

If you need help to self-isolate contact HertsHelp for advice and practical help with things like getting food and medicine and accessing financial support. Call 0300 123 4044, email info@hertshelp.net or visit www.hertshelp.net

We know none of this is easy, but if we throw our arms around schools to protect them now, we can all look forward to the summer holidays we're hoping for. Thank you again for helping to keep yourselves and your community safe.

Hertfordshire County Council

It has been an extremely challenging year for all members of our school community. I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks for your continuous support, encouragement and patience at this unprecedented time of the global pandemic.

We are very much looking forward to being able to resume our normal operations after the summer holidays!

Take care. Be safe.

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