

9th July 2021

Update & Autumn Term Arrangements

Dear Parents and Friends of Castle Hill,

Following the announcement from the Secretary of State for Education earlier this week, we are writing to you with the school's response for the last week of term (week commencing July 19th 2021).

As you can imagine, to make an extensive change of approach for the last four days of term (Friday 23rd July is an INSET Day) is both impractical and adds a layer of confusion for the whole school community. The government have advised that schools may find it more practical to retain current measures up to the end of term.

We want all of our school community to approach the start of the school holidays confident that they can enjoy the break. The very last thing we want to happen is for there to be a positive case in this last week and pupils and staff to face 10 days of self-isolation in the first two weeks of the summer holiday.

As a result, our current processes and good practices will remain in place for the last week of term. This includes staggered days and children remaining in bubbles.

We have now received the documents relating to requirements for schools for the Autumn term 2021 and are considering how we will approach things and would like to seek your thoughts and feedback on certain areas. Please complete this survey <https://forms.gle/YUPKHk7uNf2bclCB6> no later than **Wednesday 14th July** for your feedback to be taken into consideration (you may need to copy and paste the link into a new web browser). We will then be writing to you again with these details, before the end of term, but as with everything this year this may be subject to last minute changes imposed by the government in response to the Covid-19.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

CHPS Team