

Bellfield Primary School

2nd October 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a 'super' few weeks and I cannot believe it is already October! As you will be aware, the weather is changing and we ask that you start to send children with a warm coat each day as it can start raining without any notice. Oh, how I love the British weather!

Just a reminder that all children need to be in **before 8.50am** as this is when we close the school site. Nursery and Reception children must be in by **8.40am** as this is when we lock their area to ensure it is safe for the day. All other children **MUST** be in by **8.50am** as this is when each bubble will close.

Safety/Safeguarding

We have been informed by a few parents of a white transit van circulating the local area and stopping, sometimes near to groups of children. As a school, we have talked to all of our KS2 children about 'Stranger Danger' and being aware of how to keep safe. Please talk to your child/ren at home to reinforce this message. Mr Newton has also met with our local Community Police Officer to inform her of these sightings; she will also be vigilant when out on the estate.

School Stakeholder Group

We are looking to appoint a new parent to be part of our 'School Stakeholder Group.' (This is to replace Governor Meetings, but will be a very similar role.) We already have one parent on our Stakeholder Group but would very much welcome another one to join the team. You would need to be available for a minimum of 3 meetings a year, these are usually 3.30 – 5.30pm and held in school, although this term the meeting will be virtual via Zoom. Meetings discuss school data, finance, community based actions, safeguarding, pupil performance and also look at ways to support the school in order to have the best outcomes for all pupils.

If you would be interested in becoming a Stakeholder, please contact the school office and ask for an application form. Should you wish to apply, you will need to write a personal statement and have at least two other parents willing to nominate you for this position.

Attendance/Punctuality

As you are aware, attendance at school is very important, especially after the children have had so much time at home due to the current pandemic. We are really aiming to have 'excellent' attendance this year and need your help with this. Our attendance continues to remain high at **97%**. **This was a fantastic start to the year, well done everyone.**

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Please try to take holidays out of term time to ensure this does not affect your child's learning. We know this is not always possible, but please be aware that we will not authorise any holiday and all absences of 10 or more sessions (5 days+) will be referred to the Local Authority who may wish to issue a fine.

Please continue to arrive at school for the start of the day on time, lots of reading/spelling and arithmetic work happens first thing in a morning, therefore it is imperative that your child is here. We want all children to achieve to the best of their ability and know with your support this will be possible.

Online learning

We have now got our weekly learning pages for each class on the school website. You will find weekly Literacy/Spelling/SPAG and Maths work under the 'Home Learning' tab on the top bar of the website. Work will be uploaded each week and this will be same work that children are completing in class.

The work will be kept on the site for you to use whenever you need. Please access work if your child is off ill due to sickness/broken bones/Covid related absences, holidays or any other authorised/unauthorised absences. Completing work when your child is off school, will help them to quickly ease them back into school when they do return. We do not want any child feeling like they have missed out on class learning.

Other information

Just a reminder that school photographs are next Friday, 9th October. All children will have a photograph taken and then you can decide if you wish to purchase it at a later date. Due to Covid we will NOT be able to do any family photographs, unless your children are in the same year group bubble.

Parent Pay – if you have not signed up please do as soon as possible. We are still missing some children and you will not be able to receive messages, first aid notifications, pay for lunches/breakfast club or any future school trips. You will also miss out on receiving reminders about events that are happening in school, such as the recent McMillan Coffee Morning. If you need help to get set up, please contact Miss Parkinson via telephone.

Thank you for all your continued support, the children are doing amazingly well and we continue to be very proud of them all.

Miss Howard