

Bellfield Primary School



17th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, this has certainly been a very challenging but rewarding term. **Thank you** for your continued support, care and commitment to keeping our school community safe. We have been so fortunate to have not closed any 'bubbles' and to keep our full staff team in school for the whole term. We are not out of the woods yet, and I am sure that January will bring new challenges. I am however confident that as a community we will meet any challenge head on! (*Together we are stronger*) Please continue to make every effort to follow government guidelines in order to keep us all safe and ensure we can remain open and provide the highest quality education to your children.

Here are some important dates for the new term. (*Please remember that Friday afternoon closure will remain in place until half term – this will be reviewed by the Trust and parents informed before half term*)

Date	Event
Tuesday 5 th January	School will reopen for all pupils – we will still be following the same start and end times of the day, and entrances and exits will remain the same.
Friday 12 th February	Last day – school will close for half term at lunchtime
Tuesday 22 nd February	School will reopen for all pupils
Thursday 25 th March	Final day of term – Children will break for Easter holidays
Thursday 25 th March	Easter Egg competition for Years 3/4/5 and 6 (<i>please send to school on the morning</i>) Easter Bonnet Parade competition for Nursery/Reception/Year 1/Year 2
Monday 12 th April	School will reopen for all pupils

Safeguarding/Safety

As you know, we take the safety of our children very seriously. Unfortunately, I have had many reports of parents/carers not taking safety precautions when dropping off, but especially when picking up children on an evening.

Please remember you **MUST NOT** park on any of the yellow zigzag lines or pull up in your car outside of the car park gates. This is used as an exit for our Year 5 and 6 pupils. Several times this term Mrs. Cowap has had to stop cars pulling up and parking directly outside of the car park gate. This poses a serious risk for our pupils and I am confident that you will support us in our quest to keep **ALL** children safe.

Starting in January, we will be taking the registration plates of any cars that are pulling up on the zigzag lines, parking unsafely near the school gates and driving fast down the street. Registration plates will be given to the local community police officer, Jackie Cressey, who works closely with the school to help keep everyone safe.

Safety is **EVERYONES** responsibility. Please help us to keep our children safe; park further away from the school, walk to and from school where possible, park in designated areas (This does not include the garages opposite the school. The garages are private property and should not be used to pull up and drop off), drive slowly down the street and then we will all be safe.



Reminder of Covid procedure

In January, we ask that you continue to follow government guidelines. It is vital that we work as a community to help keep everyone as safe as possible. Therefore, we would like to remind you how to help us keep our school community safe.

- 1) If anyone in your household has symptoms your child **MUST NOT** attend school – until a negative test is confirmed
- 2) If anyone in your household is waiting for a test your child **MUST NOT** attend school – until a negative test is confirmed
- 3) If you have been contacted by track and trace and told to isolate your family your child **MUST NOT** attend school
- 4) If you are isolating, due to track and trace or a member of the household having a positive test, you must isolate. If during this isolation period, your child or another member of the family develop symptoms, you must isolate for a further 10 days from the day after the start of symptoms. Your child **MUST NOT** attend school.
- 5) If your child has been in contact with anyone who has symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19 then your child **MUST NOT** attend school

If you are in any doubt, please contact the school office who will be happy to help and **DO NOT** send your child, ask the school first. You can always bring your child later in the day if we advise that this is possible.

The time scales have now changed. The isolation period is now 10 days for everyone. (This means the person with symptoms or a confirmed positive test and anyone else living in your house). If you are concerned, please keep your child at home and ring the school office. They will advise you on what to do and when/if your child can come to school.

We understand this is a challenging time but please be assured that if we have any confirmed cases, you will be informed. We understand that sometimes things are posted on social media and this is not always accurate information. We will always inform you of any cases and what your child/ren need to do in order to keep safe.

Attendance

WOW is the only word to describe our school attendance. I am delighted to say that our school attendance is **97%**. This is amazing and a testament to your hard work and support. This means that the children have had a fantastic start to the year and are well on their way to achieving amazing outcomes by the end of the year. Thank you for your support. A special well done to those families who have been on attendance plans this term. You worked hard as a family to improve your child/ren's attendance. **WELL DONE and THANK YOU!**

PE

Next term we will be starting our Spring PE programme. Children will be asked to come in PE clothing for the full day that they have their lesson. Their PE kit needs to be their outdoor clothing. Please see the recommended list below.

- 1) Black joggers/leggings for KS1
- 2) White or yellow school PE t-shirt
- 3) Black hoodie/zip up tracksuit jacket

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4) Trainers (Please consider if your child is able to fasten laces. If they are not able to fasten their own laces then please consider getting them some trainers that are Velcro/elastic pull on fastening)

Children must still bring a normal coat to school with them to wear at break/lunchtime over their PE kit.

Year group	PE Day	PE Session
1	Monday	Yoga and Dance
2	Monday	Animalates and Yoga
3	Tuesday	Rugby
4	Tuesday	Rugby
5	Tuesday	Boxing
6	Tuesday	Boxing

A few reminders

If your child is not able to attend school, please ring the school office by 8.30am and leave a message to say your child's name, class and the reason they will not be attending. This is a government requirement; we need to know where your child is each day.

If your child/ren use any of our wrap around care clubs, including breakfast club, please make sure that any outstanding balances are paid on your Parent Pay account before the end of day on Thursday 17th December. This will give the office staff time to update accounts before we break for Christmas. If your accounts are not fully paid, there is the possibility that your child will not be permitted to attend breakfast or after school club in January. Thank you for understanding.

Finally, have a **WONDERFUL** Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Stay safe and have a lovely time together,

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Howard