

Bellfield Primary School



14th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Although this is not the start to the spring term that we anticipated, or wanted, I am confident that Bellfield will rise above the challenges in order for our community to stay safe and ensure our children continue to learn. I would like to thank everyone in our community for their support and enthusiasm as we enter this recent lockdown. It was such a sad moment when Mr Johnson announced 'partial school closures.' As a school, we appreciate how hard it is for families who embark on home learning once again, but please know you are doing a **FANTASTIC** job! We have been amazed at the engagement of our home school learning pupils. Here is a breakdown of the amazing work you are doing.

Posts added in the last 7 days	Comments in the last 7 days	Likes in the last 7 days	Visits by family members in the last 7 days
1,899	2,033	2,268	813

This is staggering and I cannot thank you enough for your support, dedication to home learning and determination shown by our children to continue making progress. As a school, we are extremely proud. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing staff team for their dedication in teaching fulltime in school and providing feedback to pupils learning from home. This is not an easy job and we thank you for your patience at times when your child has to wait for feedback, the class teachers are responding as quickly as they can, but we have a large number of pupils in school too.

The next few weeks are going to be challenging and will test us as a school community, but I am confident that the Bellfield community will pull together, as always, and meet the challenges head on! Remember, if you need any additional help with the lessons that have been set for each day, please Seesaw your child's teacher who will be happy to help.

Please continue to make every effort to follow government guidelines in order to keep us all safe. I hope that we will **ALL** be back together soon. In the interim, please keep in regular contact with your child's teacher, via Seesaw.

Zoom Check-ins

All classes will now have had their first whole class check-in lesson.

The children, and teachers, in school were thrilled to see so many of you join us on what will be our weekly Zoom sessions. This is a great opportunity for pupils to keep in contact, teachers to see all children and also for us to address any concerns or issues that the children may have.

Each week the teacher will set a different question/task to take place in these meetings so please make every effort to join in.

In addition to these sessions, some pupils will have a weekly taught intervention group, these would have normally taken place in school, with a Teaching Assistant. Again, please make every effort to join these. They are aimed to support pupil learning and progress.



Reminder of Covid procedure

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.

Pupils in school

Our children who are attending school are making us very proud with their resilience and determination to do their best work. It is a difficult time for everyone so we appreciate your support.

Just a reminder that children in school should still be dressed in their full uniform, this includes the removal of any earrings. Pupils **MUST** have a jumper or cardigan with them each day and we would encourage any children wearing skirts to wear tights. It is very cold now and we still have to keep our windows slightly open to provide a through draft, to help stop the spread of germs.

The school day is the same as normal with the same opening and end times. Just a reminder that FS2/Year 1 and Year 2 all finish school at 3.05pm, Years 3-6 finish at 3.15pm and FS1 children can be collected anytime from 3.15pm – 3.30pm.



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PE

Just a reminder about PE for this term. 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 and KS2
- 2) White or yellow school PE t-shirt
- 3) Black hoodie/zip up tracksuit jacket
- 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 you are struggling with using Seesaw or need some further ideas on how to organise working from home, please contact the school and ask to speak with our 'Remote Learning Leader' – Mrs Clark. Please remember that she may not be able to help you instantly as she may be teaching her class. (The best times to ring are 10.40am, 12pm and 3.20pm.)

Any families who have been receiving food parcels will now receive weekly food vouchers. The office will be in contact with you next week with further information, so please keep checking your parent pay account.

Stay safe and thank you for your continued support

Miss Howard