

Friday 18th September 2020

Dear parents, carers, staff, governors and friends,

This week our Reception children have joined us for lunch and have settled really well in to their routine. We have really enjoyed getting to know our newest children and we are pleased to say they are settling into school very well. We have also welcomed our Nursery children to their 'Stay and Play' sessions and who are very excited to return next week, when they join us on Monday.

Home School Agreement

During this time, it is imperative, more than ever for us to work in partnership. We need to be clear about the expectations we set: as a school, as a child within the school and as a parent/carer of the school. On Monday, we will email you a copy of our agreement and share it with the children in school. The expectations form part of how we can keep ourselves safe during this time. Please read it carefully and share it with your child. If you feel you are not able to meet these expectations, please do email the school at info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk

The Big Book Collection

On Monday and Tuesday we would like to encourage all children to return any Brindishe Manor books that they borrowed from their classrooms last year. **If you find a book at home with a school stamp or sticker, your child should bring it to their classroom for other children to enjoy.**

Also, if you have any books at home that are in good condition and your children does not read any more, we always welcome donations.



On Monday and Tuesday there will be big boxes in the playground to put these donations into. We will then give them a Brindishe Manor stamp before putting them in class reading areas (after they have been quarantined for 72 hours). Many thanks.

Year Group Newsletters

Today you will receive your child's class newsletter by email. Here you will find information on what day they will do PE, what they will be learning in class, how we will teach your child how to look after their physical and mental health and some other important information. We will move to our online learning platform 'Itslearning' over the next week, where there will be more information for you about your child's learning journey this year.

NSPCC PANTS

This week the children from Years 1 - 6 had an assembly from Miss Porter using the NSPCC PANTS resource which has been created to help keep children safe from unwanted and inappropriate physical contact.

This is an assembly we carry out each year, which supports children in understanding that that 'no means no' and older children will learn what the word consent means. [Please click here](#) to view a booklet that has been created to support parents and carers when talking to their children about keeping themselves safe from abuse.



Survey Monkey

On Tuesday we sent you a link to a Survey Monkey, asking for your feedback on how we communicate information and school news to you. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have given their response so far. If you have still to do so, please click on this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GYV9RH9> to access the questions. **The survey will now close on Monday 21st September.**

Messages from the office...

Pupil Absence

Yesterday you will have received an email which included guidance on what you should do if your child is unwell. Please read through it carefully and keep it handy for future reference. If your child is unwell and will not be in school, please call 0208 852 0852 and leave a message, or email info@brindishemanor.lewisham.sch.uk

NHS Flu Vaccination

You may be aware that the NHS is currently aiming to give **all** Reception to year 7 children the Flu vaccination from October to December 2020. The date allocated for Brindishe Manor Primary School is the **20th October 2020**. We will give you more information on this nearer the time.

School dinners

Parents/carers of pupils **from Year 3 upwards** will need to pay for their child's meal unless you qualify for the Free School Meals grant. To apply for the grant, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> as soon as possible or contact the school office for further information.

Parents/carers of children in Year 3 upwards who choose for their child to have a school dinner must ensure payment is made through the Arbor parent portal, a week or half term in advance.

Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 continue to receive school meals for free, funded by the government's Universal Free School Meals grant.

Year 6 parents/carers – secondary school transfer information

As you know, this is your child's last year in primary school and therefore you will need to start to think about which school you would like them to attend in September 2021. Last week we sent you a letter and booklet giving detailed information on the application process.

Parents and carers can sign up to receive weekly emails about the secondary school admissions process using the following link: <https://r1.dotmailer-surveys.com/d7402e3-404ptedd>

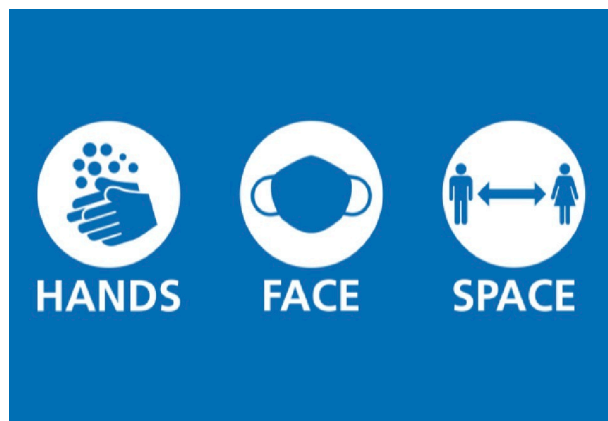
It is looking unlikely that open days will happen as usual. Some schools are already planning virtual tours and online presentations. Lewisham have created a web page for you to access all the current information and up-to-date information: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/schools/school-admission/applying-to-start-secondary-school/secondary-schools-open-days>

The closing date for applying for secondary schools is 31st October 2020.

Wishing you all a very healthy and happy weekend!

Best wishes,

Kate Porter and the Brindishe Team



PLEASE NOTE:

- We **encourage** all adults who are dropping off and collecting children from school to wear a **face mask/covering**.
- We also remind all adults to adhere to **social distancing** when waiting outside school and when on school premises.
- Please **exit the school premises quickly** and do not wait in the playground or by the back gates.

COVID-19 update

Please read this information carefully so we can help prevent a huge increase in demand for tests from people without coronavirus symptoms.

It is imperative that if any parent, carer or child develops one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell

or you are recommended to get tested by a healthcare provider (e.g. GP or nurse), you must get tested for coronavirus.

If a parent, carer or child develops one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms described above, **only they should be tested**. There is **no need** for their households to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic. **However, siblings will not be allowed into school IF any member of the household is showing COVID-19 symptoms and awaiting results of a test.** All members of your household must stay at home until your test result has come back. Please ensure you notify the school if your child is absent by phoning the school office before 9am.

As we return to school, children may feel unwell for example with a sore throat, stomach upset or a headache. **You do not need to book a test but may need to stay off and seek medical advice through your GP or pharmacist as usual.**