

Brindishe Lee Newsletter
Friday 3rd September 2021
Headteacher: Ms Maxine Sebire



Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

It has been a lovely couple of days at Brindishe Lee, I would like to thank the Brindishe community for all the support and positivity that you have shown during the return to school. In the classrooms, the children have adapted brilliantly to the new routines. They are enjoying their learning and have smiles on their faces, clearly relishing being back at school after the summer break.

Although so many of the children have settled in well, we know for some children this may take a little longer. If you have any concerns about your child's settling back into school, then please do let us know. You can use our recovery@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk email address. A member of the senior leadership team will be able to get back to you or pass on your concerns to the appropriate adult.

We hope you enjoy the sunshine this weekend!
Kind regards,
Ms Sebire and the Brindishe Lee Team.

Communication

Urgent messages need to be communicated by email or telephone to the Admin Team in the school office. If you would like to contact the class teacher or SLT, please email info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk and your message will be passed onto the relevant member of staff.

Your Contact Details

If your contact details or your emergency contact details have changed, please email the office as soon as possible. If your child is going to be absent for any reason at the start of term (travel, isolation, illness), please email the office on info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk

Water bottles

Please ensure you send your child in with their own, labelled water bottle. The weather will be warmer next week and the children will need access to their own water whilst in the classrooms.

Cashless School

As we are now moving to a cashless school, you will need to pay for school dinners via Arbor. If you do not have a username to access Arbor, please contact the school office, who will be able to assist you further.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed and you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, you can use the following link to check your eligibility - <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/> . Please note, eligibility for FSM is not backdated, so apply as soon as possible.



Arrangements at Brindishe Lee for the start and end of the school day

Last week updated communication went out to parents/carers regarding logistics for the start and end of the school day.

In summary, to ease congestion and to support social distancing, all three gates will remain in operation at Brindishe Lee. In the morning, the school gates will open from **9.00am - 9.15am**.

At the end of the school day, using the allocated class gates, parents are welcome to collect their child from their classroom door anytime from **3.20pm to 3.30pm**.

Members of the senior leadership team and the premises manager will be at the gates.

A reminder - Dogs should be left outside the school gates and please avoid using your mobile phones on school site.

Catering

You will have already received information about our new catering provider – **Radish**. Please refer to our school website for more information <https://lee.brindisheschools.org/page/?title=School+Meals&pid=110>

The first few days of our new lunch experience has been a great success, with positive comments from staff, parents and children. To add to this there has been very little food waste at the end of each seating.

As a reminder, at the start of term we invited all children to trial the new dinners for the first few weeks of term. The price for a school dinner is £2.45 per day or £12.25 per week. Please refer to our school website for more information or ask the school office.

Our new lunch hall at Brindishe Lee.



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Clubs

We are delighted to inform you that after school clubs, provided by Sportacus, will commence the week beginning Monday 20th September. More information will follow shortly.

Medication

It is vital that we have the right medication in school for your child. Please can you ensure you keep the school up-to-date with your child's medication as well as any changes to their care plan. If we have contacted you regarding out of date or due to expire asthma pumps, please do send the most recent medication in as soon as possible.



Year Group	Day
Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Thursday
Year 2	Wednesday
Year 3	Thursday
Year 4S	Wednesday
Year 4M	Friday
Year 5	Thursday
Year 6	Friday

PE

PE lessons will commence the week beginning **Monday 6th September** and we no longer ask that children come dressed ready for PE.

We will revert back to previous procedures. Please ensure your child brings in a PE kit (labelled) to school from next week which should contain shorts/jogging bottoms, suitable footwear, a t-shirt and a jumper, when needed. May we remind you that jewellery will not be permitted during PE lessons and long hair should be tied back for health and safety reasons.

Class Newsletters

Next Friday you will receive a class newsletter from your child's teacher which will details all of the learning that will be covered this half-term. Other important information, such as login details, trip details and home learning expectations will also be included.

Important Dates

Sportacus Clubs due to start – Monday 20th September

Year 5 Swimming Session - Monday 1st November to Friday 12th November



COVID UPDATES

Please see below a copy of the decision chart to support you in knowing what to do if your child or another member of your household is exposed to Covid-19 in the coming weeks.

What do I do if.....	What ACTION is needed?	When can I RETURN to school?
My child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19: Sore throat, runny nose, headache, tummy ache, chicken pox, tonsillitis, sickness, diarrhoea	Follow the usual School Absence Policy	When the child is feeling better or 48 hours if the illness is sickness/diarrhoea
My child has one or more of the 3 main Covid-symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIGH TEMPERATURE – this means feeling hot to the touch on the chest or back • A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH – this means coughing for more than an hour, or having 3 or more episodes in 24 hours • A LOSS OR CHANGE TO SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE – this means being unable to taste or smell as usual 	<p><u>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</u></p> <p>Contact school to inform us</p> <p>Obtain a PCR test</p> <p>Self-isolate until results are known</p> <p>Siblings who have no symptoms should continue to attend school</p>	On receipt of a negative test result and when your child is well enough to attend
My child tests positive for Covid-19	<p><u>DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL</u></p> <p>Contact the school to inform us, stating the earliest possible date of return</p> <p>Engage fully with NHS Test and Trace</p> <p>Engage with remote learning if your child is well enough to do so</p>	<p>After the applicable isolation period and when your child is well enough to attend</p> <p>Children can return after 10 days' even if the cough and loss of taste/smell remains. This can last for weeks</p>
My child tests negative for Covid-19	Contact school to inform us	...same day/next day and when they are well enough to return
Someone in my house is ill with Covid-19 symptoms	<p>Obtain PCR tests for everyone in your household and advise all close contacts of the person with symptoms to do the same</p> <p>If your child(ren) have no symptoms of Covid-19 they should continue to attend school while awaiting the test result. If your child(ren) have symptoms, they must self-isolate for the required period or until a negative PCR test result is received.</p> <p>A person is only required to isolate if they are over the age of 18 years and 6 months and are not double vaccinated. Any person who is double vaccinated or is under the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to isolate unless they test positive or have 1 or more of the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19.</p>	
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NHS Test & Trace has identified my child as being in close contact of someone with symptoms confirmed as Covid-19	<p>Obtain a PCR test for your child</p> <p>If your child has no symptoms of Covid-19 they should continue to attend school while awaiting the test result. If your child has symptoms, they must self-isolate for the required period or until a negative PCR test result is received.</p> <p>A person is only required to isolate if they are over the age of 18 years and 6 months and are not double vaccinated. Any person who is double vaccinated or is under the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to isolate unless they test positive or have 1 or more of the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19.</p>	
Someone other than NHS Test and Trace has informed me that I am a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19	<p>Obtain a PCR test for your child</p> <p>If your child has no symptoms of Covid-19 they should continue to attend school while awaiting the test result. If your child has symptoms, they must self-isolate for the required period or until a negative PCR test result is received.</p> <p>A person is only required to isolate if they are over the age of 18 years and 6 months and are not double vaccinated. Any person who is double vaccinated or is under the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to isolate unless they test positive or have 1 or more of the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19.</p>	
We/my child has travelled and needs to self-isolate as a period of quarantine	<p>Do not take unauthorised leave in term-time</p> <p>Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel</p> <p>Return from a destination when quarantine is needed</p> <p>Agree an earliest possible date for return</p>	...the quarantine period has been completed