

Brindishe Lee Newsletter
Friday 10th September 2021
Headteacher: Ms Maxine Sebire



Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

I would like to thank everyone for the support you have shown during this first full week back at school. The children have been well prepared and are showing great enthusiasm and pleasure at being back in the classroom. It is great to see so many happy faces around school! As a team, we are pleased to hear the laughter and chatter of the children playing and working with their friends.

I would also like to express thanks for the effort everybody is making with the drop off and pick up routines. It is good to see so many children walking, biking, or scooting to school and parents parking away from the school to reduce the traffic outside of school. This ultimately makes it much safer for the whole community.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,
Ms Sebire and the Brindishe Lee Team.

Communication Reminders

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

Secondary School Applications

If your child is in Year 6, you will be starting to think about which secondary schools you would like them to start in September 2022. The online application process is already open, and all applications must be submitted by **31st October 2021** at the latest. We will be sending you more details and advice on this next week, but in the meantime, please visit the [Lewisham Council website](#) for more information on school open days, important dates and how to apply.

Cashless School - Reminder

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 - Reminder

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.

School Apps

If you are new to Brindishe Lee, are you using all of our Apps to ensure you stay on top of everything you need?



Weduc is our main communication app. You can find dates, newsletters and announcements here.



Itslearning is the school's online learning platform.



Arbor is the school's administration system. You can update contact information, share medical and dietary needs, pay for school dinners or other events. Arbor also monitors your child's attendance.

All apps can be downloaded for free from your App Store. If you need any support getting signed up or accessing the apps, please email info@brindishelee.lewisham.sch.uk

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 full week of our new lunch experience has been a great success, with positive comments from staff, parents and children. We invited all children at the start of term to trial the new dinners for the first few weeks of term. The trial ends on Friday 24th September. Please let the office know before then if you wish to continue with school dinners, so that this information can be logged centrally. The price for a school dinner is £2.45 per day or £12.25 per week.

*Our new lunch hall at
Brindishe Lee.*



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IT'S ALL GOOD

Clubs

We are delighted to inform you that after school clubs, provided by Sportacus, will commence the week beginning Monday 20th September. Sportacus club information will be emailed out to parents/carers today.



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 - Reminder

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.

Book Donations

Thank you for all the book donations that have been made in recent months. We now have many lovely age-appropriate books for the children and do not require any more donations of books, at this time. There are lots of other organisations and charity shops who would be grateful for any donations you may have.

Class Newsletters

Today 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 to start – Monday 20th September

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

Bikeability – Year 5 – w/c 27th September

Half Term Break – Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October



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