



26th June 2020

Dear parents and carers,

End of term arrangements at Brindishe Green

As you know, we currently have the following groups of children attending school: Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 6, children of key workers and specially invited children from across the school.

We will not be inviting any further year groups back to school before the end of term as we have reached 'capacity' in terms of available space and staff, and therefore in terms of being able to operate safely.

The government is suggesting that all children will be able to return to school in September and we very much hope this will be the case. However, after a very different and challenging time, we feel it is important to offer our children some kind of closure at the end of this school year.

'Transition' sessions for all our children

We are making plans to invite all classes from Reception to Year 5 to a special individual outdoor transition session in our school playground at the end of term. At this session, each class will meet with their current class teacher as well as their new teacher from September.

Year 6 children will be invited to a special outdoor 'leavers' ceremony to allow them to say goodbye to their teachers and their friends from their class.

To keep these sessions as safe as possible, there will be a limited number of classes on site at any one time. Sessions will take place in our playground spaces where classes will be split into 2 groups of 15 children each. Children will be given their own safely-distanced chair which will be cleaned in between uses. Each session will last no more than **one hour**.

We plan to use the final 3 days of term for transition sessions – **Friday 17th (Year 6 only), Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July**.

The last day for children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 is now Thursday 16th July.

We very much hope *every child* in the school will be able to come along to their transition session and we feel it is important that they do if they can. We will need your help - to get them to school on time for their session, drop them off safely and then return promptly, all within the space of 1 hour – and we thank you in advance for your support. Your child's report will be handed to you at the end of their transition session. We will send the timetable for these days to you next week.

Key worker provision

The last day for key worker provision is **Tuesday 21st July**.

However we ask that, if possible, our key worker children don't attend on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July. This will allow us to reduce staffing in the provision and means that all children and staff can take part in their class transition session.

New Reception parents and carers

We are meeting the parents and carers of our new Reception children during the week beginning 6th July when they have been asked to return their paperwork to school. If your child will be joining Reception class in September, here is a reminder of these dates, times and groupings:

<i>Tuesday 7th July</i>	<i>Wednesday 8th July</i>	<i>Thursday 9th July</i>
10.30am – 12.30pm	10.30am – 12.30pm	10.30am – 12.30pm
<i>Family names:</i>		
A – H	I – Q	R – Z

When you drop off your paperwork, we will give you a pack with the arrangements for starting school in September.

New Nursery classes 2020/2021

We will be in touch before the end of term with details of starting arrangements for our new Nursery children from September 2020.

End of year reports

Reports will be handed to parents and carers on our transition days (17th, 20th and 21st July). If your child does not attend, the report will be posted to you.

September 2020 arrangements and INSET days

We know that the government is planning for all children to be able to return to school from September. At the moment, guidance is suggesting that we will need to put in place a system of staggered start and finish times for children right across the school. We will write to you nearer the time with details of our plans for keeping everyone safe at school.

We will have a great deal to do at the start of term in September to prepare the school building for the return of the whole school community, including putting every classroom and shared space back together. To allow us time to do this, we have decided to change our INSET days and bring 3 of them forward to September.

The first day of term for children will be Monday 7th September.

We will hold INSET days (staff only) on Wednesday 2nd September, Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September.

Thank you for your very kind messages of support and thanks over the past months. We are looking forward to returning to some kind of normality at school soon and especially to seeing all our children again. Please make a note of all the important dates above and we look forward to seeing you at our transition sessions coming up in a few weeks' time.

If you have any questions, please email us on info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk .

Best wishes,

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