

BORDESLEY VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carers,

We hope you have all been able to enjoy the summer break, particularly with the Government rolling out Step 4 of its roadmap on 19th July, that lifted many of the restrictions that have been in place for a prolonged period of time. While Step 4 does not mark the end of the need for caution and restraint, on 16 August, the rules on self-isolating as a contact, changed for people who are fully vaccinated, and for under 18s. Those not fully vaccinated will still need to isolate if they are contacts, and everyone will still have to isolate if they test positive, to protect themselves and others.

Health & safety update

During the closure of our school, our deep clean has again continued and been completed to a very high standard thanks to our dedicated team of staff. Classrooms have been set up more informally, allowing for small group work again, and we will be able to re-introduce assemblies each week. There are aspects of our Covid-19 routines and procedures that we will maintain however. To reduce the risk of any infection, we will continue to maintain regular handwashing and/or use of anti-bacterial hand gel, classrooms will remain ventilated and there will be additional cleaning of high-volume touchpoints. We will maintain our 'isolation room' for any child displaying symptoms and will request that you collect **immediately**, if contacted by the school. Similarly, we will ask parents in the playground to retain a 2m distance, as much as possible. Drop-off and collection will though, revert to 8.50am in the morning and 3.30pm in the afternoon for all children (Reception – Yr.6). **It should be noted however, that we expect our youngest pupils in EYFS and KS1 to be supervised by parents during the morning drop, and to remain with the child until collected by the class teacher.**

If parents of pupils in Yrs. 5 and 6 living in close proximity to the school, wish their child to walk home on their own, parents must provide the school with written permission. Similarly, they must instil in them the importance of social distancing and keeping themselves safe when walking home.

Attendance

Attendance is again mandatory with an expectation that children achieve at least 96% over the year.

Congratulations to Harris (5B) and Maleeka (2A) for their good attendance in a very challenging year. Many children were eligible to be entered into the prize draw but, we hope the winners enjoyed spending their £20 Smyths Toystore vouchers received at the end of the summer term! (We will of course be running a similar award this term.)

As of September, any unauthorised absences will again be followed up immediately and, where necessary, passed on to the local authority. If your child is absent through illness, parents should notify the school in the normal way. If your child has the symptoms of coronavirus, (persistent cough, fever, loss of taste/smell) please do not send them to school and seek a coronavirus test immediately. **If any pupil receives a positive coronavirus test, the school must be informed immediately.** We will continue to liaise with Public Health England in such situations and act in the best interests of all our stakeholders.

Uniform & P.E kits

On their return, the children will be expected to wear school uniform. Sweat shirts and school bags with the logo can only be purchased from Clive Mark Scholwear. You can order online at www.clivemark.co.uk or visit the outlets in Kings Heath or Boldmere.

In Yrs. 3 - 6 we will maintain the practice of wearing appropriate sports clothes on the day they are timetabled to take part in P.E sessions. In Early Years (Nursery & Reception) and KS1 (Yrs. 1 & 2), the children will though, be expected to have a P.E kit in school and change for P.E sessions in order to support their fine motor skills, alongside their level of independence.



Yr.3 swimming

This term, Yr.3 will be going swimming on a Monday (beginning Monday 20th September) and are timetabled to do so throughout the whole of the autumn term, giving them sufficient time to develop their skills in the water. Travelling by coach to and from Ladywood Leisure Centre, they will need to bring with them their swimming kit and towel, each Monday morning. The swimming kit for girls is a standard swimming costume, or burkini. Alternatively, they can wear tight leggings with a swimming costume. Hair should also be tied back. The swimming kit for boys is a pair of trunks that come just above the knee (not PE shorts).

Safeguarding

As part of our safeguarding, the school we will be a part of Operation Encompass. Where police are called to homes to attend to incidents of domestic abuse, they will alert the school directly, so we can ensure that any required support is offered and initiated immediately for the family, which includes the child/children themselves, who are now seen as 'victims', following recent changes in the law.

Yr.6 transitioning to secondary school

Our current Yr.6 pupils are due to transfer to secondary schools in September 2022. All applications must be completed online between 1st September 2021 and 31st October 2021. Details are included in the attached letter. Any enquiries should be directed to the admin team as soon as possible.

Breakfast bagels

We will continue to offer all our pupils bagels as part of our breakfast provision when they come in to school in the morning. This enables us to reach **all** our families and because of this we will **not** be offering a Breakfast Club before school, as happened prior to lockdown. Similarly, at this point, the school will not be running the minibus for pupils outside of the new Reception intake.



School meals

This term the school's lunchtime meals will be delivered by our new providers – MiQuills – and we are looking to enjoy a new menu and some great new foods!!

Yours sincerely,

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